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A different look for the Leaflet...

Lent through Easter is the busiest time of the year for church offices, especially this year with changes in staff, construction in the office, and work to upgrade many of our communications. Recognizing how important communication is at this time of year, your Interim Parish Administrator begs your indulgence as we simplify our format for the next few editions of the *Leaflet*. You'll still **find out what's happening at CCC** and how you can **be involved**, including education and mission activities, events inside and outside the parish, and the Holy Week schedule. You can read about recent events and messages from the Rector and the Wardens. The Liturgical Rota for March will be mailed out under separate cover.

Normally we would begin with a message from the Rector. In this edition, we include Joe's address to the parish from the annual meeting. Due to its length, we've chosen to put this in the center section of the *Leaflet* as a tear-away. If you weren't able to attend this important event in our parish life, you'll find Joe's address a wonderful summary of what we've accomplished and our challenges moving forward.

Whether you're newly arrived at CCC or have been here for years, **be part of the excitement** that is Christ Church Cambridge and sign up for one of the many activities you'll find here, through the end of Lent and into the Easter Season. If you have news for the April *Leaflet*, please email tvhcosway@cccbridge.org by March 20th.

Tanya Cosway



Lent & Holy Week at Christ Church Cambridge

The Sundays of Lent

February 24, March 2 and 9

Holy Eucharist at 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Adult Education and Sunday School at 9:00 am.

The Wednesdays of Lent

Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 16, Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m.

The service begins with a Procession of Palms in joyful remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Way of the Cross with Eucharist

Monday, March 17, and Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Sung Tenebrae

Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

March 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Choir, recalling Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet and their last meal together.

Good Friday

March 21

Way of the Cross at 11:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy at Noon and 7:00 p.m. Evening service with Choir.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 22. Annual Schmidgall Memorial Easter Egg Hunt at 5:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 22

The Great Vigil of Easter with Choir at 7:00 p.m. The service starts with the lighting of the New Fire, and moves to the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day

Sunday, March 23

Festival Eucharist with choirs at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., followed by an Easter lunch at 12:30 p.m.



Adult Inquirers' Class, Spring 2008

A series of Monday evening classes led by the Rector and Assistant Rector began Monday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House Library, and it is not too late to join. The series is open to all who would like to learn more about the history and theology of the sacraments in our faith tradition, and to those who wish to be confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church. Classes will be held on consecutive Monday evenings (with some exceptions due to the church calendar in Lent). Meeting nights are February 25, March 3, 10, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; and May 5, 12, and 19. This year, Confirmation for all parishes in the Alewife Deanery takes place here at Christ Church on Saturday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. Information and registration forms are in the Church Office.

Joe Robinson & Jeff Mello



Discover the Altar Guild & Join in our Easter Preparations

With the many newcomers and recent additions to our congregation, we would like to repeat the Altar Guild's invitation to men, women and older children to share with us in this service, both at Sunday services and other occasions. Currently, the Guild is hard at work preparing for Lent and Easter. Lois Bennett co-ordinates the Lenten floral offerings and Susie White will co-ordinate the Easter flowers. If you would like to **be trained** for this rewarding work, contact Webb Brown at webb40@juno.com, 617-923-0057, or Summer Akimoto at summerted@aol.com or 781-391-9891.

Our next **work day is Saturday, March 8**, and everyone is invited. We'll undertake the usual silver and brass polishing, plus additional work putting the cleaned covers back on the pew cushions. Mark your calendars, plan to help, and bring a friend. See you at 9:30 a.m. in the Rector's Reception Room.

Part of decorating the Church for Easter is building a flower-filled Cross. Families are asked to **bring flowers** for the children in their families. Extra flowers will also be available.

We offer an annual opportunity to **honor or memorialize loved ones by contributing to the Flower Fund**. This is an open invitation to make memorial gifts, not only for flowers on Sundays, but for vestments, linens and a great variety of other items which need refurbishing or replacement. Names will be listed on an insert in the order of worship for Easter services on March 22 and 23.

Forms for dedications for these donations are available in the pews on Sundays, at the parish office and on our website (www.cccambridge.org). Checks with forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Parish Office: Christ Church Cambridge, Easter Flowers, Zero Garden Street, Cambridge 02138. The deadline for submitting names is Tuesday, March 18 at the Parish Office. If you have any questions about making such a gift, speak to the clergy or one of the Altar Guild co-chairs, Webb or Summer.

Webb Brown & Summer Akimoto

Easter Egg Hunt – Youth & Eggs Needed!

