



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

# The Banner

An Episcopal parish in the Cape & Islands Deanery of the Diocese of Massachusetts

November/December  
2010

## Weekly Worship

### Sunday

8 a.m.: Rite I  
Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m.: Rite II  
Holy Eucharist

### Nov. 7

6 p.m.: Evensong

### M-Tu-Th-F

8 a.m.  
Morning Prayer

### Wednesday

10 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
in the Chapel

Third Wednesday  
includes Service  
of Healing



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## *Of Cooks, Collects and Caring Choices*

*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people, that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (1549)*

I am an unabashed fan of Advent. This season excites all of my senses. Smells, bells, candles, special music, rose (and or blue) vestments bring further enticements to our already rich worship life as Episcopalians. Okay, I admit that in the weeks before Christmas many cooks and kitchens are energized as well. And, yes, a traditional English prayer often reminded cooks to start “stirring up” their Christmas puddings (desserts) especially those that were weekly doused with brandy and sweet meats.

Yet did you know that Advent was traditionally designed to be filled with excitement, liturgically and theologically? As Anglicans and Episcopalians we are familiar with the short introductory prayers called “Collects.” Such prayers lift up or “collect” the invitation and purpose for each Sunday across the church year. On the eve of the English Reformation collects for each of the five weeks before Christmas began with the word, excita or “stir up.” For our English ancestors this season of waiting and anticipation was not meant to be placid or passively engaged.

Above I have printed Thomas Cranmer’s English “stir up” collect from the first (1549) Prayer Book. Today this collect is altered – although the first two words “stir up” remain. And it has been moved from the last Sunday before Advent (the original Book of Common Prayer placement) to the third Sunday in Advent (see a different version on p. 160 of our Prayer Book). This gives cooks much, much less time to prepare for the holidays. Sound familiar!

This reality – the pressures of so-called secular society in the weeks before Christmas as well as all the expectations we have about preparing ourselves spiritually during Advent and Christmastide – have at times led me to ask for more weeks to prepare, rather than value each and every day. A prayers invoking us to “stir up” our wills or as in the Collect we use today to “stir up” God’s power, are not designed to encourage us to be frenetic. These are not the theological or biblical messages Prayer Book authors had in mind.

When I think theologically about Advent, I am drawn into deeper awareness. Awareness both about the incarnate coming of God’s son, and about the presence

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From the rector: The Rev. Patricia Barrett

## *Awaiting Advent*



As I write this it is still early fall, with the glorious golden light casting a purple shadow on our stone church. But this newsletter will take us through two months and Advent will begin on Nov. 28. Advent is the time of watchful wondering that foreshadows the story of the human birth of Jesus – the incarnation. The season of Advent marked, beginning in the fourth century and still today, preparation for receiving the gift of God’s salvation in the “Word made flesh.”

Advent is the start of the church year and this year we begin in the lectionary cycle of Year A where the texts are centered on the Gospel of Matthew and the prophecy of Isaiah. We will also have these messages linked by Paul’s theological arguments in the letter to the Romans. These lessons and readings evoke in us a longing for life to be more just, more merciful and more peaceful than it is. The readings we will see on Sundays will give us pause – time to stop and think about something other than holiday shopping, baking and partying. It raises the question of whether we have so over-invested in our earthly empires that we have lost sight of God’s intentions for us to think of a new earth, an earth filled with hope.

Advent is my favorite season in the church. I love the darkened days, the enclosure that makes me want to curl up in a chair and read something that will bring my mind to this time of waiting. There are many new titles each year that are good for this season; good to read each day and to pray with or journal with. Some titles I am considering are *The Uncluttered Heart* by Beth A. Richardson; *Meeting Christ at Broadway & Bethlehem* by Edward Hays; *The Meaning is the Waiting* by Paula Gooder. Or I may simply go back and read some of the mystics such as Julian of Norwich. If you want to search titles go online to the [episcopalbookstore.com](http://episcopalbookstore.com) – it is an excellent bookstore in Seattle that ships whatever you want quickly. It is a good practice for Advent; the time when you feel you can be at your busiest and you know in your heart you cannot do it all.

