

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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HOLY WEEK

Below you will see the listing of Holy Week services at Kings Chapel. From Palm Sunday to Easter, an array of services are available for those who wish to enter more deeply into the meaning of this time. Some of you, I know, choose to come to all the services of Holy Week, making of this week your own personal retreat. This year for the first time I will do the same. Others of you will not be able to attend any services. I am thinking of those who cannot leave your homes due to illness or weakness. And then there are those reading this who are far from Boston and for whom distance prevents you from sharing this time with us in person.

A gift of the body of Christ is that we are all united nonetheless. And the more deeply we remember the passion and resurrection of Jesus, the more attuned we are to the sorrows and glories of all people. If you are among those who cannot come to church during Holy Week, know that we hold you in memory and prayer. And we ask that you do the same for us.

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KING'S CHAPEL HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

Sunday, March 16	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Harry Hoehler will preach.</i>
Thursday, March 20	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. <i>The Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach.</i>
Friday, March 21	Good Friday Good Friday Service 12:15 p.m. <i>The Rev. Anne Robertson, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bible Society, will preach.</i> Office of Tenebrae 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 22	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 23	Easter Sunday Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach.</i>

Easter Flowers

If you wish to contribute toward Easter flowers in the memory of a loved one, please send the name of the person (which will appear in the Easter Bulletin) with a check for \$40 to King's Chapel, 64 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. Names must be received by March 12 to appear in the bulletin.

Sundays in March

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.

- MAR. 2 Holy Communion**
The Rev. Carl Scovel will preach.
The Rev. Patricia Brennan co-officiating
The lessons are 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and John 9:1-41.
- MAR. 9 Morning Prayer**
Daylight Saving Time Begins
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.
Eric Hausman co-officiating
The lessons are Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:17-45.
- MAR. 16 Morning Prayer .**
Palm Sunday
The Rev. Harry Hoehler will preach. The Rev. Patricia Brennan co-officiating
The lessons are Isaiah 50:4-9a and Matthew 21:1-11.
- MAR. 23 Morning Prayer**
Easter Sunday
The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach. The Rev. Joanne Giannino co-officiating
The lessons are Jeremiah 31:1-6 and Matthew 28:1-10.
- MAR. 30 Morning Prayer**
The Rev. John Buehrens will preach. The Rev. Patricia Brennan co-officiating
The lessons are Genesis 8:6-16; 9:8-16 and Acts 2:1-14a, 22-32.

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Early Service

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

- MAR. 2** The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.
- MAR. 9** The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach.
- MAR. 16 All Church Sunday**
- MAR. 23 All Church Sunday**
- MAR. 30 Holy Communion**
Eric Hausman will preach.

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.

- MAR. 4** Dale Henderson, cello
J.S. Bach: Suites in C Major & c minor
- MAR. 11** Steven Patchel plays the C.B. Fisk Organ
J.S. Bach: Passacaglia and Sonata in c minor
- MAR. 18** Karen Gardner, contralto
Heinrich Christensen, organ
Antonio Vivaldi: Stabat Mater
- MAR. 25** Steve Lin, guitar
Works by Bach, Barrios, and more

Wednesday Services

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

- MAR. 5** Holy Communion
The Rev. Patricia Brennan will preach.
- MAR. 12** Holy Communion
The Rev. Mark Richards, Seminarian, Andover Newton Theological School, will preach.
- MAR. 19** Holy Communion
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.
- MAR. 26** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Estelle Margarones, founder of Memorial Services For Pets, a Boston-based ministry providing funeral and memorial services for cherished animal companions.



March Flowers

March flowers are given in loving memory and in thanksgiving.

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*from THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER*

OF INTEREST

Easter is early this year, I kept hearing. So, I did a little research. What I found is that there can be up to nine Sundays after Epiphany, before Transfiguration Sunday and the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. This year there were only three Sundays. That means we lost six weeks of transition time between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the Easter season. Not much of a transition, I say, more of a leap.

Easter IS early this year, very early.

*Some of us are not ready. Not ready to rise again. Still at the cross on Friday night, weeping.

*Some of us are all too ready. Anxious to skip the long night and enter the new day. All light all the time.

*Some of us are just carried along. Too frazzled to notice where we are in the process.

What to do?