The annual Schmidgall Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Easter Vigil service. Please **bring a dozen white, uncooked eggs per child to the Church** on Thursday, March 20, or on Good Friday, March 21, before 7:00 p.m. Donations of additional cartons are welcome and will ensure enough eggs for visiting children to hunt. The egg hunt only happens with the help of CCC High School and Junior High School youth. Please come to the kitchen following the Good Friday service to **dye eggs** and share dinner with fellow egg dyers. Then come to the cemetery on Easter Saturday at 4:00 p.m. to prepare the graveyard and **hide the eggs**. Please invite your Senior and Junior High School friends to join in the fun!

David Bliss



Lenten Series at Harvard

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, The Rev. Dr. Ben King, Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard, and Jon Page, Epps Fellow, are hosting a series on “Jesus the Enigma: Who is Your Jesus?” The discussions explore different images and understandings of Jesus. Each meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Pusey Room at Harvard’s Memorial Church.

- February 27 “The Black Christ”. The Rev. Hurmon E. Hamilton, Jr., Senior Pastor, Roxbury Presbyterian Church
- March 5 “Why Bother with the Hypostatic Union?”. The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley, Norris-Husle Professor of Divinity, Cambridge University
- March 12 “Jesus: The Rock of the Ages”. The Rev. Dr. Gordon P. Hugenberg, Senior Minister, Park Street Church, Boston
- March 19 “The Cross of Christ and Our Images of God”. The Reverend Dr. John Randall Sachs, S.J., Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology



Lenten Practices for busy families:

- With teenage children, give up television for one night a week and replace it with a Family Devotional Night. Start collecting articles, scripture, poems, anything that calls to you, and keep in a binder. Read a piece as a *Family Devotion* and **talk to your kids about where they see God**. Share where you see God in the selection. If you are looking for additional material, some teens like the book *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*. The stories are short but relate to teens. Ask your teens to read the newspaper themselves and find articles for family discussion. Keep all of your materials in your binder, and if you keep adding each year it would be a great family keepsake that you can send with them when they leave home.
- **Make a sacrifice as a family that is easily understood by small children**. Have one simple meal a week of soup and bread. Help the children decorate a basket for the table.

Each week, place in the basket for an offering the amount of money you would have spent on a larger meal. Let your children know that you set aside this money in order to present a small sacrifice to God. Have the children prepare the basket with a simple liner or create prayers for dinner and attach them to the basket with ribbons. Then at the Easter Vigil use this decorated basket to bring to church this mealtime offering for God.

- **Take turns as a family reading prayers at mealtime.** If you have small children have them draw their prayers. Light a simple candle every day for the forty days of Lent as you read the office. On Sundays, why not have a pretty candle that you light? This will start a conversation on why we don't count Sundays as part of the forty days of Lent.

Amy Cook, Diocese of Massachusetts Resource Center



Diocese of Massachusetts Presents Marcus Borg on March 15

Noted author and Biblical scholar Marcus Borg is the featured speaker at this year's spring learning event for the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts. Often cited as one of the leading historical Jesus scholars of his generation, Borg is the author of numerous books, including the bestsellers *Jesus: A New Vision* and *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*.

On Saturday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m., those attending can explore Christian belief and the historical Jesus with one of the church's most distinguished writers. As preparation, participants are urged to read, or re-read, some of Borg's works, including *The Last Week* and *The Meaning of Jesus*. Most of Professor Borg's titles are readily available at local book stores, or through the Massachusetts Bible Society (1-800-445-4018).

The spring event takes place in Sherman Union at Boston University, and is open to all without charge. To register, log on to the Diocese of Massachusetts website www.diomass.org, and follow the prompts. In lieu of a registration fee, the diocese will collect donations for the St. Andrew's Church housing project in Ramallah, on the West Bank in Palestine. Sherman Union is easily reached via the Green Line 'T'. For more information, contact Amy Cook acook@diomass.org, 617-482-4826, ext. 645.

Joyce Walker



Sunday Forum on the Psalms with poet J. Chester Johnson

The Psalms contained in *The Book of Common Prayer*, are an essential part of corporate worship conducted in The Episcopal Church. They are also part of the lectionary and other forms of personal worship. The new translation that the Episcopal Church embraces for praise and prayer was an enormous undertaking, requiring nearly a decade to complete. J. Chester Johnson, with W.H.

