



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON SANIBEL ISLAND

Sunday Forum begins
Sunday, November 4th
9:15 a.m.

Covered Dish Supper
Wed., November 7th
6:30 p.m.

Veteran's Day
Sunday, November 11th

CPR Training and Flu
Shots Available

Convention Highlights

Fr. Hayden Crawford
Appreciation Day is
November 18th

The Red Door

NOVEMBER 1, 2007

News of the people and ministries of Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Sanibel Island, Florida

*November: A month of thanksgiving
in a welcoming, worshipping community of faith
in which we care for our members and for others*

Much of what we do at Saint Michael's is familiar. Our common worship has a rhythm that emerges from The Book of Common Prayer, the liturgical seasons, and other resources. This time of year we welcome back those who have been away, and we welcome new members, even as we plan and engage in outreach and service ministries to those beyond our congregation.

There are some new twists to our ministries, as well. The shape of the Worship Commission is being changed to make it more organic and representative of our worshipping congregations here.

The Worship Commission meets next at 3:15 on Wednesday, November 14th in the Parish Hall. The Rector is inviting representatives from our worshipping congregations to be present: Sundays at 8, Sundays at 10:30, Wednesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Saturday afternoons, and special services and events. We will bring together resources and leaders in worship and music. While representatives of particular ministry groups will also be present (e.g., Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, etc.), the direction in which we are moving is a more porous organization which will bring persons from each of our worshipping congregations together around a common roundtable. We will look ahead one season, multiple seasons, and a year. Interested? Please speak with the Rector or sign up in the Parish Hall.

The same day, the 14th, we open the doors to another event, at 4:30:

A Meeting on Common Ground in which Vestry members, ministry commission chairs, and staff members will report from the important work of a recent Vestry Retreat – and share plans for the coming season and year. All parishioners are invited, and everyone will be invited to write questions, suggestions and comments on cards, as discussion starters, and as a catalyst for growing ministries. We'll look back on areas of ministry (worship, education and spirituality, care for each other, outreach, new member ministries, renewal, fellowship, stewardship, administration and leadership, and more). More importantly, we'll use an Appreciative Inquiry process to build on our strengths and to build bridges for improved ministries and relationships. Everyone is invited to this Common Ground meeting, which is in lieu of the budget workshop of years past. Come help us imagine and articulate our ministries for the year to come!

All the while, we head for the beginning of our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2008. And soon we will begin accepting nominations for leadership positions in 2008... and we will begin sharing news about our Annual Giving Campaign for 2008.

Worship is at the heart of all we do

We invite you to worship with us:

- **Saturday at 5** – A “Come as you are Eucharist” and a Reception following.
- **Sunday at 8** – A traditional Eucharist with hymns, followed by Coffee Hour.
- **Sunday at 10:30** – Choral Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour.*

(*With Sunday Overseas Shuttle pickup at Woodlands and then at SPV Island)

Wednesdays 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for healing
Wednesdays 6 p.m. Evening Worship

Announcements

All Saints’ Sunday, November 4th – We remember those who go before us. Call Susan at (239) 472-2173. On All Saints’ Weekend we also start a fresh prayer list for the year.

Lay led Wednesday evening services have resumed on a weekly schedule. Worship begins at 6 o’clock in the Chapel of the Angels at the rear of the Church.

The focus of the four Wednesday evening services in November will be thanksgiving for all we have received. We will use service materials in the Celtic tradition to help prepare for Philip Newell's visit to us in January for a weekend of Celtic Music and Spirituality. On the weekend of Friday, January 4 through Sunday, January 8 Philip Newell will speak about Celtic spirituality, lead us in a party, or Ceilidh, on Saturday evening, preach, and end with his "Celtic Mass for Peace" on Sunday. This program is similar to the one offered at our cathedral in St. Petersburg last year. The Wednesday evening services during November will offer an opportunity to learn more about Celtic beliefs and spiritual traditions as used in worship.

