

Siasconset Union Chapel

SUMMER 2017

Protestant Service

Sunday 10:30am

June 11-September 17

Eucharist and Healing Service
Thursday 8am
beginning June 15

The Reverend J. Carr Holland III

Roman Catholic Services

Sunday 8:45am

June 25-September 3

Father Marcel Bouchard

Welcome To our 134th Year

Another season has come to us at the Chapel. Winter has passed and the promise of summer is here. We gather again in this sacred space we simply call “the Chapel.” In so many ways we come home here, on the Island, in the Chapel. We come to shift gears, to slow a little perhaps, or to engage in activities of pleasure but also meaning. We make meaning by what we open ourselves to learn, to hear, to hope.

Lately I have wondered “Are we more anxious now than a year or so ago?” Or is it that different voices of

anxiety have assumed more space on the airwaves, or in speech, or in print? How much do we listen and how much do we talk over each other now? Do we listen for an eternal voice amidst the many voices? Do we listen for the softer voice of God that seems to wait for our chatter to calm, and only then speak inwardly?

In the months of October through May one of my ministries is to tend to the lives of pre-school children. Maybe that is why I hear so deeply this Stephen Sondheim



Carr Holland and Maxwell Mundy

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Outreach Supports The Island

The Chapel continues to support the island and beyond in many ways, thanks to your generosity.

A highlight from last summer was the cookout at Camp Tulgey Wood, a camp for severely disabled adults. Chapel volunteers provided and prepared food for the campers and staff. It was a night that will

be remembered by all. We hope to do something similar this summer and welcome more volunteers to help in this special event.

We also were able to support Mercy Corps (an International organization), Habitat for Humanity, A Safe Place, and Family & Children’s Services. The

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President's Message

Dear Friends:

As a new season approaches, the countdown for another 'Sconset summer begins. The calendar for the Chapel displays not only a vibrant schedule of worship services, baptisms, weddings and memorial services; but, also an array of lectures and speakers on topics of interest to many of our congregants.

However, amongst all of this activity, one must not forget that the Chapel offers all of us a quiet place to retreat for personal reflection and meditation as the pace of summer moves into high gear. These dual roles establish the Chapel as a solid rock in the center of our village.

Your board is most grateful for the generous financial support of so many over the course of the winter. We are

dependent upon gifts from our friends to keep our mission viable. Thank you for recognizing and addressing this need.

As 'Sconset begins its spring awakening, we look forward to a sighting of Carr on his daily walks through the village and those first greetings among friends. The time is fast approaching.

Cordially,
Ray Grubbs

Investment and Finance Report

Our Chapel is in a sound financial position. Income for 2016 was up slightly with consistently strong support from the congregation in both the Sunday plate and Annual Appeal. Regular operating income exceeded operating expenses by \$7,200. We have made significant capital improvements in the last three years, averaging \$65,000. Monies were spent on the Amen Cottage renovation, chapel

preservation, columbarium expansion and installation of the speaker system. The approved budget for 2017 is comparable to previous years. An audit is planned for 2017 as well.

The Investment Committee can report that we drew \$64,610 from our endowment, mostly from the Columbarium Endowment for the expansion. Investment performance was satisfactory with the general endowment growing to over

\$1,555,000.

If you are making any adjustments to your estate plan in the coming year, please consider the Chapel in your plans. A bequest to the Chapel Endowment is always appreciated and we promise it will serve and protect the Chapel's mission far into the future.

Minister's Corner

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Song *Children Will Listen*:

“Careful the things you say
Children will listen
Careful the things you do
Children will see and learn
Children may not obey, but
Children will listen
Children will look to you for
which way to turn.”

While this is a song about children in adult care, it is easy to see that it applies to the child of God we each are. Many voices push at us. Which ones claim us?

It is by care with our speech, our actions, our hopes that we seek to be informed and shaped when we come into the presence of God and each other. We

shape all these as we pray, open scripture, embrace song, notice the lives near us, think of or pray for those not present. In a true sense, we seek to soften enough for God to mold us into people beautiful to the eye of God. We open ourselves to the intentions of God who we know best in Jesus Christ. The purpose of worship is to open us, soften us, repair us and return us to a world needing our actions of care.

