

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 12TH, 2009

EUCCHARISTIC READINGS 19 th JULY 2009	MORNING PRAYER GREEN	EVENING PRAYER
Gloria, Collect: Proper 11 pg. 176, Isaiah 57:14b-21, Ps. 22:22-30, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-44, Creed, Preface of the Lord's Day	Ps. 63:1-11, 98 1 Samuel 23:7-18 Romans 11:33- 12:2	Ps. 103 Joshua 6:15-27 O.H 38 Matthew 25:14-30
20th JULY - MONDAY	RED	
Collect: Martyr 3, pg. 92, Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12, Ps. 116, Revelation 7:13-17. Luke 12:2-12, Preface of a Saint	Ps. 41, 52 1 Samuel 24:1- 22 Acts 13:44-52	Ps. 44 Joshua 7:1-13 Mark 4:1-20
21st JULY - TUESDAY	RED	
Collect: Proper 11 pg. 176, Exodus 14:21-15:1, Ps. 114, Matthew 12:46- 50, Common Preface	Ps. 45 1 Samuel 25:1-22 Acts 14:1-18	Ps. 47, 48 Joshua 8:1-22 Mark 4:21-34
22nd JULY - WEDNESDAY	RED	
ST. MARY MAGDALENE, Penitent Gloria, Collect: Mary Magdalene pg. 186, Judith 9:1, 11-14, Ps. 42:1-7, 2 Corinthians 5:14-18, John 20:11-18, Creed, Preface of a Saint	Ps. 116 Zephaniah 3:14-20 2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Ps. 30, 149 Exodus 15:19-21 O.H 459 Mark 15:47-16:7
23rd JULY - THURSDAY	GREEN	
Collect: Proper 11 pg. 176, Exodus 19:1-20, Ps. 24:1-6, Matthew 13:10-17, Common Preface	Ps. 50 1 Samuel 28:3-20 Acts 15:1-11	Ps. 59, 60 or 66, 67 Joshua 9:3-21 Mark 5:1-20
24th JULY - FRIDAY	GREEN	St. Thomas a Kempis, 1471
Gloria, Collect: Teacher & Theologian pg. 193, Philippians 4:4-9, Ps. 34:1-8, Luke 6:17-23, Preface of a Saint	Ps. 40, 54 1 Samuel 31:1- 13 Acts 15:12-21	Ps. 51 Joshua 9:22-10:15 Mark 5:21-43
25th JULY - SATURDAY	RED	
Gloria, Collect: St. James pg. 187, Jeremiah 45:1-5, Ps. 7:1-10, Acts 11:27-12:3, Matthew 20:20-28, Creed, Preface of Apostles	Ps. 34 Jeremiah 16:14- 21 Mark 1:14-20	Ps. 33 Jeremiah 26:1-15 OH 754 Matthew 10:16-32

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another

OUR MISSION

The Mission of St. Matthew's Church is to be: Joyfully rooted in Christ through worship, education and spiritual discipline; and alive in the Spirit in Christian Fellowship where our gifts are used to reveal God's love.

7:15am EUCHARIST: HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

(Order of service: page 101 Book of Common Prayer)

Organist: Mrs. Marge Knowles

Introit Hymn

Preparation Prayer

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Collect for Purity; The kyrie

Collect

1st Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Psalm 145:1-11

2nd Lesson

Hebrews 11:8-16

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel:

The Sermon

Intercessions: **H**

Act of Penitence, The Absolution; Greeting of Peace (page 123-125)

The Announcements

The Offertory Hymn

Presentation of Offerings:

The Eucharistic Prayer: **Pages 131 – 144 (BCP)**

The Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer Cont'd

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

The Invitation

The Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

Post Communion Prayer, The Dismissal;

Recessional Hymn

Chalice Bearers

Kirk Seymour

CHOIR

Charles Dillette

Matthew 5:43-48

Fr. Dom Haynes

Ron Bowe

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INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET

Anthony Butterfield, Louis Hanchell

Ushers: 7:15am: *Rogann Forbes, Andrea Davies, Clare Symonette, Chris Smith Jr., Bryton Ward.

