

# NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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## **FROM THE SABBATICAL MINISTER**

Take a deep breath. Lent is upon us.

Ash Wednesday is February 6<sup>th</sup> and we celebrate Easter on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Didn't we just celebrate Epiphany? Weren't we just singing Christmas carols?

The next time Easter will occur as early as March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be in the year 2160! How is Easter's date determined? Most people say that Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox – a calculation that generally gives you the right date even if the method is slightly erroneous. If you google the question "how do you know when Easter is?," you'll learn all (or more) than you'd need to know. Here's one definition:

*Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon (PFM) date for the year. In June 325 A.D. astronomers approximated astronomical full moon dates for the Christian church, calling them Ecclesiastical Full Moon (EFM) dates. From 326 A.D. the PFM date has always been the EFM date after March 20 (which was the equinox date in 325 A.D.).*

Confused? Not to worry. Study it more if it interests you, but otherwise, just dive into the Lenten season knowing that the structure of the season offers much for the soul. It is a good time to work our spiritual muscles in some different ways – a silent retreat, a mindfulness practice, a Lenten book as meditation, a practice of charity or witness for justice, or something entirely personal to you. One minister I know reaches out every Lent to old friends with whom he has lost contact. Last year, noticing how often I was late for things, I made an effort to be on time as a Lenten practice – that was illuminating! I am not sure what my practice or focus will be this year (it is still January as I write, after all) but I look forward to bringing something new and challenging into my prayer life. And I would love to hear of your hopes, plans, questions and ideas for Lent. Just as we celebrate Easter in a fuller and deeper way when we have participated fully Holy Week, so too we arrive at Holy Week in an attuned spiritual space when we fully engage in the Lenten season.

Be well.

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## Sundays in February

King's Chapel is at the corner of School & Tremont Streets in downtown Boston. Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. and last for approximately one hour.

- FEB. 3     **Holy Communion****  
The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach.  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino co-officiating  
*The lessons are Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9.*
  
- FEB. 10    **Morning Prayer****  
*Social Action Sunday*  
Clive Rainey, Directory of Community Relations, Habitat for Humanity, will preach.  
The Rev. Patricia Brennan co-officiating  
*The lessons are Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, 25-3:7 and Matthew 4:1-11.*
  
- FEB. 17    **Morning Prayer .****  
*All Church Sunday*  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.  
Eric Hausman co-officiating  
*The lessons are Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17.*
  
- FEB. 24    **Morning Prayer****  
*Commitment Sunday*  
The Rev. C. J. "Pete" LaSonde will preach.  
The Rev. Patricia Brennan co-officiating  
*The lessons are Exodus 17:3-7 and John 4:5-26*

## Early Service

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Little Chapel at the Parish House, 64 Beacon Street

- FEB. 3**     The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.
  
- FEB. 10**    The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach.
  
- FEB. 17**    **All Church Sunday**
  
- FEB. 24**    Eric Hausman, Seminarian, will preach.

### Celebrate Carl Scovel!

The 50th anniversary of Carl Scovel's ordination was many months ago. On Sunday **March 2** he will preach at King's Chapel. We will celebrate this anniversary at the coffee hour following Morning Prayer. Please join the applause.

## Tuesday Recitals

Tuesday Recitals at King's Chapel present a variety of programs, featuring local and visiting musicians. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3; the donations are given to the performers. Programs begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617/227-2155 or visit [www.kings-chapel.org](http://www.kings-chapel.org).

- FEB. 5**     Alberica Duo  
Etleva Hima-Buli, violin;  
Joyce Wahlberg, flute  
Works by Molique, Phillips, and Papparisto.
  
- FEB. 12**    *World premiere of Church Sonata no. 3 by James Woodman;* Carson Cooman plays the C.B. Fisk Organ.  
Works by Walker, Perera, Hoffman
  
- FEB. 19**    Trio Cordefiato  
Laura Finkelstein, flute; Jeff Leiserson, clarinet; Sean Winkler, guitar  
Works by Schubert, Molino, Freidlin and more
  
- FEB. 26**    M. Patrick Kane, oboe & tenor  
Works by J.S. Bach

## Wednesday Services

Midweek Prayer services begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes.