November Covered Dish Supper on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall will be a **Brats and Beer** evening hosted by Wisconsin natives Donna and Jerry Hubbard in memory of Mary Jane “Mac” Hollopeter. The Hubbards will be assisted by Mary Lou and Bob Flynn and Margery and Lee Almas. As they did last year, the hosts will supply the brats and beer leaving the appropriate side dishes, appetizers and desserts for everyone else to contribute. Plan to attend this wonderful fall “Welcome Back” event.

The Rev. Hayden Crawford serves as interim Associate Rector through November 18th. We are grateful for his outstanding ministry among us since April. If you would like to join in a small gift to him from the congregation as a token of our appreciation, you may do so by check payable to the church and earmarked "Staff Appreciation Fund."

Men’s Fellowship meets twice a month, second and fourth Tuesdays, and has found that schedule to work well. We plan to continue on that schedule and look forward to the return of the snowbird members. Beginning November 13th we will start a new study which is still being researched. See you at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



ECW Monthly Luncheon, Monday, November 12, 12:30 PM – The first monthly luncheon and meeting will feature a program by our Rector, Fr. Donald Fishburne, entitled “Sanibel in 2107”. All are welcome. Please sign up in the Parish Hall to attend the luncheon and program.



United Thank Offering

United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering is the weekend of November 17th and 18th. UTO gifts are used for ministry around the world. Envelopes and boxes are available in the rack in the Parish Hall.

Noah’s Ark Thrift Shop ...

...is open Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of the month, 9:30-12:30. Noah’s Ark donates its profits to charities on island, in the Diocese, nationally and internationally.

Note to all seasonal members

Isn’t it great to be back on Sanibel? As a seasonal member of Saint Michael’s I am always so impressed by the very spiritual and meaningful worship. In addition to that, the warm homecoming given to those of us who are part timers is very gratifying. This occurs, in no small part, because of the dedicated year round residents who deserve a helping hand as we double or triple Coffee Hour, potlucks and all other social events, that makes our congregation so exceptional. Helping at these events provides an outlet for new friends, and the experience of expanding membership at Saint Michael and All Angels. For new volunteers there will always be someone to assist you and your help will be so appreciated. There are signup sheets in the Parish Hall or you can call Marilee Wood 395-3013 or Betty Carr 395-3410.

Thank you, Marilee and Betty
Parish Life Co-Chairs

From Roberta Heller, R.N., Parish Nurse

*Many thanks to all who helped on the scene
and behind the scene with PINK WEEKEND.*

Make a date with yourself to have a mammogram done yearly, to have an exam done by your physician or nurse yearly and to do self breast exams monthly. Early detection saves lives. Most insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid provide coverage for mammograms. Other low cost mammography programs are also available. Check with Susan G. Komen for the Cure at (239) 498-0016 or American Cancer Society at 1 800-ACS-2345.

CPR Training for Parishioners

**CPR will be taught on Thursday, November 8
from 1-4 PM** at the Sanibel Fire Station. Fee is \$20.00, which includes the manual. If you are interested, please call Roberta or Susan immediately at 472-2173, ext 0.



FLU Shots are Available

The VNA will be giving **flu shots on Wednesday, November 14 from 1:30-3:30 PM** at the church. The cost for this year's vaccine is \$30.00. **Pneumonia vaccine is also available for \$40. Bring your Medicare card!**

Grief Support Group

Saint Michael and All Angels may start a support group for parishioners who have recently or not so recently experienced a death in their family or circle of friends. This will be a time for listening or sharing. If you have an interest please call Parish Nurse Roberta Heller at 472-2173 ext. 3.

Holidays are doubly blessed when shared!

If you are alone or new to the area and would enjoy being with others for Thanksgiving, please contact Susan at the Church Office (239) 472-2173 or call Christine Steege (239) 267-0573. Or, if you will have an extra place or two at your Thanksgiving table this year, then give Susan or Christine a call at one of the above phone numbers.