So try not to. Try not to do it all. The holidays will still come – only you may be a little saner and calmer. Looking back to when I was a young mother, I wish I hadn’t baked quite so many cookies and worked quite so hard at making it all “perfect”. What I remember now of the holidays when my girls were little are the mornings when it snowed so much we were stuck inside; when we played games and laughed endlessly; when we did not go and do anything but we simply “were.” Maybe we were waiting. Maybe we felt the fullness of Advent all around us and knew that if we opened our hearts enough this Christ-love would come again, would be born anew, as it is each year, in us.

That is what we are waiting for I think – the expectancy of Mary, waiting for her baby to be born.

Advent is more than waiting for a day to arrive on a date when we celebrate. Advent is a time of waiting for the truth of the story to take root in our hearts and our lives. While Advent offers time for us to wait on God, God is really waiting on us – waiting for our faith to catch up with the power of the story that lives forever in our memory.

—Yours in Christ, Patti

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From the curate: The Rev. Matthew Potts

## *Thank you, thank you*



It's an odd sensation writing in October a column that's meant to address all of the events of November and December. I daresay November and December are Americans' most eventful months, with lots of celebration and travel and hurrying and hustle as the holiday season approaches, arrives, and then suddenly disappears over the next nine weeks or so. For the Church, too, this is a busy time. Our new liturgical calendar begins in Advent, this year the last weekend of November, when most of us will probably be hitting the big Thanksgiving sales. Not to worry though; we have great programs planned in December which you can read about elsewhere in this *Banner*. Advent is meant to be a time of preparation, and there will lots of opportunity for that at St. Barnabas, even if (like most of us) you begin the holy season by running around the mall.

Christmas is of course the holiday all that preparation precedes, one of the great feasts of the church year, and so writing as I am in October it's tempting to look right past November and towards the end of the year. But I'm going to resist that temptation because instead I'd like to think for a minute about that late November Thursday which initiates our Christmas shopping: Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is of course a secular holiday (though for secularists it raises an interesting question: to whom are we giving thanks?), but it has religious beginnings and profound religious implications too, I think.

When I first came to St. Barnabas and had the privilege of serving you all at the altar, I was a bit taken aback when several among our communicants said the words "thank you" to me as I placed a wafer in their hands. Now, the midwest (where I was raised) is a very Anglo-Catholic part of the country; and I went to college at uber-Catholic Notre Dame; and I interned in Cambridge at a very Anglo-Catholic church. In other words, I have been trained as an unrepentant Anglo-Catholic. And among high-churchers like myself, one typically receives the host while averting one's eyes and groveling shamefully and inaudibly mumbling the word, "Amen." It wasn't until I started experiencing firsthand here the wonderful breadth of our Episcopal tradition that I heard faithful people smile and look up at our stained glass and receive the Body of Christ by saying, "thank you."

I'll be honest: at first I was concerned that these words were not appropriately devotional. Whither the shameful groveling so familiar to my own custom? But over the past year as I've come to know all of you and have become part of this congregation, those words "thank you" have meant more and more to me. In the past year Colette and I have received so much from this community and from God – not only our precious daughter Camilla, but all the love and support of this congregation, too. And although many of us struggle with various concerns and ailments and sadnesses, I've also come to know many of you well enough to learn how much this community means. Even when things are hard, you come to church thankful for this place, for these friends, for the lending hand we attempt to offer, and for the God who supports us in our struggles. Whether weeping or laughing, each week we approach our altar and thank God for what we've been given. It's a remarkable but familiar thing, really: what we do Sunday mornings is host a Thanksgiving supper, quite literally. We prepare a feast and invite our family and then offer thanksgiving to God. Indeed, the word "eucharist" itself means "thanksgiving" in Greek and it wasn't until I arrived at St. Barnabas that I witnessed so many of you give thanks at the altar with such gusto.