As a faith community, as a congregation, we can honor one another's needs and desires, capabilities, and frailties. We can learn from one another, sharing our pain and our joy, for it is the deep sorrows that allow for the highest joys, and the willingness to open to each that makes us know we are alive. Stopping to notice our own breath is a first step. Asking one another how it is with you is another.

Because Easter is early this year, the day is actually closest to the first day of spring than it has been in my recent memory. Easter Sunday is March 23 and the first day of spring is Thursday, March 20. I like that. I like that the resurrection and the first day of spring are close. It feels right that this is so. These two celebrations are linked. Winter to spring. Death to rebirth. Coming round again, year after year, signals promise, hope and new life for the entire earth and for each of the earth's people.

In whatever way Easter and spring arrive for you this year, I invite you to be witnesses to one another, to hear one another. Let us support one another. Let us embrace the dark and the light, the fullness of our lives, together.

Amen. Blessed Be.

— Joanne

**INTEREST IN FELLOWSHIP
GROUPS**

There is an interest in initiating Fellowship Groups, a form of small group ministries which has become a successful model for many denominations whose members seek ways to deepen their spiritual growth and strengthen connections. Members meet in groups of 6-8, usually monthly, and discuss a set format on topics such as faith, listening, belief, or forgiveness. The leadership is shared and training is provided. It is meant to complement communal worship.

Four members of Kings Chapel: Lee, Cynthia, Carolyn, and Ruth attended a full day training on small group ministry in January, and met with Tricia Brennan, Joanne Giannino, and Sylvia in February to discuss the model's applicability to our church. Coming out of that meeting is a plan for an introduction to fellowship Groups this spring. If there is interest, we may start a small group program in the fall. This is an initiative that is fully encouraged by Earl Holt, it should be noted.

If you would like more information, please contact any of the above.

RALIWEAVER'S INSTALLATION

Our former Assistant Minister will be formally installed as the Minister of the First Church and Parish in Dedham on Sunday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m. The church is located at 660 High Street in the town center. We're certain that Rali would be glad to see friends from King's Chapel at the service and reception to follow. We extend our best wishes to her as she takes up her new call.

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.

**GUEST PREACHERS FOR
MARCH**

The Sabbatical Committee is pleased to announce the following distinguished Sunday preachers for March:

March 2 - The Rev. Carl Scovel, Minister Emeritus, King's Chapel

March 16 - The Rev. Harry Hoehler, Minister Emeritus, First Parish Church in Weston

March 30 - The Rev. John Buehrens, Senior Minister, First Parish in Needham, and former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association



**Walk for Hunger, Sunday May 4—
Join the KC Team!**

It's not too soon to donate and/or register as a walker! It's about feeding the hungry, not how far you walk. You can register on line at www.projectbread.org (search for team King's Chapel), or send a check payable to Project Bread to the Parish House. If you'd like more information, or tips on raising funds, call Betsy or Peter.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & EVENTS

❖ ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITTEE MARCH IS PLEDGE MONTH ♥

If you haven't already sent in your pledge for the 2009 Annual Appeal, please do so now. We rely on every King's Chapel member and friend to support the Annual Appeal... and we need pledges in advance in order to prepare next year's budget. Please consider all the benefits we each receive from King's Chapel, and pledge generously. Joyful giving is a spiritual practice that can be deeply rewarding: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." —Matt. 6:21.

We each share responsibility for support of King's Chapel, which is why the Annual Appeal Committee's goal is **100% participation**. Everyone's commitment is needed as we move closer to this goal for the third year in a row! And, as an added benefit... if you pledge in March, no one will call you during our April Telethon. Thank you truly.

Please contact Amy with any questions or comments about the Annual Appeal.

—Amy, Annual Appeal Chair

❖ CHANCEL COMMITTEE DECORATE THE CHURCH

Saturday, March 22 is the day before Easter and we look forward to welcoming all those people, and maybe some others, who enjoyed decorating the Church at Christmas. You know who you are, and you know it was a joyful opportunity to prepare for the holiday together. So come and join the fun again, decorating King's Chapel for Easter, starting at **noon on Saturday, March 22**, the day before Easter! We look forward to seeing young and old, tried and true garden hands, and newcomers too!

—Neela and Louise
Chancel Committee Co-Chairs

❖ HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Coffee Hour Hosts for March

March 2 - Miguel and Fay - Celebration for Carl Scovel's 50th Anniversary with cake and punch.