Scottish Dancing

As a fun way to prepare for the Ceilidh that is part of the Celtic Weekend, we shall be holding Scottish dancing lessons in the Parish Hall on Saturday from 10-11 a.m., on November 10th, 17th, December 1st and 8th.

Scottish dancing is easy to learn, good fun, and great exercise! No previous experience is necessary. All are welcome!

Daylight Saving Time

goes away this weekend. Turn your clocks back 1 hour Saturday evening, November 3rd before you go to bed.



Rector elected to Sewanee's Board of Regents

The Rev. Donald Fishburne has been elected to the Board of Regents of The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Known popularly as Sewanee, the institution is the Episcopal University in this country and its School of Theology is one of our larger seminaries.

The Rector was elected to the six year term of office by the Board of Trustees at the University's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Regents include three bishops, three presbyters, and six lay persons elected by the Board of Trustees; there are also six other regents nominated by the Board of Regents and confirmed by the Board of Trustees. The Secretary of the Board of Regents is Jon Meacham, Editor of *Newsweek*, who received an honorary doctorate from the University last month. The other priests on the board are the Dean of the Washington Cathedral and the Rector of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, in Washington.

Fr. Fishburne holds a degree in English and a Doctorate in Ministry from The University of the South and a master's degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary.

He also Chairs the Visiting Committee to the School of Theology at Sewanee and is on the Congregational Development Committee of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, in partial fulfillment of ordination vows to "share in the councils of the church." Time commitments to these ministries are not excessive, and the rewards to the parish are many.

Prayer Group

There will be a weekly prayer group, meeting together for 20 minutes in the Chapel of the Angels, with our prayer focus being the three upcoming special events in the life of Saint Michael's – the Celtic Weekend, the Men's Retreat and the Parish Retreat, and asking for God's blessing upon them, and upon the life of Saint Michael's.

This will begin on Friday, November 9th at 12 noon.

If you would like to be a part of this, and are unable to do so because of other commitments, please still join us in prayer at that time just for a few moments, wherever you are, and become a part of this corporate wave of prayer, as we open ourselves anew to the touch of God's Spirit among us.

Diocesan Convention Report

DICK KIMBALL, Delegate

This was my first convention and I found it impressive and very interesting. To see roughly 800 delegates - all loving, intelligent and hard-working Christians who care deeply about their churches and communities, was a beautiful sight. It was especially interesting because it provided an opportunity to see the new Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, leading the Convention. He was dynamic, very articulate, kept the process moving and had a good sense of humor. A particular bit of pleasure was that he had a birthday at that time and was presented with a guitar on which he immediately played Happy Birthday to me!

Our morning discussion on diversity was of particular interest to me. At our table Father Hayden said that he was the fourth generation of his family born in the U.S. He felt well acclimated and appreciated, but often he was the only one of color at a meeting and, on those occasions, he felt a bit lonely and surely different.

A minister from Marco Island, who was seated at our table, asked what Saint Michael's did for the immigrants who did our landscaping. We looked a bit stunned. He asked us if we had ever thought about providing a picnic table for their lunches or offering a class on English at the end of the day? An interesting idea that we will ponder further.

There were many projects discussed but one, somewhat close to us, was Episcopal Relief and Development which "provides emergency assistance at times of disaster, rebuilds devastated communities and offers long term solutions to fight poverty." As we well remember the damage from hurricane Charlie on this island and Katrina in New Orleans and Mississippi, we have some appreciation of the problems elsewhere and recognize how important support from ERD can be, not only locally but World-wide. It is a highly effective organization and a way that the Episcopal Church can address some of the greater needs globally.

It was a privilege to be there in midst of so many dedicated, caring Christians. What a beautiful group of people.

