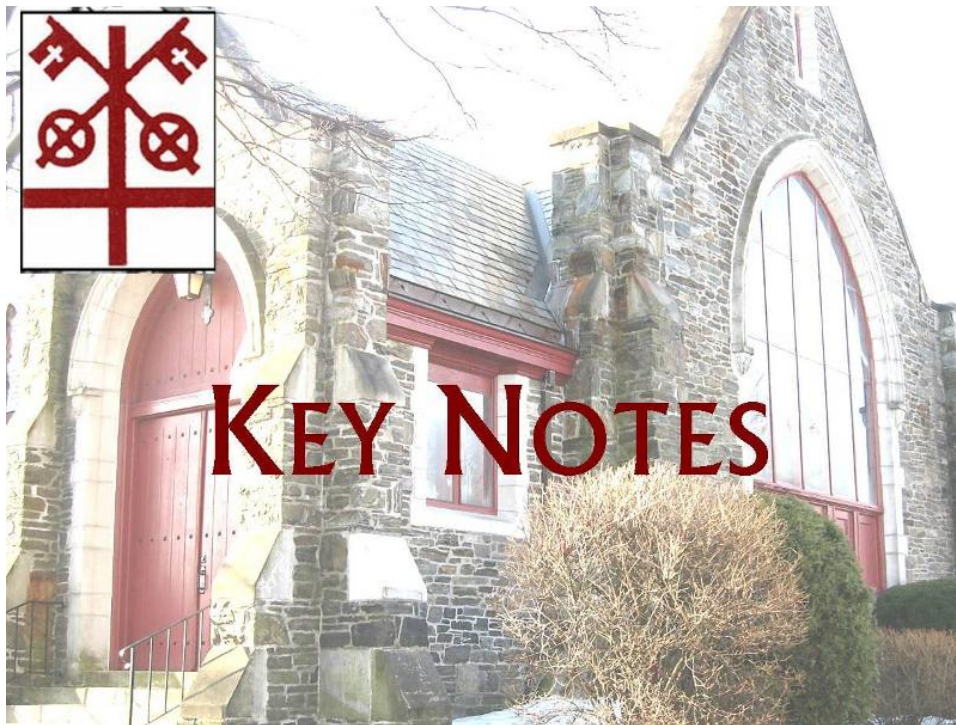




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 21, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

This Sunday's Ministers:

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

The Hickey Family, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

We are in a season of change, as we transition from the leadership of Father Tom Mousin to my leadership, say goodbye to some parishioners and welcome newcomers, and continue with renovations and repairs to our church and renewal of our grounds with more plantings and a repurposed font.

And as you will see below, this season of change also involves the retirement of our beloved long-time organist Herb Taylor. We have benefitted tremendously from his deep knowledge of sacred music, his spirit-filled and very skilled playing, and his understanding of the liturgy at St. Peter's. I have been very blessed by partnership with Herb in the short time I have been here. His departure will leave a big hole and we will miss him! We will be praying for his health and for the success of his upcoming surgery.

The Vestry's Executive Committee and I have met and have developed a plan going forward:

We have placed a listing in the newsletter of Portland chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A similar listing will be placed in the DioLog (our Diocesan newsletter) and the Clergy newsletter that goes out each month. We are also readying a job description in advance of receiving applications. The pool of available organists has gotten smaller, and there are currently several churches in Southern Maine seeking organists, so the process of finding a permanent organist may take some time, potentially several months.

We plan to assemble a group of about 5-8 parishioners to serve as the Organist Search Committee. If you have interest in serving on this committee, please let me know. We will also be creating a survey that will go out to parishioners.

We are reaching out to those on the Portland AGO list of substitute organists to inquire about availability in the coming months. In addition, we are exploring other options should we have some Sundays after Herb leaves when we do not have an organist available to play. These options include: music accompanied by instruments other than the organ; a spoken service; an a capella (singing without accompaniment) service; and use of recorded music.

The time ahead is uncertain, but I do know that the good will and mutual encouragement that exists so richly at St. Peter's will help carry us forward, and the Spirit will be present in all that we do.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to bring them to me. We are all in this together!

Faithfully,
Rev. Myrna

From Herb Taylor, St. Peter's Organist

My Dear Friends at St. Peter's:

By now, I suspect that many of you have learned of my intention to retire as parish organist at the beginning of August. This was not my original plan: while I'm getting "long in the tooth," I thought I could continue for another year or so into Myrna's rectorship. Unfortunately, my hip has begun failing rapidly, and both walking and playing have become increasingly difficult. The problem is not as simple as it seems: the same hip was broken in a freak accident 20 years ago, and before a new hip is installed, some reconstructive surgery will be necessary. Thus, instead of a 4-week recovery, I'll be looking at 8-10 weeks or more.

