



GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN

January 9, 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,

The energy and enthusiasm continues -- Sunday was just wonderful! Byron Rushing spoke so eloquently about the ministry of all the baptized. I was deeply moved by what he had to say and what so many of you shared in Grace Discussion Group. I hope we can continue the conversation and find ways to hold up each person's ministry as we grow together in Christ's love.

One way that we continue to grow together is by reflecting on the year that has just past. God is doing wonderful things through each one of us here at Grace and our Annual Meeting is one way of "taking stock" in our mission and the ways we have served each other and people outside our walls.

The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 28**. We will have a "pre-meeting" discussion of the 2007 budget at Grace Discussion Group, beginning at 10 AM in the Small Hall. After the 11 AM service, we will gather in the Large Hall for a luncheon prepared by our Youth, followed by the Annual Meeting. I promise to have you on your way no later than 2 PM! Child care and activities for children will be provided.

The Annual Meeting is a way for all of us to feel more connected. We will elect members of the Vestry, give thanks for those who have served on the Vestry this past year, honor members of the parish who have given so much to all of us, and enjoy each other's company.

If you are not a member of the Grace Church Corporation, all you need to do is sign the book that will be available at the Annual Meeting. All members who are 16 or older are eligible to be members of the corporation.

So please mark your calendars for this important time in the life of the parish. I promise it will be brief, engaging, and enjoyable. We need everyone present in order to give thanks for what God has done through us this past year and to look forward with anticipation to what will be another incredible year of growth and supporting each other.

Blessings and Peace,
Miriam

Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28th at 12:30 PM

Shortened 11 AM Eucharist in Church
Luncheon provided in the Large Hall -- please bring desserts!
Annual Meeting with election of new Vestry members
Approval of the 2007 Budget
Tribute to Parishioners who have given so much to us
Music
On your way home before 2 PM -- promise!

And those in Service, Sunday, January 14, 2007

Altar Guild: Linda Bicknell, Leezie Magruder
Acolytes: Mercer Gary, Kayla Spangenberg
Madeleine Aquilina, Isabel Meigs
Lectors: Carolyn Wong, Steve Steadman
Lay Reader: Chris Samuels
Chalice Bearers: Don Kennedy, Margaret Umbesen
Counters: Jennifer Mendelsohn, Scott Aquilina
Hospitality: Samuels/Swezy, Kennedy
Nursery: Kathy Gould



We ask your prayers for all those who guard the peace, especially Brendan Bowen who serves in Iraq and Sean Hoyt who serves in Lebanon, Darnell Lyman who serves 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: Jane Shapiro, 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, Barby, 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

On January 14, 2007 in GDG, the dynamic Rep. Byron Rushing, who has been in the State legislature for 28 years representing South Boston spoke about Baptism and its importance of marking us as followers of Christ. He believes lay people represent Christ in our church, and that we are called to bear witness to God's reconciliation in the world. He asked the audience some important questions that were difficult to answer such as: What are we called to do in our lives? What is our passion, what do we love? What are the biblical images in the Bible that really stand out for us? Are they connected to our mission, our calling? He left us inspired and motivated us to keep asking ourselves these important questions. How are we living our daily lives? What is our calling? Do we represent Christ in the world?

January 14th Hearing The Word

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Class Meeting Times and Places, January 14, 2007
the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

On this Sunday, January 14, there won't be any Sunday School classes at Grace due to the Parish Winter Weekend being held at the Barbara Harris camp and conference center, in Greenfield, New Hampshire.

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 21, 2007:
Regular Sunday School Class Schedule Resumes

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

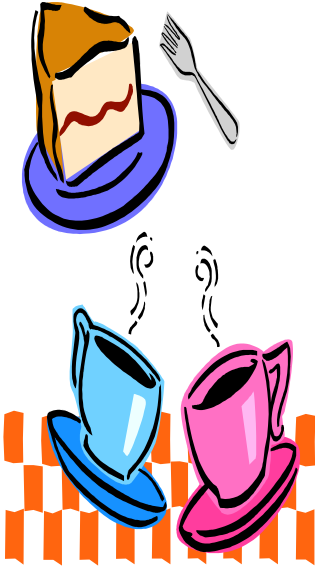
New Tax Laws

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.