MOLLIE AVERY, Delegate

The spirit I felt permeating the Convention of the Diocese was one of understanding, tolerance, and of deep commitment to service to others. Bishop Smith in his address stressed that he is an Episcopalian, an Anglican, and he intends to continue to be both for life. Throughout the meeting he modeled good humor and wit, particularly as he administered the somewhat tedious process of resolution adoption.

The Episcopal Church Women have fostered the companion relationship of our diocese with the Dominican Republic. Exploratory and work teams have built schools and churches, medical teams have visited, and scholarships have been in raised for 400 school children yearly.

Episcopal Relief and Development was highlighted as the best vehicle for Episcopalians to use in order to work to cut extreme global poverty in half by 2015, an aim articulated in the Millennium Development Goals. Thanks to administrative support from the Episcopal Church budget, 92 cents from each dollar donated by individuals and families to ERD goes directly to programs.

The Rev. Kyle Bennett, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Marco Island, gave a video presentation about **Camp Able**, or which he is the director. This camp for high school aged children with special needs, and is focused on abilities rather than

disabilities. The camp, held at DaySpring, our diocesan Conference Center, is focused on forming a community that loves people just as they are, emulating the perfect love God has for his children. A goal of Camp Able is to inspire other parish communities to conduct special needs camps of their own. www.campable.org

DICK JACKER, Delegate

I came back from Convention stimulated and interested in what the Diocese, and some of its congregations, are doing. I see possibilities of increasing inter-parish contacts and learning from other parishes. This may not be a terribly diverse Diocese, but it is more diverse than I had realized. We were challenged at the anti-racism workshop, which our entire delegation attended, to think about how we at Saint Michael's can reach out to African-Americans and Hispanic people in terms of hospitality, in addition to the outreach we do off-island. The current tensions in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion were well-handled by the Bishop in his address. It is clear that the Bishop is a holder-together who will keep the Diocese focused on the broad mission of the Church and the many ministries that fulfill it.

Other Convention highlights:

A resolution introduced by Fr. Hayden Crawford to encourage General Convention to commemorate the life and ministry of The Rev. John Edwin Culmer, D.D. passed unanimously.

See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Culmer and www.episcopalswfl.org/diocesan_convention/article94145e550755.htm

Fr. Crawford helped plan and facilitate a superlative Friday workshop to end racism. Our delegation, including Deacon Martha Ponader, participated.

Senior Warden John Pryor was present Friday and Saturday of Convention and was a source of experience and wisdom as an Alternate Delegate.

The Rector was reelected to represent this diocese on the Board of Trustees of The University of the South and was appointed by the Bishop to the Diocesan Committee on Congregational Development.

Stewardship of Creation

Did you know that...?

The Stewardship of Creation Team at Saint Michael's is experimenting with ways to save money and electricity for your church... to be better stewards of dollars and resources. We're working harder to be sure air conditioning units shut down when not needed, and we're changing out some light bulbs and turning off some fixtures. Our electric bill has climbed in the last year and we're working with the Property Manager to reverse that trend. We're also looking at "peak loads", billing practices, etc. Expect to hear some good news from us.

An ENERGY STAR light bulb can save an average of \$30 each in electricity costs over its lifetime. If every American home replaced one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR bulb, we could save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

You'll be hearing more from us. We welcome ideas and comments, through the Parish Office.

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy The Bible and Brahms' Requiem

'*Sowing tears, Reaping joy*' is an exploration of what the Bible has to say about grief and hope in a Christian context. It features some of the most magnificent passages on those themes from both the Old and New Testaments. While it would be perfectly possible to study the Bible without Brahms, we think you will find the Requiem a rich resource. In fact, the music may unlock the Bible's tenderness and passion in a way you have never experienced before.

You do not need to be an expert on either the Bible or Brahms to participate in this course. You need only a genuine interest in learning more about the Bible, and an openness to exploring your own thoughts and feelings about grief and Christian hope.

Join The Rev. Liz Farrow, Christine Steege and Lee Williams as they lead the Bible Study meeting each Friday until December 14th, excluding November 23rd in the Parlor.

