



## **GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN**

**January 30, 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,

What a wonderful Annual Meeting we had this past Sunday! Thank you to everyone who helped set up, cook and serve our delicious lunch, and clean-up. It was an incredible group effort.

Thanks to Don Kennedy, our Parish Historian, who compiled some wonderful tid-bits about the Bell Sisters, whom we honored at the Annual Meeting. For those of you who could not be there, here it is:

"The Bell family first came to Grace Church 86 years ago in 1921. Annie Oakley was still giving exhibitions of pistol-shooting; the BBC had its first broadcast; in America the first baseball game could be heard on radio; Mah Jong sets outsold radios; and the popular songs were "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans", "Chicago", and "I'll See You in My Dreams". Bill Bell had friends at Grace and liked our Scout Troop, thus the seven Bells switched from Trinity in Newton Centre to Grace. Each Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bell and Bill, Phoebe, Bob, Martha, and Elizabeth faithfully walked a mile down the hill from Ivanhoe Street to Grace Church...and Bill sang in the choir. Phoebe and Bill were confirmed in 1923; Martha and Bob in 1927, when Lindbergh flew the Atlantic; and Elizabeth in 1929, the year of the stock market crash. Mrs. Bell was a member of the Grace Church Mothers Club for many years. In 1937, the family moved to Waban Park, a 10-15 minute walk from Grace Church. Both Bill and Bob served in World War II. Phoebe taught in the Sunday School. Elizabeth won the Dr. Laurens MacLure Trophy, taught Kindergarten and junior high ages for many years in the Church School, and in 1969 became the second woman to serve as Clerk of the Vestry (Connie Englund was the first). Martha taught elementary grades in the Church School, and was elected as the District 7 representative and as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. Miriam is the 14th Rector of Grace Church; Martha and Elizabeth have known every Rector except the initial five!"

We are proud of Martha and Elizabeth and all their years of contributions to Grace Church. May God continue to bless them and all of us as we look forward to another year of growing together in faith.

Peace and Blessings,  
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.

### **And those in Service, Sunday, February 4, 2007**

Altar Guild: Jenny Rosser  
Greeters: Bill and Becky Hammatt Bradley.  
Acolytes: Madeleine Reed, Nicholas Reed  
Derek Wong  
Lector: Wellington Scott, Jean Kennedy  
Lay Reader Lisa Tieszen  
Chalice Bearers: Don Kennedy, Margaret Umbsen  
Counters: Linda George, Margaret Umbsen  
Hospitality: Fenton/Bicknell  
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, 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, Mike and 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, Bishop Tom Shaw, Mavis Sobers, Max NussenBaum

For those who have died: Mary Gould, the mother of Kathy Gould, and Cynthia Cummings

### **Pastoral Care Meeting**



The Pastoral Care Committee will meet at Grace on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14th from 1 to 2:30 in the Small Hall. One action item for the committee is to develop a resource guide that can be provided to folks in need. To that end, Carolyn Sprich has arranged for Kathy Laufer, a social worker from the Newton Senior Center, to meet with us to share her expertise and wisdom. All are welcome. Come one, come all...many hands make light work!

# GRACE CHURCH HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE 2007

Each year we prepare a schedule, which shares among many the work of Sunday morning coffee, before and after the services. This also provides a means of allowing all of us to participate, in a small way, within the community of Grace Church and at the same time eliminates the burden of providing coffee & refreshment to fall on the same few each week. **If the time and job listed below are inconvenient for you, please switch with someone else on the list or ask someone to cover for you.** You will find directions for each position posted on the bulletin board in the office, inside the Hospitality cabinet. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Susan during office hours (Monday-Thursday 9-2 p.m.) 617-244-3221, office@gracenewton.org.