This old dog has few new tricks to learn, I fear, so when I receive the host these days from Patti at the altar, I still avert my eyes and mumble "amen" like any Anglo-Catholic. But in my heart I am saying, like so many of you, "thank you." Thank you St. Barnabas, thank you God, thank you, thank you, thank you.

—Happy Thanksgiving, Matt

## *A report on a mission trip to El Salvador*

The Youth Leadership Academy of the Diocese of Massachusetts is led by Rev. Kit Lonergan, the Director of Youth Ministries. In August of this year, she, assisted by three other adults, took a group of nine teenagers – high school freshmen and sophomores – to an Episcopal mission site in El Salvador. I was one of the nine.

We left Boston on August 18. We flew to Houston, Texas, and then on to San Salvador. El Salvador is a small country on the southern, Pacific, side of Central America. San Salvador is a city – and looks a lot like any other city – with malls, cars, schools and restaurants everywhere. You could barely tell we were in a different country – except everything was in Spanish.

The villages are smaller, but they are still crowded – the houses are small and close together. San Salvador is a coastal country – like Massachusetts is a coastal state – but it is also mountainous. The streets are often steep and narrow.

We are teenagers, but we are Christian teenagers and we often participated in worship services. We went to El Salvador to help build a church in a local community. Our job was to clear the land around the church and the children of the community worked with us. One of our group speaks Spanish – so she acted as a translator.

In addition to our work commitment, we visited local museums and historical sites which are silent evidence of the civil war which lasted from 1979 to 1992 and killed over 75,000 people – many of them children. At El Mozote, we saw the memorial to nearly 150 children. The names are arranged by age, the youngest was three days old. El Mozote suffered the largest massacre during the Civil War – all but one of nearly 1000 were killed.

One cannot learn about the civil war without learning about Monsignor Oscar Romero, a Jesuit Archbishop who was killed on March 24, 1980 – he was shot on the altar of his small church, in the middle of the celebration of the Eucharist.

What I will remember most about my journey to El Salvador is the children – especially the children from the orphanage. It is sad to know there are so many children without parents: tiny little ones all the way to teenagers, the oldest are probably 17 or 18. But the children we visited seemed to be happy and well cared for – they lived in dorms, they had a church and a gym – and they all wore uniforms to go to school down the street. All the children were happy to have someone to visit and play with them – we were happy to oblige.

This was a once-in-a-life time experience. Thank you for making it possible.

—Tom Stoll

## *Youth Group Interview: Alex Good*

Alex Good is a new member of the Diocesan Youth Council.

### **What is DYC? What will you do for DYC?**

The Diocesan Youth Council is a group of teenagers grades 10-12 from all over Massachusetts. We plan and run retreats at the Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in New Hampshire. There are 4 retreats, the Junior-High Retreat, for grades 6-8; the Senior High Retreat, grades 9-12; and 2 Pre-Confirmation Retreats. We meet about every other month at a church in the Diocese to plan the retreats. We plan skits, activities, questions, and services for the retreats that always are based around a theme that we come up with. Also, we attend the Diocesan Convention. Every deanery has a youth representative that speaks for the youth of that deanery. A main goal for the kids in DYC is to get the youth more involved all over the Diocese. We try to encourage church, and God's love through each other.

### **Why did you want to join DYC?**

I wanted to join DYC because of the positive experience I got at the retreats in New Hampshire. My first retreat was the junior high one, and I had so much fun. Then I went to the pre-confirmation one before I got confirmed two years ago; both retreats brought me closer to God and helped me learn a lot more about myself as

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## *Come to the Alternative Gift Market*

St. Barnabas will again be host to the annual Alternative Gift Market. The market hours have expanded. This year's times are Saturday, November 13, from 10-3 and Sunday, November 14, from 11-3 in the Parish Hall.

