

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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Dear Friends,

After one Sunday morning service in October, I walked back to the parsonage from the church and realized this:

- There is nothing I would rather be doing right now than ministry.
- There is no place that I would rather be doing it than King's Chapel.

Thank you! November is my month for continued thanks, and I hope it is for you, too.

In September and October, I've been focused on how we can provide a Welcome for All at King's Chapel:

- We baptized a baby, welcoming him.
- We welcomed seven new members.
- You all installed me and we welcomed others from the city and UUA to join in our celebration.
- We welcomed each other "home" at our homecoming luncheon.
- We gathered in a small group to discuss a book on prayer, and ended up praying for each other.
- We convened as a congregation for budget discussions in which everyone has been invited to participate, and in the process we've shared dreams for our future.

The passages from Luke that we've been following led me to preach regularly about Welcome: how important it is to be "with" one another, across any divides of the past (September 29); how we are called out beyond ourselves to serve others in the ways of justice (October 20); how we are invited into a deeper life that rests far less on comparisons we make between us and "them," and instead is built on this realization: that life is the chance to love and be loved (October 27); how we are called to give Thanks (October 13). Our life really is a gift!

This Sunday, November 3rd, we will give thanks on All Saints' Sunday. We'll celebrate the lives of those who have come before us, touched us, taught us, and provided for us. This year, tall candles will grace our Communion Table, for these members who have died, and for our former parish administrator of over a decade, Linda Stoker, who died on October 17th:

- Phillip H. Swaebe (d. February 2, 2013)
- Blanca Batteau Fincham (d. March 17, 2013)
- Thomas Rankin (d. May 2013)
- Josephine Ross Turner (d. July 11, 2013)
- Bill Osgood (d. July 25, 2013)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

✦ MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality and Membership committees are in the early stages of re-introducing an old tradition: welcoming new King's Chapel members with a small celebration at the Parish House. In the past, these events took place in the form of a casual dinner or luncheon. Committee chairs will be invited to answer questions regarding the specific role of their committee.

This is an opportunity to welcome new members in a warm and friendly environment. We hope to host the first of these events in early 2014. Members who joined King's Chapel after 2011 will be invited to join us. The Hospitality Committee would also like to create informal family-friendly dinners, to be held every 10 to 12 weeks at the Parish House. We would like to have the dinners early enough to encourage Church School families to join us. All church members will be welcome.

Anne Sexton, Hospitality
Ray Hardin, Membership

✦ ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Beginner's Grace Book Group. In October Joy led a four-part series on prayer, based on Kate Braestrup's book, Beginner's Grace. These were thoughtful, supportive gatherings. We discussed meaningful passages in the book and prayed for each others' health concerns and for safe travels. Each of us wrote a personal prayer to share with the group.

Advent Morning Reflections: Join Rev. Joy Fallon for a quiet morning of Advent Reflections, Saturday, December 7th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Parish House. A time of quiet, prayer, art and journaling, as we prepare for the coming of Love into our lives, celebrated at Christmas

Save the Dates: February 14-16, Friday evening-Sunday morning for our King's Chapel Retreat: "Taking Time, Making Room." We'll gather at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, Massachusetts. Cost for accommodations and meals: \$140 (financial aid available by speaking with the minister). Join Rev. Fallon and members of King's Chapel, open to all at King's Chapel and their guests.

✦ CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

I've been struck by how many of us are caregivers for others. On November 6, at Boston University School of Theology, there will be a talk by a famed Harvard Medical School professor, who himself cared for his wife who had Alzheimers. Arthur Kleinman has urged medical professionals to focus not only on the bodies they are treating, but also on the feelings of those for whom they care: how are the patients and caregivers handling all that they are facing? What could make it better? This lecture is part of a larger series on Suffering, offered this year by the Boston University Institute for Religion and Philosophy, chaired by our member, Allen Speight. For more information, see BU's Institute for Philosophy and Religion website and Harvard Magazine's Forum on Caregiving.

If you would like to join an informal group from King's Chapel who will attend Dr. Kleinman's lecture, and have dinner afterwards to discuss it, email Joy at joy@kings-chapel.org or meet us at the lecture: "SOCIAL SUFFERING AND CAREGIVING: THE GROUND OF MORAL LIFE", **Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 5 p.m. Boston University School of Theology 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 325.**

✦ COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Nine King's Chapel members volunteered on Saturday, September 28, to help Habitat for Humanity (HFH) build high-quality, affordable housing for families in need. The work site was just off Washington Street in Roslindale, and comprises three 3-story duplex homes, part of HFH's effort to revitalize a Boston neighborhood. We worked on the second building, now under construction. Last year our KC team had worked on the first building, now finished, so some of us had the pleasure of visiting with the new homeowner, who had worked with us last year and was now tending her garden, beautifying her new home.

