



CHRIST CHURCH NEWS CHRISTMAS 2013

The Quarterly Newsletter of Christ Church, Warwick, Bermuda

Edward Mead Nathaniel Stovell, Sr.

Ed was born on the 18th March 18, 1945 in Paget Bermuda to Harold Charles Stovell and Cerise Outerbridge Stovell (known as Aunt Da). Harold worked at the Hamilton Princess and Elbow Beach and Cerise was a housekeeper for the Hollowell family and did the laundry for Coral Beach for years. Ed is the youngest of four children, having two brothers; Charles Harold Stovell and Gladstone Stovell (the oldest, now deceased) and a sister; Winifred Stovell. There is ten years difference between him and his brother Harold. His sister, Winnie is about 15 years older than Ed and she helped to raised him, since his mother worked outside of the house.

Ed went to Paget Glebe School, Ord Road School and Prospect Boys Secondary, which was a trade school under Headmaster Mr. Cunningham. It was there that he decided to take up mechanics. His first job was working with Nathaniel Hutchins & Sons as a labourer for the contractors. Then he went to work on the docks as a longshoreman. With the money he made as a longshoreman he brought his first car, a Volkswagen Beetle. Working hours were reduced so he went to work a BELCO, where he worked for two years as a linesman. Then there was an opening in the powerhouse so he went there to work as a labourer for two years. He was made a corporal in the Bermuda Regiment during his three years of military service.

He left BELCO and got a job on a research vessel call Sir Saharis Lamb. He worked as the third engineer up until he made first assistant. He worked on the research vessel for seven years. During the time they made a movie with Jacques Cousteau about Whales and they did some top secret jobs for the US Navy that took him from Canada to the US and also to the Caribbean. Eventually, the Navy called the ship in to Norfolk, Virginia where he worked at the shipyard for a few months. When he left there he went to work in Mount
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Editor's note: we didn't have a posed photo of Ed. That's because you usually find him participating in something! We thought this one captured Ed as most of us know him!

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When this edition of the Newsletter is distributed we will be approaching the season of Advent when we prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ child. This magazine contains lots of information about events and services that will help us in our preparations for Christmas. It will also be a time of year when we will have many visitors to our church. How welcome will they feel?

Some years ago I got an e-mail from someone whom I've never met. The person had been looking at the church website of the church where I was serving and remarked, "Are you all as nice as you look and as busy as you say. The website paints a picture of an attractive, active and welcoming church and the next time I am in town I hope to worship with you"

What will our visitors find when they visit us this Christmas? Will their experience match up to their expectation? Someone once said that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive but I hope this is never true of worship in Christ Church.

If this person sits next to you on some Sunday in the future then you will be the yardstick of the welcome in Christ Church. Will you speak to someone you do not know and welcome them to worship? People are often worried that they will ask someone if they are a visitor to be told that they have been a member for over twenty years! My advice would be not to use these words but to say "I don't think we've met but I am....."

Visitors to our church are not just seasonal and will continue to come through the winter session for Holy Communion, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas. I need your help to make the welcome real. Please make a point of speaking to visitors and perhaps offering to take them to coffee. Try and find out where they are from and encourage them to sign the visitor's book.

Every Sunday we are all involved in welcome duties before and after worship. Then our welcome will be:

"to all, young and old, believer or enquirer, friend or stranger, we welcome you to worship in the name of Jesus Christ in whose name we gather.."

Barry W. Dunsmore



Christ Church Calendar

- Nov 25 Combined Kirk Session & Congregational Board meeting, West Hall, 7.30pm
- Nov 27 Bible Study – South Lounge
- Dec 1 St. Andrew's Day, First Sunday in Advent and Spaghetti Sunday
9.45am Fellowship meeting in office
Admission of new elder during 11am Service
Informal Communion after 11am Service
- Dec 7 Decorating of Christmas tree in Church 9am
- Dec 8 Second Sunday in Advent
Salvation Army Gift Giving Service during 11am
Bereavement Service at 5pm
- Dec 15 Third Sunday in Advent
Chancel Choir presentation during 11am Service
Christmas Lunch in Thorburn Hall
- Dec 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Children's Christingle during 11am Service
- Dec 24 Christmas Family Nativity at 6pm
Christmas Candlelit Watchnight Service at 11.15pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Service at 10am
- Dec 29 Morning Worship at 8am and 11am
- 2014
- Jan 5 Spaghetti Sunday
Morning Worship at 8am and 11am
Informal Communion after 11am Service
- Jan 8 Bible Study– South Lounge



Many thanks and God bless!