10:30am EUCHARISTIC/HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

(Order of service: page 98, BCP) **Organist: Mrs. Vivienne Francis**

Introit Hymn **INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET**

Preparation Prayer: **Page 98**

Collect for Purity: The Kyrie

Collect for the Day

1st Lesson: **Austin Davis**

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Psalms 145:1-11 **CHOIR**

2nd Lesson: **Levi Wilmott**

Hebrews 11:8-16

Gradual Hymn: **INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:43-48**

Sermon **Bishop Gilbert A. Thompson**

The Nicene Creed **(Page 104 BCP)**

The Intercession: **John Mycklewhyte**

Act of Penitence; The Absolution; The Greeting of Peace: **Page 123 – 125**

The Announcements

The Collection **INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET**

Element Bearers:

The Offertory Hymn **INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET**

The Eucharistic Prayer: **Pages 131 – 144 (BCP)**

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The Invitation 145

The Agnus Dei 147

Communion Hymns: **INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET**

Post Communion Prayer, The Dismissal; **Pages 147 – 149 (BCP)**

The Children's Hymn

Recessional Hymn **INDEPENDENCE BOOKLET**

Chalice Bearers: **Lawrence Antonio, Horatio Bannister**

Ushers: **10:30am** *Alric Hepburn, Coffi McPhee, Christian Murray, Deborah Taylor, Christina Thompson, Keith Strachan, Laverne Cooper.

7:00pm: Solemn Evensong, Sermon & Benediction

Officiant: Jackie Mycklewhyte

Organist: Mrs. Princess Butler

The Opening Hymn:

Psalm:

1st Lesson: **David Knowles**

Office Hymn:

Magnificat: BCP page 67

2nd Lesson: Lawrence Antonio

Nunc Dimittis; Creed & Prayers

Hymn; Sermon & Benediction

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Attendance Statistics 5th July 2009

Service	Congregation	Communicants
7:15am	168	105
10:30am	186	120
7:00pm	22	

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5th JULY 2009

BIRTHDAY	300.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB - JULY	300.00
PENTECOST	215.00
GIFT DAY - MEMORIALS	862.00
INITIAL OFFERING	200.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	20.00
CHURCH SCHOOL	17.00
COLLECTION	1344.85
ENVELOPES	10363.00
ADVENT	10.00
EASTER	200.00
EPIPHANY	20.00
LENT	20.00
TOTAL	<u>13,871.85</u>

SPECIAL: Organ	303.00
Restoration	278.00
Day Care Centre	507.00 = 1088.00

PARISH WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,765.77 = 21.46%
GENERAL EXPENSES	5,694.52 = 44.19%
SALARIES	2,887.50 = 22.41%
SOCIAL OUTREACH	385.00 = 2.99%
UPKEEP TO PROPERTIES	1,154.79 = 8.95%
TOTAL	<u>12,887.58 = 100%</u>

ASSISTANTS SUNDAY 19th JULY 2009

	7:15AM	10:30AM
1 st Lesson	YOUTH	YOUTH
Isiah 57:14b-21		
Psalm 22:22-30	CHOIR	CHOIR
2 nd Lesson	YOUTH	YOUTH
Ephesians 2:11-22		
Intercessions: B	YOUTH	YOUTH
Chalice Bearers	Louis Hanchell Irrington Isaacs	Ken Davies Princess Butler

7:00 PM Juanita Butler Dorothea Davis Iris Finlayson

USHERS: 7:15AM

*Haille Bostwick
Troy Ward Jr.
Danielle Perigord
Dominique Collie Jr.
Shannon Perigord
Ronrick Bowe

