



Siasconset Union Chapel

SUMMER 2014

Welcome Our New Minister

Protestant Service
Sunday 10:30am
June 15-September 21

Eucharist and Healing Service
Thursday 8am
beginning June 19

The Reverend
J. Carr Holland III

Roman Catholic Services
Sunday 8:45am
June 29-August 31

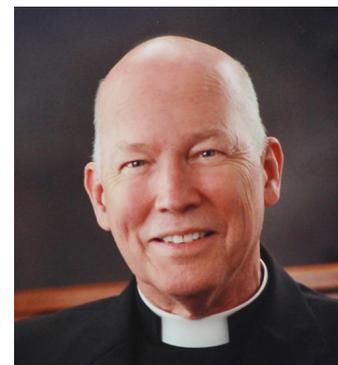
Father Marcel
Bouchard

This June we welcome The Rev. J. Carr Holland III as our new minister at the Siasconset Union Chapel. Carr and his life partner Dr. Maxwell Mundy have been long time visitors to 'Sconset, vacationing for many years here in late summer.

Carr earned his B.A. degree in sociology at the University of North Carolina Greensboro and received both his Master of Divinity and Certificate in Spiritual Direction from The General Theological

Seminary in New York. Ordained as an Episcopal priest, he has served as the Rector of Grace Church in Newark, St. Clement's Church in Hawthorne, New Jersey and St. Mark's Church in Mendham, New Jersey. He has acted as the interim minister at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary, North Carolina.

Carr would like the Chapel "to be a significant spiritual resource, both



for those who live on Nantucket and those who come here to restore and refresh their lives." We look forward to introducing Carr to the 'Sconset community and welcoming him at Amen cottage.

Summer Sunday Programs

The summer program series kicks off July 6th when we welcome the Charness family for an afternoon of chamber music.

The Program Committee also has scheduled former

ambassador to Syria Richard Murphy; Cathy Horyn, the former New York Times fashion critic; Eileen West, the head of Refugees International and Melanie Ried, author on whaling captains' wives.

With the family picnic in August, there are plenty of things to do Sunday afternoons at 5pm.

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President's Message

As hearts and minds turn toward Spring, we all look forward to the joy of reopening houses, dusting off outdoor furniture and penciling dates on the summer calendar. Thinking about all that makes me smile.

The much needed renovations at Amen are almost complete despite finding plumbing pipes in the wall that needed to be removed between the kitchen and dining room. The preservation project at the Chapel, funded by the CPC and Goldman Sachs grants, is focused on restoring the vestibule. It required research into manufacturing a replica of the tin wall covering.

The worship committee is exploring hosting a beach service once a month in June, July and August, and are organizing greeters and readers for the season.

The hospitality and outreach committees are working to ensure everyone who visits the chapel is welcomed and that we offer support to those among us, and in the larger world, who are suffering from any adversity of body, mind or spirit.

The Board will hold its annual retreat in June to prepare ourselves to serve the Chapel to the best of our collective abilities, redefining our mission, engaging in a

spirit of cooperation, identifying the work that needs to be done - and doing it.

It is appropriate to remember and give thanks for the life and work of our dear friend Bob Longley who passed away in September. We are forever in his debt for leading the search committee so diligently and so sorry he will not be with us to welcome Carr as our new minister.

In all things we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and ask his blessing on us who are privileged to be part of this wonderful community.

Peace and joy,
Catherine Saynor

Preservation Update

The exterior trim on all sides of the Chapel have been painted. We also had to repair some of the louvers on the tower. This winter the front door was fixed so it closes securely. The restoration on the

two windows behind the altar is scheduled for completion.

We are in the process of receiving a quote on a special run of metal panel for the vestibule. Once

the quantities and cost are established, it will take ninety days to produce. The vestibule is the crowning piece to the whole preservation project.
Jeff Lockhart



SIASCONSET UNION CHAPEL

Minister's Corner

My first summer as your minister is near. I look forward to the newness of learning our life together at the Chapel. The winter has been punctuated with thinking about the weekly worship as a margin we create, a space we can enter and let go of what usually occupies us, a space where we see ourselves a little more clearly. Here, too, is a space where we pause with one another, to wonder what God notices within us. The Biblical image for this is Sabbath.