March 9 - Carol and Dean

March 16 - Palm Sunday - Patricia and Betsy

March 23 - Easter - No Coffee

March 30 - Clifford and Medb

Many thanks go to our coffee hour angels, Julie and Sylvia, who hosted in February. Hosts have showed their creativity, and healthful concern, with the serving of soup! Others provide a fruit drink for children and non-coffee drinkers. These extra efforts are much appreciated.

At the Pre-Annual meeting on April 20 there will be lunch hosted by the hospitality committee. Helpers are needed to serve, set-up and tidy up. Please contact me if you can volunteer to help.

—Barbara, Hospitality Chair

❖ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE Sensational SASS!

This year's Social Action Sunday was a Sensational Success, thanks to a great guest preacher, a terrific lunch, and a warm reception from those in attendance on February 10 at early service, morning worship, and the luncheon discussion. Our guest preacher/speaker Clive Rainey, from Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Georgia, was inspiring, informative, and entertaining. Our focus on Habitat was especially appropriate in light of the planned King's Chapel/Habitat group build this summer in Transylvania. Many thanks to all who made this event a success, including chef Amy who prepared the delicious and hearty Transylvanian-style lunch, and Peter, whose Habitat knowledge and connections helped bring Mr. Rainey to us.

Next up on the Social Action calendar? The 40th annual Walk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, May 4. More details to come in the April newsletter, but it's not too early to get the date onto your calendar and start getting your walking legs in shape!

For the Social Action Committee,
Peter

❖ MUSIC COMMITTEE

MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS, MARCH 2

Sound the trumpets... and the French horn and the trombone and the tuba! And don't forget the organ! On Sunday, March 2, at 5 p.m., the fourth concert in the King's Chapel Concert Series 50th Anniversary Season continues our celebration of the life and work of Daniel Pinkham with a program of music for organ and brass, a combination he particularly liked. His "Morning Music" is a featured work on the program.

Triton Brass joins organist Heinrich Christensen for this dynamic and festive concert. In addition to Pinkham's work, there will be arrangements of classical favorites including Handel's Organ Concerto, Opus 4, No. 2 (B flat major), Brahms's "Variations on a Theme by Haydn," and the Maestoso from Saint-Saëns's Symphony No. 3 (the "organ" symphony). There will also be the American premiere of "Blow Horn, Blow!" by Dutchman Ad Wammes, a fascinating composer who is not afraid to integrate diverse elements such as minimalism, Balkan dance rhythms, and Dixieland into one rousing mix. And be sure to applaud loudly at the end: there just might be a mystery encore! Parishioners who attend are cordially invited to an informal reception at the Parish House following the concert.

❖ PARTNER CHURCH SHARE YOUR TREASURE!

What do you possess—talents, time, creativity, knowledge—or King's Chapel mementoes, old jewelry, "antiques"—that you might consider donating to a charitable auction sponsored by the King's Chapel Partner Church Committee?

On **Sunday, April 6**, in the spirit of having fun and raising funds for a good cause, the committee is planning an auction of a variety of items limited only by your imagination!

SABBATICAL NEWS

(Committee Reports Cont'd)

Think of special interests you have that you would enjoy sharing with someone at King's Chapel—art, music, architecture, sailing, Red Sox, or some other activity... Wouldn't it be fun to combine this avocation with someone at church, perhaps someone you haven't really had a chance to get to know?

Might you prepare an informal supper for 4 or 6 at your home? Or perhaps coffee and a scone at Starbucks is more to your liking?

Do you have a favorite museum? Consider offering to accompany someone there! Would you like a personal tour of King's Chapel with a knowledgeable guide? This can be among the contributions on offer!

Do you have a relic that you have loved but don't need to keep? It may be especially appealing to someone else who knows how much it meant to you.

Think of the possibilities! Come to the Partner Church lunch on April 6 – bid with gusto, and who knows what treasures we'll all discover.

For planning purposes, please submit your offerings by **Friday, March 28th** to Vicky Coccoluto (781/729-9313 or cocco.berry@verizon.net) All proceeds from the auction will go directly to the Partner Church Fund.

MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date, March 14, for the next movie night at the Parish House. Details to follow. Watch the website.