10:30AM

*Inga Darville, Shaunielle Bain
Alexine Curry, Ayshah Elliott
Chamaine Saunders
Yolanda Christopher
Tonia Heastie, Marsha Bain
Alexandria Curry

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SICK MEMBERS

Matilda Adderley, Mildred Black, Bishop Liash Z. Boyd, Iris Brennen, Raleigh Butler, Kendall Carroll, Leon Cartwright, Thomas H. Cooper, Florene Crawley, Raymond Deal, Peter Drudge, Bishop Michael Eldon, Vandoline Forbes, Jeremy Harding, Van Humes, Margo Isaacs, Elva Knowles, Gina Knowles, Joan Pyfrom, Anthony Roberts, Paul Roberts, Lucille Sands, Sammy Sands, Felix Seymour, Shelagh Strachan, Gwendolyn Stuart, Cleola Thompson, Kenneth Treco.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Maurice Armbrister, Patricia Bain, Naomi Basdon, Dora Bartlett, Elizabeth Burrows, Paula Crawford-Brown, Eugene Butler, Cyril Carey, Dwayne Carr, Lucy Cartwright, Mercedes Cartwright, Maxine Chung, Mary Collie, Alvin Cooper, Cynthia Cooper, Andrew Curry, Peter Daniels, Rayette Darling, Osbourne Davis, Michael Dean, Robert Douglas, Hiram Farquharson, Donald Farrington, Martha Flowers, Carol Francis, Carmeta Gaitor, John Gordon, Troika Hanna, Una Harding, Lancelot Haven, John Johnson, Howard Kemp, George Kerr, Edward Knowles, Jerome Knowles, Peter Knowles, Sidney Knowles, Esther Francis Leonard, Angela Martin, Elsa 'Lassie' Johnson McKenzie, Kelia Marshall, Linda Marshall, Barbara McKnight, Judy Miller, Willamae Morris, Rollon Pearce, Roseanne Pitcher, Josephine Raeburn, Mario Ramirez, Charles B. Sands, Val Sands, Christian Seymour, Michael Sherman, Gwen Smith, Monica Thompson, Carl G. Treco, Dora Turnquest, Sal Ricardo Williams.

AT HOME

Mizpah Antoine, Ruth Cash, Jennifer Cates, Ken Chamberlain, Paul Clare, Anthony Dean, Royann Duhard, Mae Ferriera, Gladys Gardiner, Patricia Kerr, Leon & Verna Knowles, Randolph Knowles, Clara Malone, Sir Clement Maynard, Paula Newbold, Thelma Strachan, Zerlene Styles, Frankiemae Thompson, Richard Turner.

RECOVERING

Jillian Bartlett, Felix Bowe, Michelle Campbell, Antonette Cartwright, Maizie Evans, Alexandria Fernander, Lorraine Francis, Stephanie Francis, Joy Frith, Carol Gomez, Annette Heastie, Angela Knowles, Wellington Lewis, Eugene Maycock, Rose Pearce, Gertrude Perpall, Canon Neil Roach, Andre Rutherford, Aubrey Sherman, Carlyne Smith, Ena Stubbs, Patricia White.

Wedding Anniversaries

Floyd & Cynthia Kemp – 17th (44 yrs); *Peter & Lisa Hall* – 18th (17yrs)

Happy Birthday

Patrice Lockhart, Mary Mycklewhyte, Verlisa Pritchard, Sammy Sands, Brandon Seymour, Patrice Greene – 12th; Craig Bain, Jason Bethel, Cindy Brennen, Gabrielle Burrows, Bernadette Fox, Erin Knowles, Barbara Moseley, Ian Tynes, Troy Ward – 13th; Mark Bethel Jr., Ingrid Lightbourne, Ernestine Rolle, Jamal Wallace, Will Frith – 14th; Donahue Adderley, Angela Briggs, Heather Wood-Fowler, Lanine Gibson, Barrow Longley, Charmaine Moss, Ggio Bain, Gwendolyn Thompson – 15th; Jio Bain, Carla Bethel, Shelagh Strachan – 16th; Derek Cambridge Jr., Daja Johnson, Anthony Rolle – 17th; Vincent Collins, Alphonso Munroe, Damien Rolle, Tiffany Strachan, Marsha Thompson – 18th;