The surgery is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week in August, but depending on other circumstances, this could be delayed.

Obviously, this uncertainty would put St. Peter's in a disadvantageous position: with Harvest Home, Advent, and Christmas coming closer and closer, it became increasingly clear to me that the parish needed to be able to seek a replacement as soon as possible.

Under Tom's leadership--and now Myrna's--St. Peter's is experiencing a remarkable rebirth, and I could never forgive myself if I allowed my uncertain circumstances to impede this extraordinary progress.

I shall miss you all, and will do my best to fill the time remaining with good music.

With much affection,

Herb Taylor

Prayers for Parishioners Traveling to the Dominican Republic

Steve Koskinen and Colette Desjardins leave this Saturday to participate in the Morgan Stanley Bridges to Community Project in the Dominican Republic. Please keep them in your prayers! If you would like to donate to this project, you can visit Steve's site.

<https://bridgestocommunity.org/campaign/morgan-stanley-3/fundraiser/56/>

Bathroom Renovation Update

We identified a safety issue with the electrical panel resulting in an electrician conducting a minor repair and making the panel safe. Fred had a structural engineer come in, no charge, to give us ideas to hide the electrical panel.

The contractor, a structural engineer and the electrician all opined that having the vanity/sink adjacent to the electrical panel is a bad idea - plus it is a solid object that is within 3' of the electrical panel which violates city code. As such, we have plumbed for the vanity/sink to be placed to the right side next to the toilet.

We learned that there is no hot water plumbed to the sacristy so we are putting a pipe up to the sacristy to get hot water to that sink.

The contractor is concerned about the four foot radiator extending into the toilet space. Pine State will come to give an estimate on a three foot radiator.

At a parishioner's suggestion, we investigated the possibility of leaving some of the rock wall exposed but the wall is too cold to leave exposed, the rock needs to be covered with a white sealant in any case, and and placing a plexiglass "window" to see the rock is not recommended due to moisture issues.

Sheetrock preparation has begun on the walls, including strapping and insulation.

Many thanks to Fred and Pat Fowler and to Wayne Franklin for all of your hard work! We expect that this project will take several weeks, and we will be down to one bathroom while this work is being done. Please see Wayne Franklin or Rev. Myrna with any questions.



Food Packing Event for Wayside Food Pantry. June 21, 10:30 am, Trinity Church

St. Peter's adults and youth are invited to join with other volunteers at a food packing event at Trinity Church (580 Forest Ave) , our sister church in Portland, on Sunday, June 21, beginning at 10:30 am. Rev. Myrna will be part of this project, in which the volunteers put together 10,000 meals for Wayside Food Pantry. Please see Rev. Myrna if you are interested in participating.



Wondering About Pollinators?

Looking to plant something to attract pollinators? Louise Clark and the Creation Care team wanted to remind us of some pollinator-friendly plants in Maine:

Orange milkweed, New England Astors, Pink Dahlias, Peonies, Golden Alexandras, American Blue Vervain, Virginia Spiderwort, Pussy Willow, Black Eyed Susan, Tall Flowering Raspberries, Virginia Rose, Button Bush, Mountain Mint, Wild Bergamot, Cardinal Flower, Spotted Cranesbill, Blue Gentian, Field Thistle, New Jersey Tea

Around the Parish

It's Graduation Season! If you have a graduate in your family, we would like to know about it so that we list them here and celebrate their milestone. Please send any information to Kathleen McCormick kathleensmccormick@icloud.com

June and Summer Youth Service Corps Events

Portland Pride Parade

Saturday, June 20th, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

9:30 - 11 AM Snacks, poster-making and fun at Loring House
(next to the Cathedral Church of St. Luke)

11:30 Meet somewhere (TBD) near Portland Public Library to join the parade

It's free and all are welcome, but please fill out the quick registration form for poster making and donuts before the parade.

<https://episcopalmaine.org/event/portland-pride-2026/>

Contact the Rev. Emily Keniston at ekeniston@episcopalmaine.org

Sunday, June 21st, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Wayside food packing event at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland

Contact Steve Young at s070449@yahoo.com

June 29th - July 2nd

Provincial Youth Climate Justice Event

<https://episcopalmaine.org/event/save-the-date-youth-climate-justice-event/>

Contact the Rev. Emily Keniston at ekeniston@episcopalmaine.org

July 19th - 25th

Justice Together at Pilgrim Lodge

<https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/camps/justice-together/>

Contact Pilgrim Lodge 207-724-3200 info@pilgrimlodge.org

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, June 24th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Connect with our gathering then by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

Come Join our Sunday Ministries!