As you read the newsletter, you will find times to try on various forms of worship, to experience fellowship and to grow your mind and heart. Perhaps you will even lay down a bit of anxiety. You will learn both here, and when we gather, ways to be involved more deeply in life of the Chapel and

beyond. They share a purpose, to help us shift into a deeper mode of listening, thus grow our mind, center our spirit or enlarge our heart, find meaningful actions.

We hope that each individual or family who visits this Chapel and its grounds, whether for the first time or the hundredth, will find a place here to listen deeply and find refreshment of spirit. May you find a space where you are at home.

In Christ's love,

The Rev. J. Carr Holland III

Preservation Report

The next project for the Preservation Committee is to paint the entire interior of the Chapel which has not been done in approximately 30 years. Because of the unheated building and the changing temperatures during the seasons, rust can form under the paint on the metal panels.

Therefore, we have been experimenting with different paints and techniques to minimize the rust. Under Brian Pfeiffer's guidance, the metal panels in the vestibule have been restored and painted. Test panels also have been completed in the Chapel. This spring will give an indication of the success of our experiments.



Outreach News



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Chapel remains one of the lead supporters of The Community Foundation as well as providing support for local Sconset emergencies that arise during the summer and in the off season.

We will continue our support of the food pantry and welcome donations of non-perishable food every

Sunday that can be left in a basket by the front entrance.

We encourage all island vacationers to donate unopened, non-perishable food before they leave the island so it can be used by the food pantry.

ACTS 20:35 “In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Family Picnic

Mark your calendars for the annual family picnic being held Sunday July 9 at 5:00pm at the Casino.

Sign up to bring your favorite salad or dessert to share. Both congregations have enjoyed this wonderful event with family now for many years.



Behold Book and Ornament



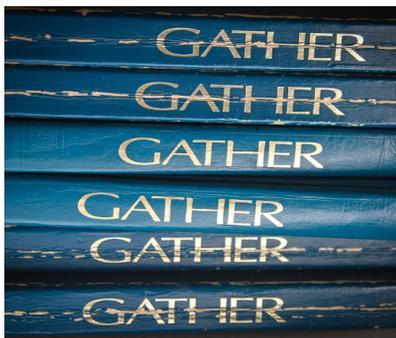
The **Behold** book began as a project of the Needlepoint Committee on the Chapel needlework and evolved into a history of the Chapel and its relationship with the village of 'Sconset. There are beautiful photographs of

the kneelers and many amusing stories about the Chapel. Wait until you see some of the old pictures - fabulous!

Also, do not forget the wonderful Chapel ornament as a gift for friends and family. You may

work the canvas yourself or buy it completed for you. Please contact Sheila Daume at P.O. Box 604 Sconset 02564 to purchase. The book is \$50 and the ornaments are \$50 unfinished and \$100 finished.

Volunteers Needed



The Chapel is open every weekday from 10:30 to 12:30pm from late June to early September. Our goal is to

welcome visitors and share our unique history accenting the Chapel architecture and needlework.

If you would be interested in being a docent, please contact Daphne McCarthy at daphnemcc@verizon.net and include your phone and mailing address as well as preferred morning of the week.

Others are needed for Sunday services to usher, greet or be a

reader. This includes helping at the beach service as well as the regular chapel service. Please contact Catherine Saynor at irishpoet@aol.com for more information.

If you would like to assist with the hospitality committee providing refreshments after church, please contact Ann Johnson at johnsonannk@gmail.com.

Did your address or email change? New to the Chapel and want to be included in our newsletter and email blasts? Send your name, address and email to:

sconsetchapel@gmail.com

Special Events

Look out for some wonderful programs that the Chapel will sponsor this summer!

July 23: Betsy Tyler with a special On The Isle presentation of "Miss Agnes Everett and Old 'Sconset." Miss Everett was an actress and founder of The Chanticleer. 5pm

August 6: Blyth Lord, a parent

and pediatric palliative care advocate, will speak about the Courageous Parents Network that she founded. 5pm

August 13: Alisyn Camerota, CNN co-anchor of New Day, will discuss her debut novel *Amanda Wakes Up*. Follow the story of a young reporter who lands her dream job with some unexpected consequences. 5pm

August 20 Charness Family concert 5pm

August 31: A Benefit Concert featuring Courtenay Hardy, flute, and Alan Murchie, piano, at 5pm. Proceeds from this will be given to Gosnold on Nantucket, a MH/substance recovery agency new to Nantucket.