Sabbatical Report Card

On Sunday, March 9, directly after Morning Worship (and “coffee hour” of course), we will gather at King's Chapel for a brief and informal parish conversation about the sabbatical. With two-fifths of the five-month sabbatical behind us, it's time to check in on the congregation's experience to date, to give ourselves a “report card” on how well church life is going during this special time. We urge you to attend and share your comments, kudos and criticisms, and suggestions. This feedback will help ensure the success of the final three months of the sabbatical. Your presence is important, and your input is welcome!

*For the Sabbatical Committee,
Peter*

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK MUSIC

NEW MUSIC FOR TENEBRAE

Cherished choir member Thomas Gregg has written a new setting of the Tenebrae service for Good Friday eve, taking place this year on March 21 at 8 p.m. The new setting is modeled on the one by Daniel Pinkham that has been in regular use for the past several years, so the structure of the service will be familiar, but the music new. Where Dan's setting was written for two soloists, Tom's is for vocal quartet and will be performed by the composer on the tenor part along with Mary Sullivan, soprano; Heather Holland, mezzo-soprano; and Brian Church, baritone.

MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY AT NOON

Since Good Friday this year falls on J.S. Bach's birthday, the noon service will feature soprano Denise Konicek singing passion arias by Bach. On Maundy Thursday, Mindy Hinkel will be soloist at the Communion service.

VESTRY VIEWS

Budgets and salaries have dominated the last two Vestry meetings. Steve Weber, our Treasurer, spent last summer drawing together a report on all the sources of King's Chapel income. In a parallel effort, he has reorganized the reporting of allocation of expenditures and income into coherent and related groupings. This clarity allows the Wardens and Vestry to understand policy implications of our current budget. It also gives us a realistic base from which to develop operating recommendations to the Fiscal Affairs Committee. Finally, it gives us the framework from which to make capital expenditure decisions coherently, based on the recommendations of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The single biggest expense category in our Operating Budget is personnel (about 60% of the total). The work of the Personnel Committee (appointed by the Wardens) with the help of the Vestry is being greatly assisted by the Treasurer's research of the UUA Personnel policies and providing background against which to compare our salaries, benefits, and policies.

Vestry also discussed how big the Vestry should be. Is the current size (and By-law maximum) of 12 members – 3 classes of 4 members – too large? It seems to be a strain each year to produce sufficient qualified and willing candidates. The Nominating Committee will be asked to forward only as many names to the Society as it feels is appropriate, so the number may vary.

Finally, a strong, thorough, and exhilarating presentation on the current state of the Church School - its members, programs, and aspirations - was given to Vestry by Astrid Muller, committee chair. We were particularly impressed by the school's growing internal strength, defining policy decisions, and the renewed energy which the parents and children, aided by the Assistant Minister and new Director, bring to the enterprise. Focused seeking, on the part of the Church school, for ways to bind our two segments of the Parish together is bearing fruit. Vestry's understanding of the many ways it can help the Church School was greatly enhanced.

— Todd, Junior Warden

✦ THE CHURCH SCHOOL

March is a wonderful time of year to come alive again. We have survived the worst of the winter and should look forward to our own rebirth, of sorts. I am sure we are all looking forward to the warmer longer days ahead.

On March 2nd the Rev. Joanne Giannino will lead us in the third installment of Parents as Resident Theologians. All are encouraged to attend. It will be held after coffee hour from 10:45-12:15.



On March 9th we will put together Easter themed gift boxes for our old Church School friends. During class time, the children will decorate and pack the boxes with our freshly baked goodies. What a great Good Deed!

*** Ice Skating Party at Frog Pond after Church School! Let's all walk over together!

March 16th is Palm Sunday. There will be no Early Service or Church School, but there will be an Egg Hunt following Morning Prayer. As many of you know, the children have been invited to pass out palms. Please arrive 30 minutes early (10:30) for our instructions.



And, of course, **March 23rd is Easter Sunday**. There will be no Early Service or Church School. I hope to see many young faces at Morning Prayer.

Be Well, Jan

Will you be my Valentine?



Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 9
Don't get to set your clocks ahead one hour!

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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
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Arrangements of
Handel: Organ Concertos Op. 4 No. 2
Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn
Saint-Saëns: "Maestoso" from "Organ" Symphony
Mystery encore!

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, AT 5 P.M. AT KING'S CHAPEL

Admission \$12/\$8 at the door

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
MARCH 9**

EASTER IS MARCH 23

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