An Alternative Gift Market is a place to purchase gifts of charity. This year the market will be able to accept cash, checks, and credit cards (except for a few fair trade items). In return for your purchase, you will receive a card with an insert that describes the charity and the gift. These "gifts" are yours to give away.

Back again are favorite local and international charities including the Falmouth Service Center, Cape Cod Center for Women, and Heifer International. Most international charities represented at the market are vetted by Alternative Gifts International, an organiza-

tion that screens charities. (Read more about them at: [www.altgifts.org](http://www.altgifts.org).) This year the market will have a special focus on relief efforts in Haiti. Represented will be sustainable aquaculture and agriculture projects, an orphanage that was mostly destroyed during the earthquake, and beautiful hand-made, fair-trade products. The St. Barnabas Youth Group will host youth from sponsoring congregations and together they will offer baked goods for shoppers to buy, and Equal Exchange will again be offering coffee and chocolate to sample and for sale.

There are many opportunities to work at the market, and please contact Krista Hennessy,

if you are interested.

Otherwise, please come and enjoy the fun. You will be inspired by all the good work in the world!

### *Outreach Committee plans several events*

The Outreach Committee has now had a few great meetings and is well underway with some interesting conversations and some exciting ideas. We are planning a service project to take place in the new year. The service will provide a meal to people in the community who are in need. The meal will be provided on a day that Around The Table does not offer lunch. The details have not been worked out yet, but please speak with someone on the committee if you have any suggestions.

Over the next few months, members on the committee are going to do some research about:

- What are the needs in our community?
- What organizations would most benefit from our help?
- Who are the people "falling through the cracks"?

If anyone knows of ways to help us gather this information, or has any of their own ideas regarding these issues, please consider coming to a meeting or speaking with a current member. We need more people on the committee but if you cannot make a commitment, please consider just attending a meeting or two to share some ideas. We'd love for any members of the youth group to join us at any time and help us with our mission. We would also like to learn more about the youth's mission trip to South Dakota.

The Rev. Ted Gaiser will be with the congregation on Feb. 13 to speak with us about mission. He is a deacon for Global Mission Partnerships supporting churches in their discernment and development of relationships with other churches and organizations. I hope for us to be inspired by his time with us. Keep bringing items for the food pantry to church each week. We are blessed to have Al Irish, who brings these donations to the service center on Mondays, so please keep them coming.

Overnights of Hospitality, our ongoing support for the Noah Shelter in Hyannis, is always looking for volunteers to make our guests welcome. Please contact Annie Holden or Judy Allen if you are called to this ministry. Also, don't forget to attend the Alternative Gift Market on November 13-14. If you are interested in working at the market, please contact Krista Hennessy for more information.

—Sandie Good

## *Faithful in keeping our promises*

Evidence of faith, and abundance surrounds us. Patti continues to turn thoughts and ideas into action. With God's guidance, she, Matt, and the vestry are working on tuning in to the faith and abundance that the congregation of St. Barnabas possesses and shares.

Transformation and growth are essential to securing our future. Celebrating each other, and what each of us has to offer through volunteering time, energy, and various talents as part of God's family is necessary to the growth of St. Barnabas. The rest of the equation is having the collective ability to sustain our daily operations, continue with various programs, and live independently within our means through our annual financial commitment. This is a transformation of sorts.

Bishop Harris' insights, reminders, and encouragement on September 24 included the phrase, "Attitude of Gratitude." Transforming our attitudes and reminding ourselves of what we have to be thankful for can only feed in to this "Attitude of Gratitude." What if

you and I live with a constant attitude of gratitude?

What if we choose to give joyfully? The possibilities are endless. Responding to God and the gifts He has bestowed upon us can only help each and every one of us live more fully.