	<b><i>Set Up **</i></b>	<b><i>Clean Up</i></b>
February 4	Fenton	Bicknell
February 11	Gelfer	Reed
February 18 – School Vacation	Sharby	Fletcher
February 25	Gerlach	Kennedy
March 4	Robinson	Reed
March 11	Rosser	A.Lyman
March 18	Malagodi	Wan
March 25	Wong	Bruins
April 1	Dunning	Lockhart
April 8	McNally	L.Conn
April 15 – School Vacation	Katt-Lloyd	Melissa Umbsen
April 22	Gomez-Carrion	Arbuckle
April 29	Gelfer	Scott
May 6	Sakakini-Rao	Mendelsohn
May 13	Bauer	Stock
May 20	Perugi/Saltus	Steadman
May 27	Burke/Papalia	Umbsen/Dreisbach
June 3	Samuels/Swezy	Droste
June 10	Ficarelli	Magruder
June 17	Tieszen/Adams	Sprich
Begin Summer Breakfast		

**\*\* Set up by 9 AM (brew time 45 minutes) Bring 1 gallon of Whole Milk.**

Set up can be done Saturday afternoon if you do not want to come to church by 9 AM on Sunday morning.

Contact Susan or Doug if you need to make arrangements to get into the church.

Complete instructions are posted on the coffee cabinet.

Please save this schedule and **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.**

Thank you for your continued support!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### **Class Meeting Times and Places February 4, 2007, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

12:30 P.M.-2:30 P.M. Open to all, *RSVP to Linda Clark, [clarkpease2@cs.com](mailto:clarkpease2@cs.com)*, Meeting with Fredrica Thompsett (of the Episcopal Divinity School) to envision an educational strategy for children and youth for Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide  
Lunch and Child Care provided. Meets in Small Hall.

\*For more details see article on Grant Activities below.

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

## ***Looking Ahead***

### **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](mailto:clarkpease2@cs.com), 508-668-5055**

## GRANT ACTIVITIES

February 4, 2007, 12:30—2:30 P.M.

Open to all! A meeting with Fredrica Thompsett  
of the Episcopal Divinity School, in the Small Hall.

We will explore and develop a vision for education of the children and youth of Grace Church, for the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide. Youth are especially welcome at this event.

The visioning would include not only the formal classes of Sunday School, Rite-13, and J2A, but also field trips, outreach, the inclusion of children and youth in worship, and any other activities that come to mind. The imaginations of the participants in this meeting, our Guest Fredrica, and our rich heritage from the Anglican Tradition will be resources for us as we work together.

Enjoy lunch Prepared by Chef Lisa Garcia  
Child Care will be provided.

This event is funded by the grant from Calvin College received by Grace Church for the academic year 2006-2007.

RSVP To Linda Clark, [clarkpease2@cs.com](mailto:clarkpease2@cs.com), 508-668-5055.

### **"Future Grant activities for congregation, steering committee and staff"**

- 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.

#### 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.

## Grace Discussion Group

### Future Speakers

February 4th	Miriam will talk about Theological Education
February 11th	AIDS with Maggie Geller
February 18th	“Hearing The Word” with Jim McAlpine
February 25th	Social Action with Yvonne Gomez-Carrion and Lisa Tieszen

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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### “Miserere Mei, Deus: A Day of Meditation and Reflection on the 51<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Episcopal Divinity School invites you  
to a celebration of the life of Absalom Jones,  
the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church at:

St. John's Memorial Chapel  
99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Absalom Jones: An Icon of Inclusivity**

**Featuring Dr. Harold Lewis, Lecturer**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007, 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**Absalom Jones Community Eucharist**

**The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, Preacher**

**The Rev. Jayne Oasin '00, Celebrant**

These events are free and open to the public. A reception will follow each event.  
RSVP at [events@eds.edu](mailto:events@eds.edu) or at (617) 682-1573

***Special Musical Evening at All Newton Music School***

with

Pianists Ya-Fei Chuang and Robert Levin,  
4 Hands and 2 Pianos

**February 16, 2007 at 7:30pm**



Tickets \$100 includes performance and reception of fine wines and desserts  
catered by Baker's Best  
(Tax deductible contribution \$50)  
For tickets call 617-527-4553 x 106