Our team enjoyed a spectacular fall day, and various work at all skill levels, including: painting boards to prevent warping; constructing external walls for the third floor; cutting materials to size for further assembly; and painting the basement. HFH provides a safe environment for volunteers and insures that construction is done to the highest standard so the new owners get homes which are low maintenance and built to last.

Planning is underway for our next HFH Boston build, most likely in April 2014. Please consider making time for a constructive and rewarding day of service with the KC team!
Peter Sexton

KC Habitat Champion and Team Leader
9/29/13

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As we move further into the fall and look ahead to the coming holiday season, there are a number of things I wish to share with you.

Under the able leadership of Cliff Allen, our new chair of Fiscal Affairs, we are beginning to draft our 2014 budget. The new budget will include a very detailed narrative, drawn from discussions that Cliff has had with the minister, leadership, committee chairs, and many members of the Society. This new approach in the drafting of our budget will provide much more clarity in seeing how our funds are being spent. Of equal importance, the narrative budget will demonstrate the significance of how our inability to raise funds will affect our ability to provide services and meet needs.

At a recent Vestry meeting, John Bowman, chair of Buildings and Grounds, and Trustee Sam Perry presented a fairly detailed overview of work which will need to be done to the parsonage. The presentation which focused primarily on the building's external structure will need to be completed within the next twelve months. Following the presentation, the Vestry voted to commit funds from the Society's budget towards this work. The trustees also committed funds from the trust to supplement society funds on this project. This action is an excellent example of what can happen when different parts of our church family work together on behalf of our church.

2014 will mark the end of a number of key leadership positions within the Society. These positions include those of the Wardens, Parish Council chair, Treasurer, and a number of standing committee chairs. Our nominating committee of Beth Chapin, Carol Genovese, and Alan Speight is beginning the very arduous task of putting together a slate of officers and committee chairs to be presented to the Society at our annual meeting in April. You may be hearing from them. If so, please think long and hard about what you can do to further the work and mission of our church. Serving on a committee as a member, or as a committee chair is an excellent way of gaining "hands on" knowledge about the inner workings of our church.

These are just a few of the activities which are taking place as we prepare for the coming holiday season. I extend to each and all of you a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Dean Denniston

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As we mourn their loss, we also are grateful for their many gifts to King's Chapel and our community together. And of course, in the weeks ahead, we'll give thanks at our Thanksgiving Service, too. Come if you're in town, on Thanksgiving Day at 10 AM, to hear the Governor's Proclamation read to us, as is our tradition, and to join with one another in communion.

For all our traditions, and all our new beginnings, I give thanks to God.

With blessings on each of you,

Joy

RESPONDING TO THE BUDGET: PLEDGING WILL BE THE CORE OF THE

As the optimistic responses to the Fiscal Affairs request for congregational input in casting the new Narrative Budget come in, it becomes clear that there are many things that we -- the membership, the Minister and staff -- want to do next year. The unmistakable message is that we do not want simply to go on as we have done, making little tweaks here and there. We appear to recognize that if we are to grow and prosper, indeed survive by increasing membership, there are changes we need to make.

Inescapably, this will require a fundamental shift in the way we think about supporting our church. The correlation between our wishes and our willingness to pay for them is clear. We can no longer try to escape the reality that it is we ourselves -- the members, not the minister and staff alone, not the trusts, not some other outside agency -- who must be willing to work for and pay for our operational improvements, as well as be critical of our own expectations. Indeed, our covenant with our new minister was not for us to be satisfied if she merely maintained our traditions, but rather to join her in providing the energy and discernment necessary to lead us to the King's Chapel we must become to grow and be joyful.

Pledging -- our willingness to pay for what we want from our church -- is a necessary corollary to the Budget. Our strong response will be the clearest manifestation of our faith and commitment to growth. It will be the necessary vote of confidence that we can all recognize that our church plays a central, rewarding, and necessary part of our lives -- a celebration rather than an obligation.