What are the blessings in your life? What are you thankful for at St. Barnabas? What if you gave because you know you have been given so much? Our bond with God can only be strengthened through our ability to give thanks, and give joyfully. This can happen only through each of us tuning into the abundance that we are so fortunate to have.

The foundation of financial commitment today will secure our growth, and show our faith and promise leading to our future.

As God is faithful in keeping God's promises, we too must be faithful in ours.

—Sue O'Brien, Junior Warden

### *Church Women United*

Good News! I have secured a host parish for World Day of Prayer 2011. It will be St. Anthony's in East Falmouth on Saturday, March 5, at noon. Father Costello will be with us, and we'll learn about the history of their church, in which Falmouth's agricultural past played a large part. Agriculture also plays a very large role in our 2011 subject country: Chile. Many of the agricultural products we buy come from its fertile central region. With regard to its chilly (no pun intended) southern region, I hope to enlist someone from the Woods Hole scientific community to tell us about her work there. With regard to Chile's northern region, the Atacama desert, we have all been praying and finally cheering the news that the 33 trapped miners have been rescued. Thanks Be To God!

On Friday, November 5, I will be attending CWU's annual World Community Day, a Cape-wide celebration hosted this year at Corpus Christi Parish in Sandwich from 10 a.m. to noon. The theme is "Building the Beloved Community." \$10 registration includes lunch. Phone if you could join me.

—Alice Batchelor

### *Guest preacher Nov. 21*

Monica "Nicki" Verploegen will be our guest preacher on Nov. 21, beginning a series of mission Sundays bringing what is going on in the outside world home to us. Nicki, a spiritual director and colleague of Patti's, will talk about her foundation that helps give spiritual relief to aid workers globally. Our next mission Sunday will be in February.

A cattle rancher's daughter originally from Montana, Verploegen has traveled extensively, exploring creative cultural approaches to contemplative living. She offers retreats through the nonprofit, TATENDA International, which she co-founded in 2007. These retreats say "thank you" to caregivers and humanitarian aid workers in dire situations and provide respite for them free of charge.

Nicki holds a doctorate in Formative Spirituality and is a Visiting Professor at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati.

## *Youth Group Interview: Alex Good*

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an Episcopalian. I remember the DYC members from the retreats I went to, they were all friends having a great time singing and praying. I thought DYC would be able to connect to other kids my age that had the same respects for church as I do. I have my youth group, which I love, but I wanted to explore and do more!

### **What has been your favorite thing about DYC so far?**

I have only been to one event as a member of DYC, which was the Kick-off retreat for all DYC members, in September. At the retreat, we all met each other and played games and activities that would allow us to get to know each other better. I had a lot of fun meeting all new people. I would have to say my favorite thing so far is all the new friends I've made! I already stay in touch with a lot of the kids through Facebook, and I

even met up with one girl at my volleyball game the other day! It gives me a great feeling inside to know I have friends that I can express how I really feel without being embarrassed of my religious beliefs. I know I am going to make great friendships and that's been my favorite part.

### **What are you most looking forward to in DYC?**

The part of DYC I am most looking forward to are the retreats! I'm so excited to get other kids excited about religion! I want other kids to see how much fun church and youth group can be! I want kids to have the same fun experience I had the retreats when I was younger. I'm excited to plan and think of activities to do to get the kids more excited. I'm excited to be able to just be myself, and have a good time. I'm excited to carry out the work of God to the youth!

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## *Of Cooks, Collects and Caring Choices*

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of divinity in the ordinariness of daily life. Am I noticing the silent, the small, and the simple, spending time away from the busyness of each day? I walk more and seek to catch glimpses of creation's wonder.

I do have to discipline myself to take time to slow down, and to walk, especially in colder weather. Inside my home I am also a happy reader. So last Advent I spent some of Advent's time quietly reading a very accessible and seasonally apt book, Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan, *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth* (2007). This year I am reading another book by Borg, *The Heart of Christianity*. I wish to be more aware of our biblical legacies and do this in part by choosing to read good books for pleasure and enhanced awareness.