Every Sunday, there are opportunities for laypeople to serve as crucifer (carrying the cross), Eucharistic Minister, usher, videographer, and counter of the money received in the collection plates. We welcome your participation! **At the moment, we are in particular need of Eucharistic Ministers, crucifer and counters**, but all other roles are valuable too. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden, or Rev. Myrna.

Marketing Volunteer Needed

Are you a person who enjoys design work and creating website and social media content? If so, we would love to have your skills as we seek to improve our publicity around upcoming events, and our outreach to our immediate neighborhood and the community. Please see Rev. Myrna if you are interested.

This Week at St. Peter's

Portland Pride Parade, Monument Square, Sat. June 20, 11:30 AM

Youth Pride Parade Programming Sat. June 20, 9:30-11:30 St. Luke's

Wayside Food Packing Event (adult and youth volunteers welcome), Trinity

Portland, Sun. June 21, 10:30-11:30 AM

Vestry, Tue. June 23, 6:30 PM on Zoom

Compline, Wed. June 24, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Sunday Minister Rota for June

6/28/2026

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Mr. Galen Weibley & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Rich Price, *Counters*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth
Francisco Andreu
Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Pat and Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Barbara Vessey
Fred Madore
Alan Biagiotti
Jane Noone
Marc Lombe and family
Linda Foster
Garrett Keniston
Kevin Curty
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Anita Talbot, *friend of Anita Chandler*
Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*

Amanda and Chris Conant, friends of Jane Noone

Pam, friend of Cindy Sherwood

Michael King, friend of Anita Chandler

Amy Carter, friend of Fred and Priscila Madore

Joe Kennedy, friend of Jane Noone

Mary Jo Floyd, relative of Fr. Tom Mousin

Frank Beal, friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard

Mary Lou Toye, aunt of the McCormicks

Cathryn Buckley, sister of Judy Howes

John Richard, brother of Rodney Richard

Jim Halstead, friend of Craig Mousin

Janice Grant, friend of Jane Noone

Dory, friend of Judy Howes

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, emma.e.bond@gmail.com

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC

As with so many musical terms, *cantabile* is Italian in origin. The venerable New England Conservatory historian Louis Elson defines it thus: "Singing or playing in a melodious and graceful style, full of expression." The prelude, by the 18th century composer Vinci, certainly exemplifies Professor Elson's characterization.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), the author of "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun," was a prolific writer of hymns--over 600, according to most accounts--and the author of the most popular treatise on the study of logic of his time: it was reprinted in some 20 editions. Watts frequently paraphrased passages from the Psalms, giving them a Christian perspective. Such is the case with this well-known hymn, which is based on the second part of Psalm 72.

The author of our offertory hymn, William Cowper (pronounced "Cooper"), was the son of the chaplain to King George II. He went through the motions of becoming an attorney, but never practiced law. He settled near the town of Olney, Buckinghamshire, and became a close friend of John Newton, the former slave ship captain and author of "Amazing Grace." In support of the Abolitionist campaign, Cowper wrote "The Negro's Complaint" (1788) which was often quoted by Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 20th-century civil rights movement.

Sir John Bowring (1792-1872), author of the hymn-text "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," was a true *polymath*...exhibiting almost effortless mastery of a wide range of topics including economics, foreign languages, biography, science, religion and poetry...to name but a few. He spent many years as an economic consultant to the British government, served in Parliament, and ended his active career as Governor of Hong Kong. Bowring's inspiration for the present hymn-text is nothing if not colorful: on a voyage to China, he spied a ruined cathedral on the island of Macao. Only the tower was still standing, and atop it was a beautifully carved stone cross. Bowring was moved by the rich symbolism of the sight, and recalled a verse from Galatians 6: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus was born a hymn which is still widely used throughout the Anglican Communion and in other denominations, as well.

William Russell (1777-1813) is one of those musical figures who, although popular in their time, have been subsequently forgotten. He cut a wide swath in the London of his day, holding the highly lucrative post of organist at the Foundling Hospital Chapel--a position held earlier by Handel--and serving as resident composer at both the Covent Garden Opera and Sadler's Wells Theatre.~ HT

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