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 NOTES COFFEE HOUSE TO DEBUT ON SATURDAY JAN 20TH

At 8:00 PM on Saturday evening January 20th, Peter and Nicole Malagodi, the son and daughter in law of the late Bob Malagodi, who are both talented musicians and singers will be playing an eclectic mix of contemporary music at Grace. The name of the coffee house is in remembrance of the musical group: "The Grace Notes", which Bob Malagodi founded in 1991. For five years, about 20 Grace Church parishioners did a yearly fund raiser/cabaret performance high-lighting the music of Gilbert & Sullivan, Frank Sinatra, and Jerome Kern. The doors will open at 7:00 PM for those would like to socialize and have dessert. Hot and cold beverages and desserts will be available before the concert and at intermission. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00. All parishioners over the age of twelve are invited, and ask your friends to join you for the first in a series of coffee houses at Grace.

"Grant activities for congregation, steering committee and staff"

- 01/13 – 15: Weekend away: "What does it mean to be a baptizing community?"
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.

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**

Grant Report Part II

What we have learned

The Anglican tradition is carried in a lively and significant way in the congregation.

1. This has been quite a hopeful sign; this tradition draws and holds together people from a wide and disparate set of circumstances. Borrowing a phrase from an Episcopal preacher, we are all “tucked in Christ.” Is this living matrix centered in the prayer book, in the gathered community, in its activities, its leaders? Probably all and some at one time or another. Some people are self-conscious about their heritage: “This is the Anglican way.” “Isn’t this what Episcopalians do?” Others simply live it: “I come to church because of the people. I’m a skeptic about all those beliefs.” Trusting in the living quality of our tradition in turn affects the way we look at what we are doing with the children and youth of the parish. Thus the most important educational experience that we offer our children is this presence, as we welcome them into the church and at the threshold of the Eucharist. The capacity to reflect on the church year and the nature of the sacraments is also important but secondary.

This living tradition allows for profound searching.

2. In discussing Anglican values, a member of the steering committee reiterated an important learning from our ongoing conversations. “Here is a tradition to which I can bring all my questions, my doubts, my most deep-seated concerns. This congregation takes dialogue seriously and doesn’t shun profound questioning.” Many others spoke about this value.

The grant project leaders need to do a better job of communicating to the community at large what we are doing and why.

3. Communication in a group so complex and scattered as Grace church is very difficult. However, just beginning to ask certain questions among various constituencies has created a lot of activity. To some, the concern for the tradition is puzzling to them. Why is this important? This is also been voiced about baptism. What is a baptizing community? Why is this important?

Questions that focus our thinking and planning

What is common prayer?

1. One of the central values of the Anglican tradition is common prayer. We have the Book of Common Prayer out of which we pray together. It is in the vernacular and, although led by someone, is not priestly in nature. It is “prayer in common.” So, the question arises, what is the common language of this congregation? What should common prayer in the vernacular look and sound like in a congregation that includes a Sunday school of 67 children and youth?

How do we incorporate into weekly worship the consciousness of the sacrament of baptism?

2. What is “the baptizing community?” Baptism is the foundational sacrament in our ministry to children and youth. It is also the foundational sacrament of our ministry to the world. In the children’s chapel, a bowl of water and a candle are set in a prominent place in the space. This is a good first step. Where do we go from here?