Your Annual Appeal Committee plans to begin King's Chapel's 2014 Pledge Drive this mid-November. We look forward to your powerful and committed response. There will be the whole of 2014 to work to achieve what we seek to become -- or at least the real beginnings of it. What an extraordinary opportunity to seize our own destiny, to get beyond whatever holds us back, to be an integral part of a happy, committed band who feels its purpose, fortitude, and ability!

Thank you and Blessings,

Todd Lee and Karen C. C. Dalton
Co-chairs, 2013 and 2014 Annual Appeals

KING'S CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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.

3 Holy Communion & All Saints

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Cynthia Perkins, lay reader
Lee Glenn, lector
The lesson is Luke 19:1-10.

10 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Marie Wells, lay reader
Carol Genovese, lector
The lesson is Luke 20:27-38.

17 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lee Glenn, lay reader
Sylvia Soderberg, lector
The lesson is Luke 21:5-19.

24 Morning Prayer with Great Litany

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Ciael Hills, lay reader
Charles Perry, lector
The lesson is Luke 23:33-34.

Have announcements, updates, events, or news you'd like to share with the members and friends of King's Chapel?

Email it to admin@kings-chapel.org for it to be included in next month's newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you!

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WEDNESDAYS

Midweek prayer services begin at 12:15 pm and last approximately thirty-five minutes.

6 Midweek Prayer

Ciael Hills, guest preacher

13 Midweek Prayer

Jake Bitner, guest preacher

20 Holy Communion

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher

27 Midweek Prayer

Steve Aucella, guest preacher
Kurt Glacy, guest organist

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be held at 10am on Thanksgiving Day at King's Chapel on Tremont Street. At this service each year, Bob Bradford reads Governor Bradford's historic Thanksgiving proclamation. Please join us in giving thanks for our King's Chapel community.

SECOND SUNDAY

All contributions to the November 10 collection--unless otherwise specified--will go to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. King's Chapel has supported the MA Coalition for several years, in its advocacy and action programs against homelessness in Massachusetts. Please give generously via the "Second Sunday" collection, and look for Community Action Committee champion Cliff Allen in the vestibule, selling holiday cakes to benefit the Coalition's "A Bed for Every Child" program during Advent.

Rev. Fallon's sermons are now available online! Click on the *Worship* tab and you will see the tab labeled *Rev. Fallon's Sermons*. Click there and you will see her sermons from the start of her ministry to the present.

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 pm and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617-227-2155, or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

5 Steven Young plays the C.B. Fisk Organ

Works by Brubns, Dunham, Locklair

12 Patricia McCarty, viola

Works by J.S. Bach & Max Reger

19 Kurt Glacy

plays the C.B. Fisk Organ

Works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Strayhorn

26 Dehua Zhen, Chinese flute Yun Thwaits, pipa

Traditional Chinese Music

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair. Please send your Chancel Flowers gifts ATTN: Parish Administrator, KC Parish House, 64 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108 with "Chancel Flowers" on the memo line of the check.

- Each candle on the Communion Table is in memory of a parishioner or loved one who has died in the past year.
- The flowers on the communion table are given by Pamela Gore in loving memory of Adaline H. Gore, Richard T. Gore, and Peter H. Gore by Pamela W. Gore.
- We do not have a donation this day!** If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins.
- The Communion table is decorated with Thanksgiving bounty.
- The flowers in the Governor's pew are given in loving memory of Governor and Mrs. Robert Fiske Bradford by their children

NOVEMBER 2013 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p style="text-align: center;">All Saints</p> <p>Church School Committee 8:30 a.m. Parish House</p> <p>Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Assistant Minister Search Committee 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Boston Central Clergy @ the Parish House 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Minns Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Veteran's Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish House Closed</p>	<p>Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Community Action Committee 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.</p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Narrative Budget Presentation to the Congregation 12:00 p.m.</p>		<p>Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 5:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Midweek Prayer with Holy Communion 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Building Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>		<i>December Newsletter Deadline</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Morning Prayer Governor's Proclamation Pledges Due! 11:00 a.m.</p>		<p>Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving Day Parish House Closed</p> <p>Thanksgiving Service 10:00 a.m.</p>		

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Rev. Joy Fallon, Senior Minister
Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music
Kimberly Luck, Church School Director
Julina Rundberg, Parish Administrator
Cindy Stephens, Bookkeeper
Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Lead Guide
Jessica Stewart, Administrative Assistant
The Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel, Minister Emeritus

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