Sabbath has been described as time to rest in God. Rest is sorting out what work means to us and not doing it for a time. Of course our Sunday worship is Sabbath time, yet we need longer stretches than this hour of

the week. I wonder how much time on island, itself, might be Sabbath and renewal. Does it come once you arrive here or once the guests have come and gone? Do you find it on an early bluff walk, on the golf course, or mindfully gardening with a sense of the Creator's joy?

It strikes me that in the broadest sense the occupation of the Chapel is both to create, and to assist others in creating, Sabbath. This Sabbath is a stretch of space where we ease our life into a slower pace, turn mindfully to God and God's creation, touch what our life means to ourselves and to others who are community to us. This is a time when we can be our most focused self.

I have much to learn about life among you, what occupies your labor, how you rest, play and how together we deepen our lives in community. Perhaps we best begin by our Sunday worship, Thursday morning Communion, or our celebrations as some wed, some celebrate a life completed, some dedicate a new life in Baptism. It continues through our healing and sharing, our intentional conversations and our care for one another.

As you read the newsletter you will see there are many ways to tend your life deeply here. Know that I am honored to be with you on this gentling journey.

In Christ's love, The Reverend J. Carr Holland III

"The Sabbath was made for humankind..."
Mark 2:27

Endowment and Financial Report

On December 3, 2013, the Chapel endowment was \$1,555,788.

This amount is an increase of \$244,477 from the previous year.

The increase is the result of a uniquely favorable investment environment and continued receipt of contributions from the Behold campaign. The Finance Committee, with the approval of the Board, has established a policy that allows a draw of 3.5% of the

total endowment to underwrite the annual operating expenses of the Chapel. Nearly \$600,000 of the endowment is restricted and can only be used for maintenance of the Chapel and Columbarium.

We enjoyed a slight increase in revenues to over \$100,000 and we project the same revenues for 2014. Our budgeted expenses include the needed renovations of

Amen cottage and an increase to the Program budget. We expect to report a balanced budget for the year.

Ralph Mueller/Jay Riley

Outreach News

The Chapel donated \$16,000 to the Community Foundation to be used for grants to human service organizations on Nantucket. Our gift helped over eleven organizations including the Nantucket Food Pantry, Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, Nantucket STAR (for developmentally challenged children), Nantucket Community

Sailing (for handicapped children and senior citizens), the Visiting Nurse Association, A Safe Place, Hope Dementia and Alzheimers Services, Access Nantucket, Center for Elder Affairs, Health Imperatives and Swim Across America.

The Siasconset Union Chapel was cited as setting an inspiring example to the community and received

a public recognition award at a well attended ceremony.

Through EFAC (Education for all Children), the Chapel supports Mary Njuguna Wambui who is studying at the Naivasha Girls School in Kenya. We also allocated funds for the Pilgrims of Ibillin Mar Elias Schools in Israel. Elizabeth Queally



“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

Hospitality

Having enjoyed the casual afterservice refreshments many Sundays, I look forward to hosting these this summer. As usual, they will occur on alternate Sundays following the 10:30 service and offer not only a cool drink and tasty morsel, but will continue the tradition of providing

a space and time to briefly reflect on the sermon, reconnect with friends and enjoy the beauty of Sconset.

Once summer is here, I will have a schedule on hand every week and encourage all those with great cooking and baking

talents to sign up to assist by providing an item to share on a Sunday.

Also mark your calendars for the annual family picnic being held Sunday, August 10th at 5pm on the Chapel lawn.

Tracy Murray

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.



A favorite book and perfect gift

Thank you Bruce and Mary!



The Rigdon Family

How do you say thank you to a minister who served for nine years? You throw a big party at the Casino!

On August 25, 2013, neighbors and parishioners gathered to thank Bruce and Mary Rigdon for leading the Chapel for so many summers. Everyone brought an array of appetizers, salads and more to enjoy on the perfect summer evening. Tables were set inside and the Casino was glowing with white lights.

A beautiful box made by Marsh Chambers and embellished with a

scrimshaw image of the Chapel was given to Bruce after several heartfelt speeches.

Although most congregations are saddened by the departure of a minister, we are fortunate to count Mary and Bruce as neighbors and vital members of the Sconset community. Bruce and Mary will be found in the pews on Sunday for many summers to come!

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”

Volunteers Needed

The Chapel is open every weekday from 10:30 to 12:30pm for visitors to enjoy the beautiful architecture and needlepoint kneelers.