Study Guides are available at your first session for \$20. All are welcome at any time during the sessions remaining.

Saint Michael's Parish Retreat

"LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A DIVERSE WORLD"

Wednesday, Feb. 13th to Friday, Feb. 15th 2008 at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center. **Leaders:** The Rev. Canon Bruce Duncan, MBE, St. Michael's Theologian-in-Residence, The Rev. Nadim Nassar, President of Trinity Foundation for Christianity and Culture, London; and Stephen L. Taber, M.P.A., J.D.,M.A., Awareness CourseTM, Certified Instructor.

This Retreat is designed to educate, and to enhance the lives of Christians in an increasingly multi-faith and multi-cultural world. It promotes the understanding of what it means to hold fast to the principles of the Christian faith while appreciating and respecting other world religions. It provides an opportunity for learning and spiritual growth.

This two and a half day retreat will include addresses, discussion as well as worship and fellowship and times for individual rest and reflection. We are fortunate to have two experienced leaders to guide us through this weekend. ***Please call Susan in the Parish Office weekday mornings for more information and to register – now! (239) 472-2173.***

LIMITED ENROLLMENT

Register Now!

Sunday Forum begins Nov. 4

The Rev. Walter Schuman presents the first Sunday Forum of the 2007-2008 year. Join him as he introduces the theme *Christian Responses to Religious Diversity*, Sunday, November 4th at 9:15 in the Parish Hall.

Religious diversity is a fact of contemporary life and many scholars today think it may become the most significant feature in the development of society and culture in the twenty-first century. In this first session of the Forum we will examine different responses to religious diversity in order to become more conscious of our own attitudes toward others who live in this multicultural society.

Coming up ...

Sunday, November 11th with Stuart Symington on *An Overview of U.S. Immigration Law.*

To what extent do U.S. immigration laws reflect sound public policy or shock our conscience, in such controversial areas as illegal immigration, family reunion, recruitment of foreign professionals and admission of refugees?

California Wildfire Emergency Relief

The people who have lost homes and businesses and the 500,000 people who have been evacuated from their homes need immediate help. The Bishop of San Diego sees a two-fold endeavor: short-term ministry of housing and hospitality for people who have been evacuated from their homes; long-term assistance in recovery and rebuilding. The clergy and people of that Diocese, some of whom are evacuees themselves, have already begun the short-term ministry of housing and hospitality.

If you would like to help in this emergency, please make your check payable to St. Michael and All Angels Church and write FIRE RELIEF on the memo line. We will send all money given for this fire relief effort to ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development), which will make the most effective use of our contributions.

Recycling

Volunteers are needed to take recyclables from the Church, kitchen, office, etc. twice a week to the recycling center a block away. Please contact Susan in the Church Office weekday mornings: 472-2173.

The next *Red Door* will be printed November 14th.
Deadline for news is November 9th.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON SANIBEL ISLAND

Welcomes Celtic Theologian J. Philip Newell

January 4th – 6th 2008

Celtic Music and Spirituality: *The New Birthing of Christ for Today*

Friday evening, January 4th, 6 p.m. Coffee and dessert, followed by a talk, and meditative music; \$10	
Saturday, January 5th, 9 a.m. Talks interspersed with times of quiet and music. Followed by soup and sandwiches at 12:30 p.m.; \$10	Saturday Evening, January 5th, 6:30 p.m. Ceilidh (a party!) – song and dance led by the musicians in the Sanibel Community House *; buffet meal included; \$25
Sunday January 6th, The Feast of the Epiphany Philip will preach at the weekend services, Saturday – 5 p.m., Sunday – 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and speak at the Sunday forum at 9:15 a.m., his topic will be ‘ <i>A Celtic perspective on unity and diversity</i> ’	Sunday Evening, January 6th at 6 p.m. A Celtic Mass for Peace To be held in Peace Lutheran Church *, 15840 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers*, 437-2599 * All meetings are held in the Parish Hall unless otherwise noted.

