



GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN

January 16, 2007

God's grace sustains us as we strive to know, love, and serve others in our daily lives. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.

Dear Members of the Parish,

First, I want to thank John Townsend for taking both of the services this past weekend while Ed and I were up in New Hampshire with 21 parishioners. John is always very gracious whenever I ask him to step in and substitute for me and he never accepts an honorarium -- truly a gift to all of us!

The Winter Weekend did not disappoint us, even though there was no snow. There was plenty of time for games, singing, drumming, and good conversation! The unhurried schedule really allows us time for getting to know one another on a deeper level, relaxation and sleep! The food was outstanding, as always, with Jagger, the camp cook offering us delicacies like marinated steak tips, Cornish game hens, and his famous apple cobbler -- this year with cinnamon ice cream!

What stands out in my mind are the children -- their willingness to engage with whatever was happening at the moment -- their eagerness to learn new music or drumming and the pure joy they had in being with each other.

We also had an amazing "Sunday school" with the adults. We looked at the Baptismal Covenant and discussed each "will you" question in depth. I was in awe at times to see how deep our conversations led us and how deep the yearning was to explore and discuss these promises we make "with God's help."

I hope that you will consider joining us next year for our Winter Weekend, which will be **January 19-21, 2008 (Saturday-Monday)**

On another note, this Saturday we will launch our first-ever Grace Notes Coffee House! The doors will open at 7 PM for coffee and dessert and the music will begin at 8 PM. Peter and Nicole Malagodi will be our head-liners and I hope you will all come out for an entertaining evening with friends. Admission is \$10 and the proceeds will go to helping make this parish even stronger. Please bring a friend -- it's a great way to build community while helping our parish remain vital in so many areas.

See you Saturday and Sunday!

Blessings and Peace,
Miriam

MISSING

The two brass vases from the chapel are missing. Last seen before Thanksgiving.
Please contact the office if you know of their whereabouts.

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WARRANT OF
THE ANNUAL MEETING

WARRANT IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF GRACE CHURCH, NEWTON, IN THE PARISH HALL ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN JANUARY 2007, NAMELY THE 28th OF JANUARY AT 1 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON PRECEDED BY LUNCH AT 12:30 P.M. IN THE SMALL HALL

THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
JANUARY 29, 2006.

THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE CORPORATION
OF GRACE CHURCH.

THE RECEIVING OF REPORTS OF THE RECTOR, VESTRY, TREASURER,
COMMITTEES OF THE VESTRY AND PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH.

THE ELECTION OF TWO LAY DELEGATES AND ONE ALTERNATE
TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND TWO LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT GRACE CHURCH
TO THE CHARLES RIVER DEANERY.

SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THIS MEETING.

AN ATTESTED COPY OF THIS WARRANT SHALL BE POSTED ON ONE OF THE FRONT
DOORS OF THE CHURCH AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE FIXED FOR THE
ANNUAL MEETING.

WARDENS:

JAY BURKE
WARDEN

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CAROL MCNALLY
WARDEN

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And those in Service, Sunday, January 21, 2007

Altar Guild: Linda Bicknell, Leezie Magruder
Acolytes: Katie Wan, Lauren Chase, Christine Chase
Lectors: Don Kennedy, Carol Robinson
Lay Reader: Carol Kirtz
Chalice Bearers: Scott Aquilina, Yvonne Gomez-Carrion
Counters: Leezie Magruder, Ramsey Meigs
Hospitality: Gelfer/Stock
Nursery: Kathy Gould