A wise woman theologian once noted, "What we choose to notice, is an ethical act." Awareness for me is also about ethical choices, seeing Advent through the eyes of social justice and global issues, becoming increasingly attuned to the messianic messages of deliverance for the poor that are central in the Advent lectionary. Advent draws me to increased concern for those Bishop Barbara Harris frequently described as "the least, the lost, and the left out." Thus I have added to my title above a decision to make "caring choices."

Speaking of choices a recently approved liturgy in the Church of England, now uses "raise up" instead of "stir up." This could of course refer to raising up those who, in Mary's brave hymn, are hungry and are now filled with good things. And yes, it could also refer to bread yeastily rising. I am now back where I started.

Still I invite you to think about where you will be attentive this Advent. How will you prepare? What quiet times will you make room for? My wish is that each of us this Advent, is that our lives will be "stirred up" and filled with caring choices.

—Fredrica Harris Thompsett, Ph.D

## *Anglican Communion Covenant Study Group*

As you may know, lots of disagreement and dissension have arisen in global Anglicanism over the last ten years, at least partly due to some lack of shared understanding over what it means for us to be in relationship – that is, to be in Communion – with one another as Anglicans. The Anglican Covenant, which is a document produced by an international team of theologians, clergy, laypeople, and leaders, is one possible approach to defining and clarifying the nature of our relationships between and among the various churches of our communion.

It is not necessarily the best or only way to define and solidify these relationships, however, and the Episcopal Church is attempting serious self-study over the next year in order to determine how it should relate to the Covenant process.

This is not a decision for bishops and deputies,

however; it's a decision for all of you. What the Covenant means and whether it is good for our Episcopal Church should be determined by everyday Episcopalians, the people in the pews, because you are the Church of Christ. Recognizing this, our Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies have invited and encouraged us to study the document during Advent or Lent of the coming church year and then to report our impressions and reactions to the national Church after Easter.

Here at St. Barnabas we will be pursuing our study of the Covenant on Wednesdays in Advent, at 6 p.m. in the parish house, with simple soup supper provided. If the Anglican Communion or our relationship to it is important to you, please consider joining us for supper and study on Wednesdays this Advent.

## *Sunday Adult Formation opportunities*

Our fall topic for the 9 am Sunday theology forum, "What if God so loved the world?," will conclude in November. Not to fear! The forum will continue through Advent and beyond. Frederica Harris Thompsett will lead us on Sundays in Advent through *Holy Women, Holy Men*, the new book of saints and feast days in the Episcopal Church. Fully revised and expanded, this new work is the first major revision of the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church in more than 40 years. It is the official revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts and authorized by the 2009 General Convention.

All commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts have been retained, and many new ones added, including some "trial" feast days which are celebrated in some locales and are proposed for celebration by the wider church. It is an exciting and interesting volume, and Frederica will ably guide us through its treasures.

Then, in the new year look forward to announcements about our upcoming theology forums: in Epiphany, a study of the gospel of Matthew and in Lent, a look into theology of race and racism. Also, keep an eye out for Sunday bible study . . . See you Sunday mornings!

### **ECW Luncheon Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 23 at noon, Parish House**

Willing hands are needed to wrap Christmas gifts that will be given to a needy family thru the Salvation Army's Dress-A-Live-Doll Program. The gifts that include a complete outfit for each child, from underwear to snow jacket, will be purchased by ECW's elves. Wrapping paper will also be provided. Please bring a sandwich for lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. Also remember to support the Falmouth Service Center with non-perishable food items for holiday meals. This is always a meeting that gets everyone into the spirit of Christmas by giving to others.

### **Youth Group T-Day Pie Sale!**

Check the bulletin and the weekly emails for details on the Youth Group's Thanksgiving Pie sale. Why bake when you can support the Youth Group!