COLLECT:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

O God, the Father of all nations, we pray that You will so inspire the people of our country with the spirit of justice, truth and love, that in all our dealings one with another, we may show forth our unity in You for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You The Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Psalm 145:1-11

Exaltabo te, Deus

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

LEADER: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE: As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever Amen

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Total funds received to date =\$732,801.62: W/E 5th July=\$20.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEEKLY

- TODAY:** 7:15am Holy Eucharist & Sermon; 10:30am Sung Mass & Sermon; Children's Chapel (Parish Hall) 7:00pm – Evensong, Sermon and Benediction.
- TUESDAY:** Eucharist – 7:00am – Church; Bible Study – 6:00pm Conference Rm. – St. Matthew's Players – 7:00pm.
- WEDNESDAY** Eucharist – 7:00am & 1:00pm – Church, Davidic Dance 5:30-7p
- THURSDAY** Eucharist – 6:00am; Practice for Sunrise Choir –6:00pm; Practice for Senior Choir – 7:30pm
- FRIDAY** Acolyte Practice - 6:00pm; Evening Prayer; CYM – 7:00pm
- SATURDAY** 7:00am – Men's Fellowship; Church School – 9:30 – 12:00noon Youth Centre; Girls Brigade – Youth Centre- 12:30pm; Ladies Charm Class, Man in Demand – . Parish Hall – 1:00pm, Altar Guild 2:00pm



Bahamas Independence Poem

July 10, 1973...
Sovereign, delightful and free!
The Bahamas, a promising new nation...
It's people, jubilant and optimistic in its creation
As the Union Jack dissipates in celebration...
The atmosphere was of peaceful liberation
Young and autonomous...
A people embraced the challenge
Bahamians reside for evermore...
A homeland rich in ambition to its core
Determined to self-rule...
Deserving in opportunities and blessed
A country of Godly foundation...
Constructed to stand the test of time
An independent archipelago of visionaries...
Laws of righteousness to guide
Forward in dignity...
Upward in unity
Together in purpose...
Lasting in positive resolve
Bahamians of love...
Conquering the vices
Remembering the golden opportunity...
Of self-determination and victory
Relishing in foresight and accomplishments...
Conquering the foes of mediocrity and regression
The road to nobility and prosperity;
Seekers abound in our Bahama land
Independence to eternity...
Keeping the faith of our insightful forefathers
Bahamians remember always the reason,
Residing with our unique identity
In golden sunshine and inspirational breeze,
In fertile ocean, and valued rain
On soothing sand, and magnificent seashores...
Blessings are countless, and gifts endless
Independent Bahamas, for generations unending...
Thanking God for his outpouring love
Bahamians of exceptional heritage...
Upholding the faith of nationhood and deliverance

Dennis A. Dames

INDEPENDENCE, 2009

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Ps. 33:12).

This past celebrate Friday (July 10th) we celebrated our nation's 36th Anniversary of Independence. Our Founding Fathers began the birth of the nation with a timeless notion of Judeo-Christian values as inscribed in the preamble to our Constitution. It was to let the world know the values upon which our new nation was to be built. It was an acknowledgement that we have but One Creator who has made of one blood, all the nations of the world. Along with all of the blessings of natural beauty, we enjoy the full blessings of a Good and Gracious God who has protected and preserved us as a nation in peace and tranquility.

But with freedom comes responsibility. As Christians we understand that the soul of man cries out for spiritual freedom and liberation. A nation is no better than its citizens and perhaps the many social and economic ills we now face might be attributed to our turning away from God. In biblical times the Israelites paid a huge price for forgetting God: they experienced slavery in Egypt and were later freed in the Exodus. For the same reason (greed) they were taken into exile. We too have allowed greed and materialism to engulf us and the values we once held dear have been diluted by individual greed rather than communal care and concern for all.

