

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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A.R.E. FILM SERIES. FEBRUARY 17

On Friday, Feb. 17 at 7pm Adult Religious Education will sponsor a second film evening at the Parish House, 5th floor. Come view the 4-star movie, *Vision*. It is the story of Abbess Hildegard von Bingen who lived during the Middle Ages. She was a remarkable, creative and courageous woman who defied cardinals, bishops and priests. There will be lively discussion and refreshments afterwards.

Dear Friends,

After the annual lecture of the Massachusetts Bible Society last fall, I met the lecturer, Adam Nicolson and invited him to visit King's Chapel. He was on a whirlwind trip from his home at Sissinghurst in Kent, England, to speak about his New York Times bestseller, God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible in conjunction with the 500th Anniversary of the KJB. It is an outstanding book on this Bible, which the British who founded King's Chapel presumably used as early as 1686, and which we still read from on Christmas Eve, Holy Week and other occasions. When Adam arrived at our church I was interested in his comments that our prized Communion Table, a gift from King William and Queen Mary, resembles a fine dinner table of the times (Is not Holy Communion such a dinner?); and that there remains only a few churches in his homeland that still have box pews. (Is it not ironic that we here are preserving a remnant of *their* style?) After the tour and Recital Adam thanked us and declared the visit "perhaps the most civil time during his entire trip."

As a consequence, I completed reading Nicholson's newer book, Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History. It tells the history of the recovery of the Sissinghurst castle from ruin by the author's rather famous grandparents, Sir Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West. Aside from the details of his ancestors' complicated lives, made public because of the need for financial buttressing of the estate, the book is a remarkable interweaving of perception of the building and gardens as well as the lives of the three generations that have been entrusted to its care. What struck me most is how buildings are not just architectural design or gardens mere landscaping, but rather the transformative choices that people make in their lives. To choose to build and garden mean that one cannot do other things. So, perhaps, our church building reflects not so much the design of Peter Harrison, splendid as it is, but the choices made by the trustees, ministers and members of what to keep, what to change and why. It is still "an unfinished history."

On February 22d we observe Ash Wednesday at our Midweek service at 12:15 pm with the Imposition of Ashes, and start the six-week liturgical season known as Lent. For some this period is and will remain unimportant. For others, it will signal the start of a journey of personal and corporate reflection, restraint, prayer and preparation for Easter. If there are any adults, who have not been baptized, and wish to consider that to take place at our Easter Vigil, please let me know. As we might say, just as Nicolson suggested, our church is not just an architectural gem, but a deeply holy place in which people make important decisions about who they are, wish to be and how they want to finish their stories. Lent is a time for self-differentiation from what surrounds us, and a journey inwards towards the Living God. As a great theologian once said, and seemed to speak directly to me at the time: "Make with your lives a work of art."

Courage and peace,

Dianne

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

✦ MINISTERIAL SEARCH

As of the newsletter deadline, January 19, your Ministerial Search Committee – Leo Johnson, Allen Speight, Stefanie Muscat, Peter Malin, Cliff Allen, and Beth Chapin – continues to work toward bringing you a candidate for senior minister at King's Chapel. When there is a candidate, all members will receive confidential notice immediately, together with a schedule for candidating week. After Morning Prayer on the candidate's second Sunday at King's Chapel, members of the Society will vote whether to call this candidate. It is a very serious decision both for King's Chapel and for the candidate. Your Search Committee urges you to make every effort to participate in the candidating week.

-Cliff Allen and Beth Chapin, co-chairs

✦ WORK OF OUR HANDS, February 26

On Sunday, February 26th, we will celebrate the work of our hands in many forms. Items contributed by members of the King's Chapel community will be exhibited throughout the Parish House from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For us to contemplate art we often look back to our heritage, forgetting to look at what our contemporaries are doing. On the 26th we would like to take a few hours to repeat an event that gave us much pleasure and insight several years ago when we brought the work of our hands to a celebration at the Parish house. We would like your participation in doing it again!

Please bring the art of your hands in all media, sewing, culinary (to share), painting, photography, music, poetry, cabinetry, and other hand-crafted items. Children are also invited to submit and share work in this celebration.

All work needs to be at the Parish house by Friday, February 24th (except culinary art). Work can be delivered to the Parish house between noon and 4:30 pm from Tuesday, February 21st to Friday, February 24th and left in the Little Chapel. At the time of delivery you will need to fill out a form and leave it with your work. If work requires an easel or a stand for display, please provide them when delivered to the Parish House.

Please pick up your work after the show, no later than 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 26th. If this is not possible items will be kept and stored safely for pick up from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on Tuesday, February 28th. Please pick up your work as soon as possible.

To sign up or for more information please contact: Elsie Herrmann at 617 -227-1597 or ebherrmann@verizon.net or Emanuel Genovese at 617-738- 4531 or emanuelg1@verizon.net.