Past Member of Grace Church

Maclure Laurens, 81, Of Fernandina Beach, FL, passed away December 24, 2006. He was born in Boston, MA, and was a graduate of The Fessenden School, Newton High School, Harvard College, AB 1949, and Harvard Business School AMP 1961. He also served his country from 1942 through 1944 in the Air Corps. He was Senior Vice President of The Boston Company and President and CEO of The New England Deaconess Hospital from 1974 till 1989. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Janet White MacLure of Fernandina Beach, FL, Alison (Richard W.) Cowen, of Duxbury, MA, Amy (J. Douglas) Wilsterman, of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, Laurens (Anne C.) MacLure, Jr., of Reisterstown, MD, Henry G. MacLure, of Los Angeles, CA along with grandchildren, Robert B. Cowen, Katherine P. Cowen, Charles T. Cowen, James M. Wilsterman, John M. Wilsterman, Anne Kruger, William Parker MacLure, and Caroline J. MacLure. Memorials may be sent to: Beth-Israel, Deaconess Medical Center, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA., 02215. Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034 Published in the Boston Globe on 12/30/2006.

Mr. Michael Hamilton
Grace Episcopal Church
76 Eldredge Street
Newton, MA 02458

December 27, 2006

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I am writing to thank you for your donation on 12/21/2006 of Christmas Gifts.

As House of Hope celebrates its 20th year of service, we think about all the mothers we have served and all the children that we have loved. If a head count were possible, the number would be in the thousands.

House of Hope is busy preparing for the Holidays as we ensure that all eighteen mothers and their children know that they are not forgotten during these hardest days for homeless families. Because of generosity such as yours, we are also supporting dozens of families who, at some time in the past, were shelter residents. This level of outreach and support means that the Holiday Season is the busiest of times for our staff and volunteers but it is also the time when many miracles are born. These miracles are usually directly related to the quality of love lived at the shelter during those days. Homeless mothers present and past, are in awe the the House of Hope community cares as deeply as it does and expresses this care through bountiful holiday offerings. It is this generosity and love that invites our mothers to overcome fear and make new choices.

We thank you for helping us and we pray the HOPE finds a HOME in your house throughout this season and beyond.

Fondly,

Deborah Chausse
Executive Director
House of Hope

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.

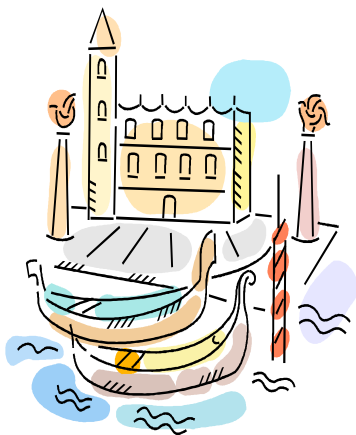
For five years, Rev. Tutu was Director of the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern Africa Refugee Scholarship Fund of the Phelps Stokes Fund. That program provided full four-year college scholarships to refugees from South Africa and Namibia.

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.



Venice Apartment Available

Excuse the short notice, but the delightful two bedroom duplex apartment I rent in the Castello section of Venice is available from March 23 to March 30, as I am not going to be using it then.

If anyone is interested, please contact me ASAP by phone, 617-527-8624, or e-mail: roblorac@verizon.net. I need to let my landlord know I will not be coming by January 15. The rent will be somewhere between 100 to 125 euros a day - a true bargain by Venice standards for a 5 star apt. -- and Venice is wonderful off season!!

Carol Robinson

Members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra

Keisuke Wakao & Richard Ranti

Oboe

Bassoon

RECITAL

Monday, January 15, 2007

7:30 pm

Edmund Arkus

Piano

Trio in E flat Major, Op. 38
Andante Con Moto Marcia
Presto

L. W. Beethoven (1770-1827)

Sonata for Bassoon and Piano, Op. 9
Allegro Ma Non Troppo
Largo
Allegro

G. Schreck (1849-1918)

Adagio and Allegro for Oboe and Piano in A flat Major, Op. 70

R. Schumann (1810-1856)

INTERMISSION

Morceau de Salon, Op. 228

J. W. Kalliwoda (1801-1866)

Trio in A flat Major, Op. 99
Andante Cantabile
Scherzo Allegro

F. P. Schubert (1797-1828)

Opus 83

M. Bruch (1838-1920)

1. Andante
2. Allegro Con Moto
5. Andante
6. Andante Con Moto

Trio in C Major, KV 548
Allegro

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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Suggested Donation: Adults - \$20, Seniors - \$15, Students - \$10, Children - free