- FEB. 6**     **Ash Wednesday**  
Eric Hausman, Seminarian, will preach.
  
- FEB. 13**    **Holy Communion**  
The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach.
  
- FEB. 20**    **Holy Communion**  
The Rev. Arthur Judge will preach.
  
- FEB. 27**    **Holy Communion**  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.



## February Flowers

The communion table flowers are given in loving memory and thanksgiving.

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from *THE ASSISTANT  
MINISTER*

Since last January, on Thursdays I spend two to four hours at the Mainspring House Homeless Shelter in the city of Brockton, where I grew up. While there, I sit at the reception desk, answer the phone, buzz people into the building, and generally greet guests, counselors, and other volunteers, and do anything asked.

My journey to Mainspring House started in the basement of First Parish UU Bridgewater, my home church. There, once a month for many years now, on the first Monday of each month, a small group of dedicated volunteers prepare 100 brown bag lunches for emergency overnight guests of the shelter. About two years ago, we began serving dinner to the guests at Mainspring House one evening a month. Then, after a nudge, in a class called Justice Making, to volunteer at a place where I would meet people unlike myself, to be a "border crosser," I began to volunteer weekly. In addition, since last May, a friend and I make art once a month with the women of Mainspring House.

It seems that Mainspring House has grown on me. It has been a surprise, a joy, and a challenge that I have been led to more and more service at this place. While there, I have also learned a little about the issue of homelessness, but really, I have only just begun to learn about people who are without homes, and the very human system that tries to respond. I have much to learn. I have more people to meet.

Since coming to King's Chapel, I have learned about the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless through the Christmas fundraiser for that group. I have also learned that in the earliest days of our country's history, it was the people right here on Beacon Hill who first reached out to one another in hard times. In fact, many models for addressing homelessness began here in Boston! (Read *Songs from the Alley* by Kathleen Hirsch, a very engaging book, for more information.)

I never imagined myself particularly drawn to the issue of "homelessness." I have, at different times, walked for hunger; volunteered at a family planning clinic; and written about and marched for reproductive rights; studied about and volunteered in special education; and canvassed neigh-

(*Assistant Minister's Column, cont'd*)  
borhoods (as a job) for nuclear disarmament. Now you know how old I am! I have also learned about, discussed, and written about issues of economic justice, antiracism, religious freedom, women's rights, and more.

However, for years, I found myself somewhat paralyzed over the question of what issue to focus on. There are so many that deserve attention. What I have found recently is that committing to one issue, putting my body at Mainspring House for an extended period of time, has afforded me learning and growth I could get in no other way. A wise one has also reminded me that all of the issues that afflict humanity and that need attention connect to one another. When we deeply attend to one we are also attend to the others. The interconnected web is real.

So, I ask you, what are the issues that have called for your attention? Where have you put your body, your hands, your feet, your mind, your pen, your mouth...your heart? Are you employed in service, advocacy, or education? Is service at King's Chapel part of your call? I would love to hear about where you are called individually and where King's Chapel has been called as a congregation. I would love to cheer you on. Let's talk.

*Blessings,* — *Joanne*

### THANKYOU!

A hearty appreciation and congratulations to Claire for her work coordinating the January retreat at Glastonberry Abbey in Hingham. A spiritually enriching, relaxing and community building time was had by all, and it was Claire's energy and attention to detail that made it so.

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### SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*PARTNER CHURCH LUNCH*  
**And Fun-raiser**

**at KC Parish House**  
after Morning Prayer

*OF INTEREST*

### ITALIANPOT-LUCKDINNER

Join us at the Parish House at 6:30 on **February 1** to see slides and hear stories about their Italian sojourn. Contact the office to reserve a spot and tell us what you will bring.

