



GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN

January 23, 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.

Annual Meeting this Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, January 28th at 12:30 PM in the Large Hall as we give thanks for the year that is past, elect new members of the Vestry, approve the budget for 2007, and give special tribute to two members of the parish.

Child care will be provided and there will be special activities for the older children.

We will have a delicious luncheon prepared by our Youth -- please bring finger desserts!

I promise to have you on your way by 2 PM (or earlier!) Don't miss this opportunity to build community, find out what's going on in the many ministries of our parish, and to enjoy each other's company!

Special Thanks

Our first Grace Notes Coffee House was a great success thanks to the huge efforts of Ann Fletcher and Mary Malagodi. Thanks also to Jay Burke, Ramsey Meigs, Laura Johnson, Mary Arbuckle and all those who helped with set up and clean up.

Look for news of our next Coffee House soon!

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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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
Greeters: Jay Burke and Carol McNally
Acolytes: Nate Sobeck, Maxx Lyman,
Christopher Rao, Isabella Rao
Lector: Jenny Rosser
Lay Reader Don Kennedy
Chalice Bearers: Lynda Rollins, George Whitehead
Counters: Diane Droste, Bill Nichols
Hospitality: Fletcher/ Reed
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 McMahan, Karen Mikulka, Jane Merrill, 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 DiCicco, Mike DiCicco, Paul DiCicco, Caroline, Alma Amara, Tim Clancy, Mikinni Ennis, Candace Kraus, Alison Kraus, Donald Stock, Prof. Ya'akov Elman, Rabbi Lynn Landsburg, Nancy, Don McBride, Aagot Berg

Coffee House Debut a Success!

The Grace Notes Coffee House debuted on Saturday evening Jan. 20th. It was a bitterly cold night outside, but inside the Large Hall hot coffee and teas, and festive candle lit tables warmed the room. Our first performers Peter and Nicole Malagodi, son and daughter in-law of Mary Malagodi and the late Bob Malagodi, played guitars and sang an eclectic mix of music. Thanks to all who attended this concert, and to the Vestry for supporting this new venture. Special thanks to Mary Arbuckle, Jay Burke, Lisa Garcia, Miriam Gelfer, Laura Johnson, Mary Malagodi, Ramsey Meigs, Jim McAlpine, Carol McNally, and Deb Perugi who helped with publicity, set up, and grocery shopping and preparation. Thanks to people who stayed to clean up especially Sam and Leezie Magruder. Mary Arbuckle and Bet Lee filmed the concert for Newton TV. Stay tuned, for news of our next coffee house in April or May of this year.

Ann Fletcher

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Class Meeting Times and Places,
January 28, 2007, the 4th 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.

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

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 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

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.

"Grant activities for congregation, steering committee and staff"

- 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 Discussion Group

On Sunday January 21st, in Grace Discussion Group, two organizations who use our space talked about what they do. Jim McCauley, who is head of the Riverside Clinic who rents our former rectory talked about the large range of services Riverside offers to individuals, families, and children in need of mental health services in the Newton community. Mary Margaret Pappas, who works for NWW (Newton, Weston, Wellesley) Committee talked about the drop ins they host at Grace bi-monthly. NWW supports and treats adults with developmental disabilities. Mary Margaret is delighted with our space, because they can use the Small Hall for smaller activities, usually for a movie, and the Large Hall for another activity such as a dance, or bingo. She said that Grace is the most handicap accessible church they could find. Vans can pull up to the door and people who use wheel chairs and walkers can easily go up the ramp. Even last winter when there was no heat in the large hall they still remained loyal to Grace. Jim mentioned that we are a good landlord, and when something needs to be fixed Doug Lloyd does it promptly. Mary Margaret especially is grateful to Doug because of the hospitality, warmth and responsibility he shows toward the people who attend the drop-in. This was a stimulating and informative program and we were all glad to hear that our space is accessible and welcoming, and that other people agree with us that Doug does a great job helping to maintain our property, and does it with grace and generosity.

Ann Fletcher for GDG

January 28th Come and hear a preview of our annual meeting

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.