✦ KING'S CHAPEL ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION

The congregational Hearing and Annual meeting will take place on Sunday, April 15 and Sunday, April 22 immediately after Morning Prayer. Reports from are due by Friday, March 23 to allow time for report preparation and revisions. Thank you for your help with this meeting.

-Dean Denniston

✦ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

-April 28, 2012: King's Chapel Spring Build, Dorchester or Roslindale, a Social Action Committee activity, 10 people maximum.

-September or October 2012: King's Chapel Autumn Build, exact date and location to be determined, a Social Action Committee activity, 10 people maximum.

-Summer 2013: King's Chapel HFH Global Village build, Cluj (Kolozsvár), Romania, in conjunction with First Church Boston (and possibly First Unitarian Universalist Church, San Francisco) exact date to be determined, Peter Sexton, leader. For further information contact Peter Sexton (petersexton@alum.mit.edu) or Cliff Allen (clifford_allen12@comcast.net).

-Peter Sexton, chair. Partner Church

✦ ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 17

Ten of us have just returned from a weekend retreat at Glastonbury Abbey. Our honorary eleventh attendee, Rusty Park, is now traveling, but we were glad for his presence at Rev Kristin Grassel Schmidt's wonderful Bible study on Jacob Wrestling with God. Between prayer and chanting in the Benedictine Chapel, participants created mosaics of personal icons under Emanuel Genovese's masterful leadership. Our mosaics will be on display at the King's Chapel. On Saturday night we watched the film, *Babette's Feast*, and afterwards had a lively discussion.

We hope you will join us for some of our upcoming activities. On February 17th there will be a film night featuring *Vision*, a movie about Hildegard Van Bingen, a courageous medieval abbess. In addition, we will hold Lenten Bible Study on March 1, 8, 15, and 22.

-Ciael Hills, chair

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Greetings from the Church School!

We are mid-way through the Church School year, and we are making progress in our Coming of Age (COA)/Confirmation program. We have two mentor/mentee pairings who are meeting to discuss questions in the book *Making Disciples* by William H. Willimon. The questions cover a range of topics related to the development and growth of beliefs about God, Jesus, the Bible, worship, and other aspects of one's spiritual life. Also, at the end of January, participants in the COA/Confirmation program had an overnight or lock-in at the Parish House, complete with meals, worship, games, and a movie.

The COA/Confirmation program concludes on Children's Sunday when the youth will have an opportunity to talk about what they learned about their faith over the past year. The Church School is able to offer this program thanks to its bright and interested youth, caring and committed adults, and devoted ministers. Thanks to all who are making this program possible.

-Shannon Lee

✦ SUNDAY CONCERT, FEBRUARY 19

Our musical guest this month is cellist Rafael Popper-Keizer. Rafi has been with us before in a number of concert programs. The February 19th program will consist of intriguing and rarely heard works for cello and organ. Legendary French virtuoso organist Marcel Dupré wrote quite an oeuvre of chamber music, including a Sonata in A minor. King's Chapel's own Daniel Pinkham wrote Oration in 2000, the same year he retired from the church after his 42-year tenure. The King's Chapel Concert Series has commissioned New York composer Lisa Bielawa to write a Winter Fantasia especially for this occasion; Lisa has collaborated with Rafi many times before as part of her residency with the Boston Modern Orchestra Project. Rounding out the program are Episodio by Danish composer Niels la Cour, Winds of Change by one of Rafi's local cellist colleagues, Steve Laven, and Easter Canticles by Robert Sirota, currently the rector of the Manhattan School of Music.

Hailed by *The New York Times* as "imaginative and eloquent" and dubbed "a local hero" by *The Boston Globe*, cellist Rafael Popper-Keizer maintains a vibrant and diverse career as one of Boston's most sought-after artists. He is principal cellist of the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as a member artist of Emmanuel Music, Chameleon Arts Ensemble, Winsor Music, the Ibis Camerata, and Monadnock Music. Praised by *The Boston Globe* for his "melodic phrasing of melting tenderness" and "dazzling dispatch of every bravura challenge," Mr. Popper-Keizer has appeared as a soloist throughout the United States, including recitals in New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.

FROM THE ASSISTANT MINISTER

Even though I'm still getting used to writing "2012" in my letters, the months roll onward and the Lenten season looms not far ahead on the horizon. Just as it's always a bit jarring to acclimate to a new year, I always find the transition from Epiphany to Lent to be a bit unsettling and slow-going. Shifting from a focus on the ways and places God is revealed in our lives to a season of uncovering our true selves and shortcomings is a big transition.

After the wonderful Bible study experience I had with the participants at the ARE retreat last month, I am thrilled to have been asked to lead a Lenten Bible study. For the first four Thursdays of March, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., I hope you will join me in exploring the intersections between our modern life experiences and those of our ancestors in faith. As our country and our city wrestle with the issues of racism, economic inequity, and prison reform, and as we continue to discern how we as a church are called to serve our community, it seems fitting that we enter the season of inventory and honesty grounded in scripture.