Weddings

As the Chapel guidelines highlight, marriage is a challenging and rewarding relationship that is "meant to be lived out in a community of faith."

The Chapel is a special place for a wedding on the island. We encourage year-round residents

of Nantucket, Chapel summer worshippers, Nantucket property owners and those who vacation regularly on the island to reserve the Chapel. The cost for weddings is \$4,000 with proceeds directed toward the building and garden maintenance. A new audio/video system allows for taping

of the ceremony as well. Information on Chapel policies can be found on our website or by contacting Elaine Boehm at 508-257-9868 to reserve a date.



Memorial Gifts

We are grateful for the following gifts:

In Memory of:

Roger and Weedie Block

Dudley Bursch

Barbara Cain

Elizabeth Simmonds
Cook

Sam Daume

Dempsey Family

Cathleen and Michael
Elisha

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William Sperry

Arnold and Maxine Teasdale

Dick Tevebaugh

Jane and Duane Todd

Scott Zumwalt

In celebration and appreciation:

Nancy Bruckner's Family



Columbarium

The memorial gardens on the west side of the Chapel were enlarged last fall with the addition of a new wall beautifully incorporated with existing garden space.

This is a quiet final resting place for worshippers at the Chapel who are past or present 'Sconset residents (summer or year round).

Upon acceptance of a request, the current cost is \$2,500 per person (1/2 niche). An additional \$1,000 fee includes the required urn, plaque and opening/resealing of the flagstone at the time of interment. An acknowledgement letter of the reserved niche will be sent for the applicant's records.

The pet columbarium in

the west garden has available space for a fee of \$150. With approval from the Chapel, the pet's ashes may be scattered in this separate garden and a memory log will be kept.

Please contact Marianne Felch at mhfelch@aol.com or write her at the P.O. Box 339 Siasconset MA 02564.



Taize Services

The Chapel offers this simplified service of scripture and song again this summer thanks to Jeff Haines who designs the space and provides the music. The Taize community originated in France and is dedicated to reconciliation among Christians and among humanity. Using just a few words and the repetition of songs, the service creates a meditative atmosphere. We are planning on having two Taize services this year on July 30 and August 27.

Have a favorite hymn that you would like to see used in our worship service? This summer the Worship Committee will be providing a basket at the back of the Chapel for your requests.



Summer Beach Services

The Chapel will be hosting a thirty minute service at the 'Sconset beach at 8:00am weather permitting. There will be two services in July and two services in August.

Worshippers are encouraged to bring their children, grandchildren, dogs and house guests to this wonderful casual and serene early morning prayer. The Rev. J. Carr Holland leads the prayers with musical assistance for a simple hymn sing. Blessing of the animals occurs once each month. Call the chapel after 7:30am if the weather looks questionable 508-257-6616.

**JULY 2, JULY 16, AUGUST 6,
AUGUST 20**



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Calendar of Events 2017

JUNE

11 Protestant Service begins
10:30am

15 Eucharist and Healing Service
begins 8am

25 Roman Catholic Service begins
8:45am

25 Hymn Sing 5pm

JULY

2 Beach Service 8am (weather
permitting)

4 Lawn Games/Sconset Trust 10am

9 Annual Family Picnic 5:00pm

16 Beach service/Blessing of the
Animals 8am (weather permitting)

16 Communion Sunday 10:30am

23 Outreach Sunday 10:30am

23 Betsy Tyler 5pm

30 Taize Service 5pm

AUGUST

6 Beach Service 8am (weather
permitting)

6 Blyth Lord, advocate, 5pm

13 Alisyn Camerota, author,
5pm

20 Beach Service/Blessing of the
Animals 8am (weather
permitting)

20 Communion Sunday 10:30am

20 Charness Concert 5pm

27 Outreach Sunday 10:30am

27 Taize Service 5pm

31 Benefit Concert with
Courtenay Hardy & Alan
Murchie 5pm

SEPTEMBER

3 Last Roman Catholic Service

17 Last Protestant Service

www.sconsetchapel.org for
more information