### ANEVENINGINPARIS

For all you French music lovers out there (you know who you are), come hear Heinrich play an organ recital consisting exclusively of Symphonic Francophonics. The recital will take place at St. Cecilia's Church on Belvidere Street in the Back Bay. This is one of those beautiful churches you could live in Boston all your life and never discover. Belvidere Street connects Mass. Ave. and Huntington Ave. behind the Christian Science compound. The space is nice and reverberant and the organ exquisitely suited to this repertoire that is perhaps not allowed to blossom quite as lushly at King's Chapel. On the program are works by César Franck, Olivier Messiaen, Louis Vierne, and finally Marcel Dupré's *Symphonie Passion*, a musical drama that transports you all the way from Advent to Easter Sunday. All this takes place on **Friday, February 8**, and starts at 7 p.m., followed by a reception of French wines and cheese. Free will donation at the door.

### SUNDAYS IN AMERICA

*Sneak preview:*

Suzanne Strempek Shea has written a book about her "year long road trip in search of Christian faith," during which she visited a different church every Sunday all over the country for a year. One of those churches was King's Chapel; she recalls her visit during Advent and explains a little history of the church and the liturgy. But the treat is that she recounts her conversation with Elsie Herrmann. Enough of a teaser? The book will be out in the spring and KC is having a book reading on April 10 in the evening. Stay tuned for more information.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES & EVENTS**

**❖ ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITTEE**

*“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” —Matt. 6:21*

Please note the date change for Commitment Sunday: the **NEW date is February 24...** mark your calendar NOW! Plan to attend church that day and enjoy a special coffee hour afterward at the Parker House... hearts, love, and chocolate (Remember that splendid chocolate mousse cake last year? To be repeated, by popular demand.)

Commitment Sunday is the kickoff of “pledge month,” in which we ask EVERY member and friend who enjoys the many blessings of King’s Chapel, to commit to a pledge for the following year, in this case 2009. The Annual Appeal Committee’s goal remains 100% participation, and everyone’s commitment is needed to move closer to that goal for the third year in a row! Please consider the array of benefits we receive from King’s Chapel, and plan to pledge joyfully and generously... as we all share responsibility for support of the programs and traditions of our venerable “beloved community.”

Please contact Amy with any comments about the Annual Appeal, or if you’d like to join our committee. ♥

*—Amy, Annual Appeal Chair*

**❖ CHARITIES AND APPEALS**

The Charities and Appeals committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks the wonderful response from King’s Chapel members and friends to our 2007 holiday appeal letter. Thus far, the committee has received gifts totaling nearly \$8,000. These funds, along with other C & A dollars will be distributed among local agencies and programs within the greater Boston area that the committee supports. If you wish to know more about our work, or if you know of a local program that could benefit from a small financial grant, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*—Dean, Charities & Appeals Chair*

**❖ HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Fellowship at Coffee Hour after morning service does not falter!

The vestibule continues to buzz with lively conversation from 20-30 churchgoers enjoying a hot cup of coffee and a treat provided by the volunteer host. Alecia Manning, the Jan. 6 hostess, and CFO of the Church School and parent, was impressed with the lively attendance and chatting. Karen, Mary, and Cynthia graciously volunteered to serve the other Sundays in January. Thank you all!

Milk Punch Sunday in December was a huge success at the Parish House and the food was terrific! Thanks to Vicky who coordinated this event, which this year featured cheese pinwheels, salmon-stuffed tomatoes and “heady” milk punch. Thanks to all of the donors who lovingly provided special Christmas treats at this busy time. A farewell toast was offered to Earl Holt wishing him well on his Sabbatical, and we greeted Trisha, our Sabbatical minister. Helping hands came from everywhere for the clean-up. Thanks to all of you also.

Bob has been so helpful by getting the jug of java, which has really made the coffee hour effort at the church much easier. All of the items needed for setting up the coffee hour are now housed in a plastic tub upstairs; no need to go to the crypt anymore.

Hosts have volunteered for the two February coffee hours. Life is good.