We ask your prayers for all those who guard the peace, especially Brendan Bowen who serves in Iraq, Sean Hoyt, and Darnell Lyman who serve in the Marines, Jeff Barnum, who serves in the Coast Guard, and Brad Leitch, who serves on the Newton Police Force. We also ask your prayers for those in need of healing: Julie Spangenberg, Frances Ellsbree, Judy Borowicz, Paula Gorski, Cindy, Sarah, Marty Remsen, Roger Long, Sally McAlpine, Catherine McMahon, Karen Mikulka, Peggy Steinberg, Alice Rothchild, Richard Heywood, Martha & Elizabeth Bell, Bruce MacDonald, Sven, Amy & John Myren, Kathy Owen, Mary Hamilton, Kara Johansen, Diana, Jim Kelly, Ann O'Donnell, Chris Strong, Jim, Dan Sullivan, Clare Kenslea, Ed Jacobi, Arlene Thomas, Carolyn Collins, Billy, Mike, and Paul DiCicco, Caroline, Alma Amara, Barbara Goodman, Tim Clancy, Mikinni Ennis, Candace Kraus, Alison Kraus, Aagot Berg

Grace Discussion Group

- January 21st Jim McCauley, Riverside Community Health Clinic, who rents our rectory and a representative from Newton Waltham Weston Committee, which uses our space for their drop in center will discuss what it is like to be affiliated with Grace
- January 28th Come and hear a preview of our annual meeting

New Tax Laws

As of Jan. 1, 2007, if you itemize your deductions, loose plate offerings will not be counted **unless** you can show a written receipt from the charity showing the charity's name, date, and amount of contribution, or a bank record, such as a canceled check or a credit-card statement. We will keep a supply of envelopes on the back table in the sanctuary for anyone who wants to make a "loose plate" offering of cash to Grace Church. Writing a check is always the safest way to go when making a contribution anywhere.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Class Meeting Times and Places

January 21, 2007, the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Nursery Care by Kathy Gould is available from 9:45 A.M.

<u>10:00 A.M.</u>	Arts & Crafts Junior Choir Rite-13 J2A	Pre-K and up Grades 6-8 Grades 9, 10	Chapel Choir Room Conference Room Miriam's Office
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Godly Play Chapel Service	Pre-K, K Grades 1-5	Godly Play Rooms Chapel
<u>11:00 A.M.</u>	Firelight 1 Firelight 2	Grades 1-3 Grades 4,5	Chapel Small Hall

Rite-13 and J2A Students are expected to attend the 11 A.M. Church Service.
Please sit near the front.

Godly Play, Firelight 1, and Firelight 2 Students enter the Church Service at about 11:45.

The 11:00 A.M. Service will feature an instructed segment covering the prayer of blessing the bread and wine. See the notes below this box.

For Safety, children leaving church during the service should always be accompanied by and adult.

Instructed Eucharist this Sunday! Beginning after the Greeting of Peace, the portion of the service that includes the offertory and the prayer of blessing the bread and wine will be accompanied by some explanatory comments covering:

***The four actions which correspond to the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper,
The role of priest and people,
The role of the Holy Spirit and the connection to Baptism,
The presence of Christ in the bread and wine,
The healing and strengthening power of the Eucharist.***

Looking Ahead

On February 4th, 2007: 12:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.: A meeting on planning for Sunday School and Worship at Grace for Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide, using our Grant from Calvin College. Our resource person for this meeting will be Fredrica Thompsett, from The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge.

We'll be making specific plans to provide an appropriate role for children in worship during Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide.

This meeting is open to everyone. Lunch will be provided. Child Care will be provided. RSVP to Ed Pease, clarkpease2@cs.com, 508-668-5055.

Looking Ahead (Cont.)

February 9th and 10th: *Still time to reserve a place in the conference entitled:
The Teaching Ministry of Pastor and Educator with John and Caroline Westerhoff*

*This event will take place at Hancock United Church of Christ
1912 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington, Massachusetts 02421
February 9th and 10th, 2007 Friday 6:00 - 9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*We can send a team from Grace Church!
Register for this event with Ed Pease, clarkpease2@cs.com, 508-668-5055*

LOOKING WAY AHEAD

May 11, 2007 **Nightwatch**, an overnight experience at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. All Rite-13 and J2A students, and our high school seniors, are invited to sign up for this trip. Adults are welcome, too. We need to have one adult for every four students.

This very interesting experience includes a time for meeting and mixing, a program highlighting a ministry of the Cathedral and exploration of its space, a candlelight meditation and Eucharist, and a tour that traces both the story of the Cathedral and Christian tradition as it is embodied in this building.