## *Music Department News*

### **Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Our children's choirs—the St. Nicholas Choir for boys grade 3 through voice change and the St. Cecili Choir for girls grade 3 through high school—began rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 13, at 5:30-6:15 p.m. If you have a child or children that might be interested in joining us, please contact Randolph James, organist and director of music at 508-548-3863. This choir is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), which provides the opportunity for teamwork as well as individual progress. The program suggested by RSCM is designed to build a musically competent group that can play its full part in the life of the Church and the greater community. Recommended repertoire broadens the singers understanding and enjoyment of music and worship. This new choir will sing once a month at the 10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist in the church as this choir progresses.

### **The Campanella Choir: Handbells for middle-schoolers through adults**

This choir is for students and adults who have a well-developed understanding of music and musical nota-

tion. A strong sense of commitment to all scheduled rehearsals and all scheduled events is required for membership in this choir. The Campanella Choir will accompany singing choirs, hymns and psalms as well as play voluntaries. Rehearsals are TBA as playing is scheduled. We have purchased a used set of handbells from White Chapel Bell Foundry of England. They will be refurbished this summer and be back in time for our first rehearsal in September!

### **Lauda Musicam**

This NEW instrumental ensemble of early instruments will concentrate on the practice and performance of Medieval and Renaissance music. Instruments used are: recorders, stringed instruments, krumhorns, hurdy gurdy, shawm, bombarde, percussion and anything else we can find! A strong commitment to attendance and the ability to read music are required for participation in this ensemble. This ensemble will play for the 10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist four times a year, and play at other festive occasions. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. Jan Elliot conducts this ensemble.

## *News and notes from around the parish*

### **The Episcopal Church Men**

The Episcopal Church Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 291 Jones Road. Our speaker is Shelley Dawicki, discussing operations at NOAA in Woods Hole. All are welcome. We will not meet in December.

### **Cookbook Cookie Swap**

The Parish Cookie Swap is planned for Monday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

For this special event we are asking those attending to bring two dozen cookies, an empty container, and, of course, your recipe. We will provide coffee and tea and most of all a good time! This will give you a head start on your holiday baking and you can always freeze some of cookies. There is always a little cookie monster in all of us!

Look for more cookbook updates in Sunday bul-

letins and the Thursday emails. Happy Cooking!

—Lois Ferreira and Debbie Gentile

### **Prayer Chain**

The members of the Prayer Chain are pleased to pray for your prayer concerns and are pleased that many people are using the prayer boxes in the Narthex and the Chapel. Please let us remind you of a few things. Please do not put money in our boxes for anything! We certainly don't need donations for praying! Please do update us on how your prayer concern is doing! We like to know if your loved one is no longer in need of prayers, so that if it is appropriate, we may include the person on our Thank you, God! prayers. Please feel free to contact anyone on Prayer Chain to add concerns! Thank you for the privilege of serving you in this way!

—Susan Schmidt and the Prayer Chain



# *Fall Events*





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### ***Websites of Interest***

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*(Check the online calendar  
for the latest on events.)*

Cape & Islands Deanery  
[www.capeislandsdeanery.org](http://www.capeislandsdeanery.org)

Diocese of Massachusetts  
[www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org)

The Episcopal Church  
[www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

The Anglican Communion  
[www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)

## ***November-December Special Service Schedule***

**Nov. 7: Evensong, 6 p.m.**

**Nov 14: Ingathering Sunday**  
Bring Your Pledge Card To Church!

**Nov. 14: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service At St Patrick's**  
with The Rev. Matt Potts preaching, 7 p.m.

**Nov 20: Cabaret, 5 p.m.**

**Dec 24: Christmas Eve**  
4 p.m. Childrens Service/Family Service, HE II  
7 p.m. HE II  
10 p.m. Candlelight Festival Eucharist

**Dec 25: Christmas Day**  
10 A.M. HE II

**Dec 26: Sunday**  
8 a.m. HE I  
10 a.m. Lessons And Carols