Liz Parker

Ed Stovell, cont'd from front page

Vernon, New York and then came back to Bermuda and started working for Grotto Bay Hotel as an Assistant Engineer as well as working a side job at the airport. When he left Grotto Bay he then went back to BELCO as an Engineer, working with the late Eugene Cox, whom he looked up to. He was the person who encouraged him to move up in the company. He also took on a part time job at the Belmont Hotel to make some extra money to build his house. He is proud of the fact that he has never been fired from a job and has always moved on to something better. at BELCO Ed worked with Jamie Miller of Rolls Royce on GT3 Turbine Engines, which are small jet engines.

Going back and forth to New York for training and parts for BELCO he stayed in New Jersey and met Tina Joyner at the Royal Inn, where she was working as a night auditor. They knew each other for five years before they started dating. One Labor Day Holiday he was out at the park with other Bermudians who came to New Jersey for the annual Cricket Match with the Bermudians who stayed in the New Jersey area. He saw Tina at the park and went over to speak with her. She told him that they already knew each other. Tina said "It was because she was out of the hotel uniform that he did not recognize her." (he said "I guess she was right").

They got married at Tina's family church, Union Baptist Church on Oakwood Avenue in Orange New Jersey on April 10th, 1993. It was Holy Week and the church was filled with Easter Lilies everywhere. Her church has Easter Lilies every Easter but the Bermudians who came to the wedding thought that there were Easter Lilies because she was marrying a Bermudian. The wedding ceremony was one hour late and he thought she was standing him up. His best man said if she doesn't show we can still have a great party. It turned out that the photographer had had a heart attack that morning and they where trying to find a replacement for him. Tina's story will form a separate article at a future date.

Ed has two children, a daughter called Crystal Stevens who has lived in Illinois, outside of Chicago, for the past 15 years and Ed junior. Edward, Jr. "Nate" as he is known is 19 years old. He will turn 20 in December. He has taken on his first name Edward since Middle School, but he still answers to Nate for those who he has grown up with. He has just started his second year at the Bermuda College. He is in the Arts and Design programme. He is a very talented artist in his own right. He has had his own business for two years now. He plans to be a famous Film Producer one day. His company is named "Samuel Joyner Studios". He named his company after his grandfather.

Ed Senior was christened by the Rev. Rule, whose picture is in the vestry and as a child Ed remembers walking to Sunday School and ducking golf balls most of the way. He was a Boy Scout and they met in the Thorburn Hall on Friday nights.

When he was working with Hutchins & Sons contracting Company he purchased a plot and build his grave on the Eastern side of the church, Grave # 172. People asked him why he wanted to own a grave at such a young age, since he was in his early 20's at the time. Mr. Albert Van Lowe was the sexton at the time and he advised him to buy it. He built the grave with materials that where left over from construction jobs. Myrtle Edness nominated him to the Congregation Board and now he is on the Kirk Session. He has great memories of Christ Church as a child and is so happy that his son is so involved with the church.

Ed enjoys deep-sea fishing and has been an angler for over 40 years, belonging to a number of fishing clubs on the island. When he turned 60, Tina and his daughter, Crystal surprised him with a fishing trip to Hawaii with a few members of Blue Water Angler's to go to an International Fishing Tournament. Tina call his boss and got the time off for him and she spoke with Blue Waters and signed him up for the trip without him knowing anything about it. They went out to dinner for his birthday and his daughter surprised him with a party and told him of the trip by putting it in a birthday card. He was so surprised. On Monday he went to work to see if he could get the time off and his boss at the time was Stanley Vickers and he put a piece of paper in front of him to sign, Tina having asked weeks ago when she planned the trip.