Blessings,

-Kristin

✦ LITURGY GROUP, FEBRUARY 12

Our Liturgy Group and any who are interested are invited to our next meeting on Sunday, February 12th from 12:45 to 2 p.m. at the Parish House, 5th floor, after the all-church Morning Prayer. We will discuss the Early Service in the Little Chapel, and any other issues that come before us. Please bring a sandwich and we will provide refreshments, fruit and cookies. Contact Dianne Arakawa if you have any questions or concerns.

✦ SUNDAY CONCERT, FEBRUARY 19 (CON'T)

Rafael Popper-Keizer is an alumnus of the New England Conservatory, where he studied intensively with master pedagogue and Piatigorsky protégé Laurence Lesser, and of the Tanglewood Music Center, where he served as Yo-Yo Ma's understudy for Richard Strauss' *Don Quixote* under the direction of Seiji Ozawa. He also studied with Stephen Harrison, at Stanford University, and Karen Andrie, at the University of California at Santa Cruz. As always, parishioners and their guests are invited to greet the performers at an informal reception at the Parish House following the concert.

-Elizabeth Thomson, chair
-Heinrich Christensen

KING'S CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY

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.

5 Holy Communion

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Carol Kemp, lay reader
Denton Crews, lector

The lessons are Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39.

12 Morning Prayer

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt,
co-officiant
tba, lector

The lessons are 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Mark 1:40-45.

19 Morning Prayer

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Patricia Bass, lay reader
David Wheeler, lector

The lessons are Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:2-9.

26 Morning Prayer

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt,
co-officiant
Miguel Gomez-Ibanez, lector

The lessons are Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15.

✦ SECOND-SUNDAY OFFERING

This month's Second Sunday Offering will be made to Habitat for Humanity. This organization is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Volunteers from all over the world participate in Habitat for Humanity projects. Members of King's Chapel are involved in a number of Habitat for Humanity projects including a program in Kolsovar, Rumania in cooperation with our Partner Church.

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.

7 "Hymns, Glimmers, and Chants"

Frederich Sienkiewicz, trumpet
G. Fredrick Guzasky, organ
Works by Tomasi, Persichetti,
Ewazen, and Stephenson.

14 Harriet Bridges, soprano

Sheila Beardslee, recorder
"Love Bites"
Valentines of the 16th Century

21 Carol Lewis, viola da gamba

"Songs for a Solo Viol"
17th-century music from
England and the Netherlands.

28 Danial Acsadi, guitar

Works by Brouwer and Torroba

WEDNESDAY

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

1 Midweek Prayer

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, preacher
Cliff Allen, lector

8 Midweek Prayer

Rev. Daniel Costley, preacher
Charles Dimino, lector

15 Holy Communion

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, preacher
Amy Meyer, lector

22 Midweek Prayer

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Charles Dimino, lector

29 Midweek Prayer

Dean Denniston, preacher
tba, lector

✦ CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair. Please send a payment of \$75 for your flower memorial with "Chancel Flowers in the memo line.

5 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of our beloved Joshua (2/16/02 to 11/09/09) by the Perkins Family.

12 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of their parents, Molly and William Barthorpe, and Donald and Teresa Sexton, by Anne and Peter Sexton.

19 The flowers on the Communion table are provided in thanksgiving.

26 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Agda Maria Soderberg by Sylvia Soderberg and Amy Soderberg Nichols.

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FEBRUARY 2012 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Morning Prayer 11:00a.m. Ministry Group 12:30 p.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Family Service 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Youth Group 12:30 p.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Church School Committee 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Liturgy Group 12:30 p.m.	Vestry 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Communion 12:15 p.m.		<i>March Newsletter Deadline</i>	
					ARE Film Series 7:00 p.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Family Service 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. <i>Concert Series 5:00 p.m.</i>		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Parish Council 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer <i>Asb Wednesday Imposition of the Ashes</i> 12:15 p.m.			Work of Our Hands Set up 10:00 a.m.
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
Morning Prayer <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 11:00 a.m. Work of Our Hands 12:15 p.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study 6:00 p.m.		

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The Rev. Dianne E. Arakawa, Interim Senior Minister
The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, Assistant Minister
The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus
Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music
Shannon Lee, Church School Director
Elizabeth Sloane, Parish Administrator
Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Head Guide

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PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY.**

✘ **KING'S CHAPEL IS GOING GREENER...**

King's Chapel has become even more environmentally responsible by moving to an all e- Newsletter as of February 1st. We have sent out the February Newsletter by email. However, there will be printed copies available at both the Parish House and Church for those who would like them.



We also invite all those who would like to receive Between Sundays each week to send a request via email to frontdesk@kings-chapel.org.

Please send us your updated email, if we do not already have it! We want to continue bringing you good news from King's Chapel about services, programs and activities.

We have had good response to our request for current email addresses. Thank you!

-Elizabeth Sloane, editor and parish administrator