Throughout the weekend, we shall be reflecting upon new insights gained from the ancient wisdom of the Celtic Church, and how these can speak to the contemporary Church, and to the world today.

The Christianity of the Celts included:

- An evangelical love for the Bible;
- A radical commitment to caring for the whole creation
- An awareness of God’s presence, deep within and all around
- A depth of spiritual life and stillness
- A strong belief in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit

Philip Newell is a poet, a scholar and a teacher. Formerly warden of Iona Abbey in the western Isles of Scotland, he is currently Writer Theologian for the Scottish Cathedral of the Isles as well as Companion Theologian for the American Spirituality Centre of Casa del Sol in New Mexico. He is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic Spirituality, including his best known titles *Listening for the Heart-beat of God* and his poetic book of prayer *Sounds of the Eternal*.

Philip will be joined by six musicians when he visits Saint Michael’s Church in January. These are the musicians who accompanied his CD *Sounds of the Eternal*. They also played at the Scottish premiere of the Celtic Mass for Peace in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, last November. Their instruments include violin, guitar, piano, percussion, clarinet, and the clarsach (Scottish harp).

Bookings for the weekend are now open.

You can book for all, or some, of the events. Sunday events do not need to be booked.

Numbers for the Ceilidh will need to be limited – **EARLY BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED!**



Mail this form to: Susan Gonzalez, Parish Secretary (239) 472-2173, ext. 0
 Saint Michael’s Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957

Make checks payable to: Saint Michael and All Angels Church (Celtic Weekend)

Date	Time	Venue	Cost per Ticket	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
Friday, January 4 th	6 – 9 p.m.	Saint Michael’s Parish Hall	\$10		\$
Saturday, January 5 th	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Saint Michael’s Parish Hall	\$10		\$
Saturday, January 5 th	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Sanibel Community House	\$25		\$
Amount enclosed					\$

Please print:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

November Anniversaries

1 st	Del and Edna Hanner
4 th	Buck and Judi Kirkpatrick
5 th	Carl and Gail Meier
10 th	Bill and Mary Jane Proctor
13 th	Al and Dianne Leonardi
15 th	Bob and Glenayr Crossman
18 th	Mark and Sue Lorenger
19 th	Bob and Roberta Winters
22 nd	Scott and Penny Chrysler
24 th	Jim and Patty Sprinkle
26 th	Gary and Carol Kreml
28 th	Kevin and Cindy Pierce

November Birthdays

2 nd	Larry Thompson, Paul Carling
3 rd	Nancy Gordon
4 th	Nora Billheimer, Jerry McCullough
5 th	Mary Mather
6 th	Lois Rose, James Sprinkle, Jane Adams
8 th	Margaret Heinz
9 th	Alex Flesh, Art Pinney, Hayden Crawford
10 th	Kathleen Rogers, Martha Vaules
11 th	Mary Stringer
12 th	Jerry Hubbard
13 th	Al Leonardi
14 th	Kandi Sanger
15 th	Tom Edgar, Willis Bodine
16 th	Mary Vernon
19 th	Bob Sylvester
20 th	David West
21 st	Bill Carr, Jon Burroughs
22 nd	Diane McGinley, William Nickolds
23 rd	Joanne McLeod
25 th	Douglas Burdick
26 th	Jim Bone
28 th	Pearl West
29 th	Nolia Hunter
30 th	Kyle Billheimer

WANTED: Help and History on our 50th Anniversary

In 2008 Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church will begin to celebrate its "Golden Anniversary", which is certainly a cause for a gala celebration. I have been assigned – with pleasure, on my part, I might add – to organize this project. **I need your help!!!**

One person who is really helping is Dory Rooker who is writing a history of our parish, for which we are truly thankful. My wife, Beryl, a former journalist, and I will help on this project, as well. You can aid our efforts, too, by providing any information, photos, scrapbooks, or memorabilia regarding Saint Michael and All Angels and its history.