*—Barbara, Hospitality Chair*

**❖ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

**HABITAT COMES TO KING’S CHAPEL  
Social Action Sunday, February 10**

From Americus, Georgia, the headquarters of Habitat for Humanity International, comes Clive Rainey, a Habitat pioneer and renowned speaker, to be our guest on Social Action Sunday. Clive will preach at our 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed directly by an informal discussion at lunch at the Parish House.

Here is a superb opportunity to learn more about Habitat’s world-wide mission of eliminating substandard housing, from the perspective of their first volunteer, in April, 1977. Clive’s thirty years at Habitat include his early development of the concept of “sweat equity” in building homes for families of limited means, and a six-year stint as Habitat’s first Africa area director. He currently serves as Director of Community Relations for Habitat International.

On Sundays when his travels allow him to be home in Americus, Clive worships at Calvary Episcopal Church, and also with a Hispanic Baptist congregation on Sunday evenings. We are privileged to have this eminent spokesman for Habitat, and are grateful for the key role played by one of King’s Chapel’s own Habitat veterans in bringing this about.

Join us for this unique event on Sunday, February 10, to be educated and inspired. And we hope you’ll stay for the luncheon discussion; please call the Parish House to let us know if you’re coming.

*For the Social Action Committee,  
Peter*

*(Committee News continued on page 6)*



*Coffee and Goodies in the Vestibule*

*SABBATICAL NEWS*

*NEW MEMBERS*

**SABBATICAL GIFTS**

The first month of our Sabbatical experience was marked by change as well as continuity. The obvious change was the absence of our Senior Minister, as Earl Holt embarked on his five-month Sabbatical leave. Change in our ministerial leadership was also evident in the welcome presence of Tricia Brennan as our Sabbatical Minister, working in collaboration with Assistant Minister Joanne Giannino.

But we are blessed by continuity in so many ways: in the ongoing robust pace of parish activities; the leadership of our Wardens, Sylvia and Todd ; the efficiency of our administrative staff under the steady and always helpful hand of Lucy; and, most important in our life as a worshipping congregation, the quality of our Sunday (and week-day) church services. Essential to the richness of our worship experience are, of course, the glorious music and traditional liturgy, but especially the excellence of our preachers!

The Sabbatical period brings us a singular gift, a wonderful opportunity to hear a variety of voices in our pulpit, from guest preachers as well as our own ministers. The January roster included two guest preachers as well as sermons from Tricia and Joanne. And February's schedule calls for a preacher from Habitat for Humanity on February 10 (Social Action Sunday) and "Pete" LaSonde on February 24. March will bring us three more guest preachers, the Carl Scovel, Harry Hoehler, and John Buehrens, with more to come in April and May.

We are indeed blessed to have this feast of sermons in the months ahead. But sermons are not just to be preached, but also to be heard! As a worshipping congregation, we are called to be present at worship, to engage in this central act of our spiritual life as a church. So come, come, fill our pews and join in this unique opportunity to enrich ourselves and strengthen our King's Chapel community.

*For the Sabbatical Committee,  
Peter*

On Sunday, January 27 we were delighted to welcome New Members to King's Chapel. The pictures come from a small luncheon for New Members hosted by the Membership Committee a few weeks prior to the service.

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## ✘ THE CHURCH SCHOOL

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

**February 10** is a Visitor's Sunday and all are welcome to bring a friend to our Early Service! This is also a Good Deed's Sunday so whoever comes to visit is bound to have a great time! **This is also Social Action Sunday** and we will have Clive Rainey, a Habitat pioneer and renowned speaker, from Habitat for Humanity HQ in Americus Georgia. He will speak at the 11:00 service and we are inviting him to speak at the Early Service also! It should be a very interesting event and another way to integrate the Church School community with the activities with the Church. Following Morning Prayer there will be a luncheon at the Parish House. Please call the Parish House to reserve a spot and join us!

**February 17** is All Church Sunday. There will be no Early Service on this day. There is also no Church School. All are welcome at the Church at 11:00 a.m.