He has been a member of Shriner's International for over 20 years. Nine Bermudian children have been sent to a Shriner's Hospital for treatment so far. There is no cost to the families for the treatments.

Ed loves to travel, often with his sister-in-law, Kisha Joyner. They have visited many places including Los Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Texas, North Carolina, Florida and have been on many cruises.

Written by Greg Smith

Fabric Committee Update

The brick patio area is now complete thanks to our tireless team. Many thanks indeed to all who made this beautiful project a reality! Here's some of our stalwarts in action. There are many other projects around the church that need your hands, please contact Geoff Parker at gcparkers@gmail.com if you have time and talent you can give.



Family News

Baptisms

March 17 -Hayes Thomas Ingham-
May 5 -Matilda Elizabeth deVallieres Frith

May 12 -Isabella Grace Watson

June 2- Michael Patrick FitzGerald

July 7 -Avery Joyce Dodds

Aug 11 -Zara Isabel Bule

Aug 25 -Noah Arthur Hunter and Hyla Christina Hunter

Sept 8- Pippa Ella Jane Hopkin

Sept. 15- Calypso Rinear Coulter

Marriages

July 15 William Michael Weesner and Sharyn Lee Bires

Oct. 5 Christopher Eric Saudners and Katherine McNeil Fox

Deaths and/or Burials

Mar 5 Susan Diane Patton

Mar 10 Cyril Ley Vallis

Mar 14 Edith Faith Eversley Lister

Apr 5 Charles Irons Cummings

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Oct. 27

William Alexander Black

Debra Joan Biermann

Lucille H. Vivian (died

Patricia Elouise Ferguson

Ernest Geoffrey Griffiths

Kathleen McAllister Hall

Presbytery of Europe

Church of Scotland



In October, Greg Smith attended the meeting of Presbytery of Europe,, which was held in Geneva. Here is something he's shared from the Presbytery's newsletter that may help frame how we go forward in the coming year.

WORLD MISSION /SOUR CALLING!

A proposal to change the whole basis on which the Presbytery of Europe operates – by repealing an Act of the General Assembly – was strongly opposed at a recent meeting of the presbytery, in Geneva, in the building where John Calvin taught and John Knox preached.

The presbytery voted to set up, as a matter of urgency, a working group to consult with World Mission Council, Ministries Council, Stewardship & Finance Council and others to find a better way forward. Representatives of these councils, together with the Principal Clerk, Rev John Chalmers, were present to hear the views of presbytery, and to answer questions about future possible options. They were left in no doubt about the strength of feeling in the meeting. Under the proposal, the Europe Committee would cease to exist, and the presbytery would be placed in a similar relationship to the Councils of the church as presbyteries in Scotland.

But the Presbytery of Europe now covers churches in three continents and, while accepting the need for development and change – even its name! – its ministry and mission are all outside Scotland, in areas where very different conditions apply. The Presbytery's position was summed up in this deliverance, overwhelmingly passed at the close of the debate:

The Presbytery of Europe affirms its understanding and belief that it forms an integral part of the world mission of the Church of Scotland, being a Presbytery whose ministry and mission is carried out outside Scotland, an ecumenical presbytery many of whose congregations have formal links and shared ministry and mission with other international denominations, and whose charges operate within a multiplicity of national laws and procedures; and thus that any attempt to remove it from the aegis of World Mission Council will have the opposite effect to "freeing and encouraging the Presbytery in its work and witness"

The working group will report back to the next presbytery meeting, ahead of the General Assembly of 2014.

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Outreach Committee Update

The Ministry held a successful and enjoyable 90th birthday party for Jimmy and Betty Kempe on October 6th after the 11am Service. There were two others in the congregation (that we know of) who also celebrated this milestone event this year, but they chose not to participate. Many congratulations to all!