Please contact Beryl or me at 472-2010 or Dory Rooker at 454-7143 and let us know what you have. Dig back in your memories and your files – you may have some hidden treasure we can use. We can also use your oral histories and can interview you, if needed!

We'll keep you updated on this Golden Anniversary. Thanks in advance for your help.

Alex Flesh, Junior Warden

Suppers for Six groups are forming

What is *Suppers for Six*? A fun and tasty way to get to know your fellow parishioners at Saint Michael's.

How does it work? Everyone who signs up to participate will be part of a group of six (6) or eight (8) people. Three or four times during the year between January and sometime in the Spring, two people will host the other four or six at a simple supper in their home.

Each group will consist of couples and individuals – perhaps two or three couples and two individuals. Please note – this is **not** just for couples. We hope all members of Saint Michael's will want to be a part of this pleasant, easy way to meet other parishioners.

Remember, the suppers are to be simple. We have found that "pitch-ins" make hosting much simpler. Each group works this out for itself. The gatherings are about fellowship and new friends, not about gourmet cooking.

There will be a *Suppers for Six* kickoff event with wine and hors d'oeuvres in December. We will send you a card with details.

If you are interested please do one of the following to let us know:

- ✓ Sign-up on the sheet provided in the Parish Hall.
- ✓ Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.
- ✓ Fill out form below and take it to the Church Office.
- ✓ Fill out form below and fax it to the Church Office at (239) 395-1670.
- ✓ E-mail the information to the Parish Secretary at parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.
- ✓ Or simply mail the completed form to the Church Office at 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Mardi & Wayne Ponader, Chairs – *Suppers for Six*

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Please return this form to the Parish Secretary

Name(s): _____

Florida Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Group Size (circle one): 6 8

Dates you will be in Florida: _____

Church Service you usually attend: _____

The Royal School of Church Music – on Sanibel! *Notes from the Director of Music about an exciting new venture*

You will find a new publication this week on the music reading table in the Entrance Gallery – the latest issue of *Church Music Quarterly*. Behind a cover photo of the RSCM Millennium Choir, comfortably lounging, lies an 80-year history in worship music of the Anglican Communion and some very exciting future prospects for us at Saint Michael's, Sanibel. As a parish, we are now an **Affiliate Member of the Royal School of Church Music in America**, a distinction we share with a number of wonderful parishes in this country who value their worship music. Donald's musician in Charlotte, Ben Hutto, one of the leading figures in this national organization and now working at Washington Cathedral, was consultant to Saint Michael's in its 2004-05 musician search. My first college organ teacher, John Boe, had just returned from three years at the RSCM when it was still at Addington Palace. That influence is very much with me today, in my work with singers of all ages.

What does all this mean for us? First, **affirmation** of music as a vital part of our worship here, as in *I Chronicles* 15 and *Colossians* 3:16 and the *Book of Common Prayer* and in our own parish history on this island. Second, attention to **children and youth** and the young at heart, in activities and learning about liturgy and music. Third, **fresh possibilities** in new repertory, in new ways to sing and new melodies to hear, and in discovery of new elements in our common praise and prayer. Some of you may even have experienced RSCM programs in your "northern" parishes, as a singer or as a parent or from the pew. Let me know. Tell me your recollections. You can be part of RSCM-A in parish life at Saint Michael's, from the very beginning.

The RSCM is not new, but it is new to many of us. In the *Church Music Quarterly* issue, David Ogden speaks about the Millennium Choir: "*Singers come from cathedrals and churches of all kinds, but they have a common focus which is that their music making is in praise of God. This spiritual element comes through in their singing – they instantly know the meaning and implication of the words, and communicate the mood and drama of the text instinctively. They also have an understanding of the power of community....*" Thanks be to God!

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