**February 24** is the second of four sessions of Joanne Giannino's parent workshop called **Parents as Resident Theologians**. She will explore topics to be discussed with your children. For example: What is God? What is religion? How do we deal with the difficulties of life? What are the things that give life meaning? These sessions will be held during Church School (10:45- 12:15) and should not be missed! Future sessions will be on March 30 and April 27.

See you Sunday, Jan

### GOODDEEDS

The Church School of King's Chapel had an impromptu Good Deed Day on January 6th in the Parish House kitchen. They learned to make a sausage and vegetarian lasagna for families on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Children's Hospital. These families wait in isolation rooms with their children having bone marrow transplants, a process that takes about 30 days. It is very stressful and can also be costly as families need to purchase all their own meals and pay for parking as well. With warm wishes, the children made two giant trays of lasagna, added fresh Italian bread loaves, and a home-made card from King's Chapel Boston! They also learned about how to help families in their area in a simple way, and some techniques about infection control. If we are lucky, they may be baking at the next potluck event!

Thanks to everyone who helped! Amanda Loftus

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*(Committees continued)*

#### ✘ MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**First Night!** was again a happy celebration at the Parish House, with fervent thanks to all who contributed food, drink, wine, good company, and great clean-up! And most of all to Christine, who led twenty of us in our service of Evensong and Holy Communion, and to Carol, who provided a fabulous ham and pork loins and trimmings. It was a jolly evening, punctuated by Family Fireworks on the Common and capped by Heinrich's concert at KC.

#### Considering Joining King's Chapel?

We'd love to chat with anyone wondering about becoming a Member. Just speak to either of the Ministers, or anyone on the Membership Committee. The next formal welcome is on June 15, but our By-Laws require you to declare your interest in writing three months in advance, which means no later than March 16, Palm Sunday.

#### ✘ MUSIC COMMITTEE

##### Festive Music for Organ and Brass

The talented members of Triton Brass join Heinrich for the fourth concert in this season's King's Chapel Concert Series. There will be arrangements of familiar classics by Handel, Brahms, and Saint-Saëns, as well as Daniel Pinkham's joyful "Morning Music." Dan wrote a number of works for organ and brass instruments, a combination he particularly liked. Details about the program will be available in the March newsletter, but save the date now, and tune up your ears for a festive evening. As always, parishioners who attend the concert are invited to an informal reception at the Parish House following the concert.

#### ✘ VESTRY VIEWS

The January Vestry meeting was postponed because of snow, and conviened too late to report for this issue. The January meeting was devoted to Personnel/budget discussions.

— Todd, Junior Warden

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*The Rev. Earl K. Holt III, Minister*  
*The Rev. Patricia Brennan, Sabbatical*  
*Minister*  
*The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister*  
*The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus*  
*Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music*  
*Jan Lundberg, Church School Director*  
*Lucy Sewall, Parish Administrator*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Italian Pot-luck Dinner-February 1**  
*(see page 3)*

**Monthly Vespers - February 3**

Please join us in the Little Chapel on **February 3** for a Vesper Service held at 7:00 p.m. Coordinated by Eric Hausman, Seminarian, this is a time for music, meditation, and worship, followed by a 2nd half Super Bowl celebration of the Patriots defeat of the Giants! Nourishment for body and soul.

**Ash Wednesday-February 6**

King's Chapel at 12:15 p.m.

**Social Action Sunday-February 10** *(see page 4)*

**Movie Night-February 22**

"Jesus of Montreal" will be shown at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish House. See you there.

**Commitment Sunday-February 24** *(see page 4)*

**Lobby Day-February 26**

On Tuesday, February 26, the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless is holding a Lobby Day at the State House. There will be time to hear a panel introducing the coalition's legislative focus for this year, time to meet with legislators, and time to share what we have learned. The Rev. Joanne Giannino is going to attend and would be happy to have you join her. You can contact her during her office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (617/227-2155 x309; jgiannino@kings-chapel.org.)