The next function on the calendar for the Fellowship Ministry is our annual Christmas lunch which this year will be held on Sunday December 15th after the 11am Service. Tickets will be available after the services or from the Church office at a cost of \$25 per adult and \$12.50 per child under 12 years.

The committee usually meets on the first Sunday of each month and we would love to have others join us. Please contact me if you are interested.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

Liz Parker (convener) and the Committee."

Outreach Committee update

It has been a busy time since the Summer break and our trip to India. The Outreach Committee have raised sufficient money to purchase 24 gift vouchers to be used at English Sports Shop, Gibbons and Boyles. These have been distributed through the Family Centre to families of pupils attending the TN Tatum school in Warwick to assist them in purchasing school uniforms ready for the new school year.

The Bermuda Overseas Missions team came back from their successful build in Idukki, Kerala, India with lots of stories and wonderful experiences. Unfortunately one of those experiences was the unexpected very heavy rainfalls in the area which led to flooding and landslides leaving nearly 50 families totally homeless. We have been fund raising to send money to Habitat for Humanity India who have commenced an emergency relief fund for the families to get new homes. To this end we have held two fund raising events. In October we held another Roti event run by our Norma Latham and assisted by Chandra Persad and Patsy Proctor plus the team. The Rotis were delicious as always and managed to raise \$5,000 toward the families support. On November 2nd we held a "Diwali" or festival of lights which is a major Indian festival similar to a New Year celebration. Thorburn Hall was decorated with lots of flowers, and clothes of many colours and lots and lots of candles. Indian music was played and we had a dancer to show some traditional Indian dancing. We enjoyed a delicious vegetarian Indian meal courtesy of Norma and her team. Vegetarian food is the popular meal for this festival along with some traditional rice pudding and Indian sweets. Finally we got to see a video of the Habitat trip produced by Amber Karaz one of the participants. I am pleased to say that between these two events plus other donations received we have raised over \$10,000 toward the relief of those families affected by the flooding.

Also in October the Outreach Committee held their annual fish fry in support of the Bermuda TB, Cancer Health Association, breast cancer awareness month. I am pleased to report that we have sent them a cheque for approximately \$10,000 to support their very worthy cause.

Lorraine Rest Home continues to be one of our favourite projects and we helped them in their fund raising Tag day in November.

The weekly food drive continues to support the Salvation army and we thank everyone for their generosity in bring non-perishable food items to church each Sunday. We started a new food drive with spaghetti Sunday being the first Sunday of each month. We ask all church members to bring some past to church and the children collect this during the service. The pasta is then delivered to the Salvation Army HQ in Hamilton and used to feed the homeless and needy.

Last Sunday 17th November we asked the President of the Philippino Association to speak to our congregation about the devastation of the recent Typhoon to strike the Philippines. He gave a very vivid description of what is happening there and the need to bring relief to those survivors who are desperate for basic needs of food and water and the chance to start rebuilding their lives. I am delighted to say that between allocating some of the funds of the outreach committee and the donations we received on Sunday we managed to raise over \$1,800 toward the relief fund.

The Outreach Committee continue to look and support putting our faith into action with projects both domestically and abroad. We have plans for the new year to support the Presbytery Mission project to support the hospital in Gaza with a dinner and move night and many other projects. If you would like to become more involved in the work of the Outreach Committee please contact me david Thompson at 295 1078 or email: david@ams.bm. We would love to hear from you. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas celebration with your families.

David Thompson



Time to Grow Again!

The manse field has already been ploughed and marked out for allotments. We have several new families "plotting" with us this season, and we are all very enthusiastic about growing plenty of onions, carrots, cabbages and peas. The more adventurous are looking forward to aubergines, peppers and strawberries in the spring.

There are still a few plots available if you fancy some fresh air, exercise, community fun and contact with Bermuda's extraordinary wildlife. Anyone in the congregation or resident of Warwick parish is welcome to enquire - contact Eugene Raynor (erayner@logic.bm) or Hilda Dunsmore (hildadunsmore@hotmail.com) for

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