Having our own Constitution and handling our own affairs do not make us a great nation. Having a national flag and a national anthem do not do so either. We are told by the Psalmist, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”. We have turned away from the path of righteousness and the God whom we once served has been gradually replaced by the need to grab more and more. Along with being a free and sovereign nation we must also be spiritually free, free from profane materialism, free from vulgar sexuality and moral decay, free from all forms of racism and racial prejudice, free from arrogance and ignorance, and free from contempt for the weak, the poor, and the powerless. It was the dream of our Founding Fathers to build a nation in which equality for all was not only possible but obtainable. But many in authority approach these ideals with righteous indignation. Proverbs 14:34 reminds us, “Righteousness exalts a nation and sin is a reproach to any people”.

In our society it is common place for the powerful to victimize the powerless. We have people who fear for their future and that of their families. People are losing their jobs and the powerful seem not to care. When decisions are taken leaders must be mindful of their impact on the poor and the marginalized. It is biblical for the powerful to protect the weak, not to destroy them. There is no reason for this to happen in our nation that has prospered over the years. There is enough to go around, so all Bahamians should enjoy the benefits of freedom.

It is my prayer that God continues to bless our nation, for “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”.

Happy Independence to all!

Fr. Jimmy M.



WELCOME

We welcome all who are sharing in our worship services today and pray that they may be well fed spiritually, by the Word and Sacrament and strengthened by the fellowship of believers.

VESTRY MEETING

Will be held on the 15th July, 2009 at 6:00p.m.

FEAST OF DEDICATION

On Sunday July 19th, 2009 we will celebrate our 207th Feast of Dedication with a special evening service commencing at 6:00p.m. All other services on that day will be as usual. Parishioners are urged to attend and celebrate this historical event.

GIFT DAY

The Vestry has agreed to erect memorials to Bishop Donald Knowles and Canon Addington Johnson, to commemorate their outstanding contributions to the Parish. To do so, we plan two gift days this year, one on our Feast of Dedication, Sunday July 19th and at our Feast of Title on Sunday September 27th. Special envelopes will be provided for the occasion. Also, we plan to provide padding for our pews and if sufficient funds are raised we will achieve both objectives. I appeal to each member to do whatever he/she can do for this worthy cause.

The Rector

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Matthew's Anglican Church VBS begins on the 6th – 19th July, 2009. Registration Forms are at the back of Church. Registration begins at 8:30a.m. on Monday.

CONCERT

Denise Butler will lead a list of performers at a concert on Saturday 1st August, 2009 at 7p.m. at the National Arts Centre. Part proceeds will aid Foundations of Faith. Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$25 at the door and can be obtained at the Parish Office, Logos Bookstore Harbour Bay or call Rose Butler at 393-2822.

ST. AGNES

Invites us to share with them as they celebrate their 160th Anniversary of Dedication with a series of services:

Wednesday, July 8th, 2009 – Historic Presentation at 7:30p.m.

Saturday, July 11th, 2009 – The Feast of William of Grant's Town Followed by an all day Boil and Juhnkanoo Rush Out.

Sunday, July 12th, 2009 – Special Service of Dedication at 4:00p.m. Guest Preacher: Canon De Vere Murrell Rector, St. Matthias, Barbados. Followed by an all night reception .

**PRAY AND LEARN
TO LOVE LIFE THAT
OUR FATHER GAVE US.**

The best a man can do is award
Only God can truly reward
Our reward is in the Lord!

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DVD's FOR SALE

Archbishop Gomez's Thanksgiving Service	\$10.00
Bishop's Boyd's Enthronement Service	\$20.00
Lenten Mission 2009 (consisting three sermons)	\$10.00