RSVP to Ed Pease, clarkpease2@cs.com, 508-668-5055

"Grant activities for congregation, steering committee and staff"

- 01/21/07: Instructed Eucharist at 11:00 AM service.
- 02/ 04/07: Dr. Fredrica Thompsett meets with Steering Committee and Sunday School Teachers to develop plans for education and worship, given our insights on Lent and Holy Week.. Lunch provided
- 02/11/07: Steering Committee. Evaluation of our progress; further planning for Lent and Holy Week. Lunch provided.
- 02/21/07: Ash Wednesday: Lent begins
- 03/04/07: Ms. Vidal White meets with youth on Good Friday liturgy; 10 – 11:45 AM
- 03/11/07: The Rev. Charles Hefling at GDG and 11:00 AM service.
The sacrament of Baptism in the Anglican tradition.



Grace Notes Coffee House

Folk Rock and Jazz
with Peter & Nicole Malagodi

Saturday • January 20th
76 Eldredge Street
Newton Corner

8:00 pm (doors open at 7:00)
\$10 Admission

Grace Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer

On Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Evening Prayer will take place in the Chapel.
All are welcome to attend and participate.

Come for the quiet, the candle light, a time to pray and meditate -- and a time to thank God for blessings of the day.

Bishop Bud Cedarholm Asks for your Help

Help us bring a gift of hope for victims of Hurricane Katrina with the purchase of a merchandise gift card from Wal-mart, Sears, Lowe's, Home Depot, Bed Bath & Beyond, or Linens 'n Things in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25 (or any amount from children). Cards will be batched for shipping to targeted areas in partnership with the dioceses of Mississippi and Louisiana and given to those in need regardless of their religious affiliation. Please send the gift cards along with a note of support and encouragement to:

**Task Force for Gulf Coast Partnerships, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts,
138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Miserere Mei, Deus: A Day of Meditation and Reflection on the 51st Psalm"

On Saturday March 3, 2007. The Rev. Mpho A. Tutu (daughter of Desmond Tutu) will be leading a Lenten Quiet Day retreat for the Charles River Deanery. The retreat will be held at **Christ Church, Needham**, 1132 Highland Avenue. Registration begins at 9:00 and will end at 2:00 pm. The cost for the day is \$20 per person.

The Rev. Tutu will preach at Christ Church, Needham on Sunday, March 3rd at the 8:15 and 10:00 AM services.

The Rev. Mpho A. Tutu, an Episcopal priest, is the founder and Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage.

For five years, Rev. Tutu was Director of the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern Africa Refugee Scholarship Fund of the Phelps Stokes Fund. That program provided full four-year college scholarships to refugees from South Africa and Namibia.

Rev. Tutu is the chairperson of the board of the Global AIDS Alliance and a member of the boards of Rocky Mountain College and Reinvest in South Africa (RISA) and the New Neighbors organizations which teaches English as a second language to immigrants to the US.

She holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. She is married to Joseph Burris; they have two daughters, ten-year old Nyaniso and one-year old Onaleena.

Please contact The Rev. Karen Coleman, at 781-444-1469 for further information.

*The Newton PTO Council, an umbrella organization of all 21 PTOs in Newton,
presents a community forum on*

“Drinking, Drugs and Depression”

January 18th, 7-8:30 pm

Shipleigh Auditorium

Newton Wellesley Hospital

There is no charge to attend. All are welcome.

More than 800,000 American teenagers suffer from depression each year. Often, these children have been experimenting with or using drugs and drinking. A panel of experts will share information, tips and resources on this very important topic.

Michael Jellinek

President,
Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Jeffrey M. Young

Superintendent,
Newton Public Schools

Nadja Reilly

Director,
Swensrud Depression Prevention Initiative

Julie Totten

President,
Families for Depression Awareness

Chris Fortunato

VP of Teen and Adult Programs,
Newton Community Service Center

Nanci Ginty

Riverside Community Care
Coordinator of School & Community Programs

Rich Catrombone

Social Worker,
Newton South High School

David Gotthelf

Psychologist,
Brown Middle School