If you are interested in being a docent, please email ISEEMAN45@gmail.com with your preferred day of the week,

your length of availability and your phone and mailing address so the schedule for the summer can be set.

Others are needed for Sunday services, including our new beach services. If you are available to usher, be a greeter or a reader contact Bill Crispin at

wcrispin11@gmail.com or Lynn Stroud at rstroud@cinci.rr.com.

The Chapel would like volunteers to help make meals, provide transportation or run errands for those in need in our village as part of a Care and Share committee. Contact Elizabeth Queally at eeeq9@aim.com.

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 beautiful setting for a wedding on the island. We encourage year-round residents of Nantucket, Chapel summer worshippers, off island Nantucket property owners and those who

vacation regularly on the island to reserve the Chapel. Information on Chapel policies can be found at www.sconsetchapel.org and by contacting Elaine Boehm at 508-257-9868 to reserve a date.

The cost for weddings is \$2,500 with proceeds directed toward building and the garden maintenance.



Memorial Gifts

We are grateful for the following gifts:

In Memory of:

David Bentley
Weedie Block
Hill and Debby Carter
Louise Weedon Grout

John Durham Fraser
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Jane Seymour Guido
The Rev. Stanley Johnson
Al Paul Lefton
Julia Lloyd
Robert Longley
Don Porter
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Frank Rovinski
Paul Soros
Duane and Jane Todd

In Honor Of:

Richard and Shannon Boehm
Father Marcel Bouchard
Sheila Daume
Judy and Bill Holding
On The Isle
The Reverend Dr. Bruce and Mary Rigdon



Columbarium

The memorial gardens next to the Chapel are a quiet and beautiful final resting place for worshippers at the

Chapel and/or a past or present 'Sconset resident (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.



Garden News



Maintenance is an ongoing task to keep the grounds a vibrant asset to the Chapel.

The brutal winter has taken its toll in plant and tree damage. David and Ben Champoux are preparing a report to analyze where extra attention is required.

A main focus this year is the grass. Our hope is to create a “lawn” upon which to enjoy many events such as the family picnic and other new uses.

We are ever mindful of the sacredness of the Columbarium so that its serenity endures. Our goal is to preserve this lovely, friendly and inspiring outdoor place—a peaceful home in harmony with nature that lifts the spirits of all who come to the Chapel.

Elizabeth Cote

Winter in Nantucket, a poem

*This gravel driveway
Can't be ploughed
Snow silenced
The small tires
Embrace the
New found softness
And we float in dusky
Darkness to the door*

*I never knew
I'd love it more
In winter
Having felt my passion
For its summer heat
But winter love
Is different
The warmth comes*

*From inside
And waiting
Does not trouble it
Spring will be
Its bride.
Catherine Saynor*

Beach Services

June 29, July 27
and August 24

8am weather
permitting

Call the chapel those
days after 7:30am if
the weather looks
questionable

508-257-6616

**Do you want to be on our
email or mailing list?**

**Has your address or email
changed recently?**

**We need your updated
information!**

Please email
Sconsetchapel@gmail.com
today and bring us up to date.

Wonder why all these
people are standing in
front of the Chapel?
Each spring and fall every
kneeler has to be moved
in and out of Amen where
they are stored for the off
season.

If you want to help this
year, let us know!



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Calendar of Events 2014

JUNE

- 15 Protestant Service begins 10:30am
- 19 Eucharist Service begins 8am
- 29 Catholic Service begins 8:45am
- 29 Beach service 8am (weather permitting)

JULY

- 4 Lawn Games/Sconset Trust 10am
- 6 Charness Family Chamber Music 5pm
- 13 Outreach Sunday 10:30
Melanie Ried, author on whaling captains' wives
- 20 Communion Sunday 10:30
- 25 Nantucket Preservation Trust lecture 11am
(tickets required)
- 27 Richard Murphy, former Ambassador to Syria 5pm
- 27 Beach service 8am (weather permitting)
- 28-30 On the Isle performance 7:30pm

AUGUST

- 3 Cathy Horyn, former New York Times
fashion critic 5pm
- 10 Outreach Sunday 10:30
- 10 Annual Family Picnic 5pm
- 17 Communion Sunday 10:30
- 17 Eileen West, head of
Refugees International 5pm
- 24 Beach service 8am (weather permitting)
- 31 Last Catholic Service

SEPTEMBER

- 21 Last Protestant Service