Auden, was one of the two poets on the drafting committee for the re-translation now included in *The Book of Common Prayer*. He will be with us for the “First Sunday Forum” series on Sunday, April 6th following the 10:15 a.m. service. Among other matters, Mr. Johnson will **discuss the Psalms** as verse, the history of the Psalms as received by The Episcopal Church, the approaches taken by the re-translation project, the ways the re-translated Psalter differs from other translations (i.e., RSV, metrical psalms, etc.), and the adoption of the Episcopal version by Lutherans in the United States and Canada and by the Anglican Church of Canada, plus vignettes about W. H. Auden and others on the committee.

Jeff Mello



Super Tuesday

Super Tuesday was not only a big event for presidential candidates but also for the talented people at our church. The annual Shrove Tuesday talent show was super special this year, not only due to the spectacular acts, but also because the youth choir, after five years of hard work, has finally raised the \$5,000 needed to **purchase an ark from Heifer International**. An ark contains many animals that will be distributed throughout the world to places of need. The original group of Youth Choir members, myself included, chose the Heifer Project because it not only helped out those in need, but also gave them the means to support themselves with opportunities for a better life. After much work at Christmas Fairs, Shrove Tuesdays, and other fund raisers, this is the year the goal has been reached, and it is awesome. Congratulations to all Youth Choir members from all years.

This year’s talent show had some unconventional acts. I don’t recall ever making it rain inside at the talent show before. Jeff Mello led the whole room in an indoor thunderstorm with our hands. Thank goodness we all remained dry in the process. I also don’t recall ever learning the Lord’s Prayer in the original Greek, but it’s good to shake things up, thanks to Brent Landau. The night was filled with musical talent. From classical Bach and Duke Ellington's “Don't Get Around Much Anymore” to original pieces like the Eggplant Song, music filled the hall. Another highlight of the night: two young brothers’ rendition of “How Many Toes Does a Fish Have?” and the Superman theme song; not only was the singing outstanding but one could have mistaken them for comedians. Another set of comedian-singers were *The Decades*. As they all fought for the spotlight, they sang romantic songs making every woman (and some men too, I am sure) swoon. That Jim Tanner sure is dreamy. Another dreamy man, although a slightly less comedic song choice, was our rector Joe. Joe played the piano while singing a song he wrote for religious campers 25 years ago after he was first ordained. Joe’s 25th ordination anniversary made the night even more super special. Diane gave a lovely tribute to Joe, including an account of how they first met. His smooth moves got him the woman (his pick up line was, “Are you an Episcopalian?”), and they have been happily married ever since.

The night was indeed super. Topping it off was some delicious cake. “Mary Lou and the Sugar Bugs”, a story of germs and dentists read by Roberta Hirshson, did not turn off all the kids (or adults) from sugar as they gulped down the dessert. Super Tuesday was super in all meanings of the word. We got to save the world, eat pancakes, and **listen to some amazing talent**. If that isn’t super, I don’t know what is.

Elizabeth Lerret

Honduras Mission:

The Honduras Mission Team has been traveling to the Episcopal Church community of San Pedro circa del Rio for several years now, building community and expanding the footprint of the church. This expanded footprint offers much needed space for education, a sewing coop and church gatherings. Please see our blogspots from the past two trips for highlights:
<http://hondurasmission2006.blogspot.com/> and <http://christchurchmission2007.blogspot.com/>

The Christ Church Honduras Mission Team is looking for Missioners for the upcoming trip this summer. We enthusiastically invite any and all who are interested in **joining the trip**, still deciding, or just want to hear more details, to attend a special new comers meeting. This meeting will be February 21 @ 7p.m. in the Vestry Room. For more information, contact Sara Sclaroff at ssinboston@yahoo.com or Anker Lerret at anker.lerret@usa.net

Sara Sclaroff



New Orleans Stories

Each of the 100,000 homes to be rebuilt in the Katrina flood-damaged city of New Orleans has its story. In January, 2008, two and a half years after the disaster, a group from CCC, including Kelly Blackburn, Jill Herold, Jim McSherry, Zena Link, Sandy Sherwood, and Ann and Mead Wyman, joined six people from Trinity Boston in the rebuilding effort. The Episcopal diocese of Louisiana provided housing and able volunteer coordinators. Our group split into teams each day. Each day I visited a different home and learned a bit about its story.

Day 1. Mrs. W's house was almost ready to be occupied. Like many New Orleans houses, hers was built in the shotgun style. One could stand at the front door and shoot through the entire house one room wide to the back door. The homes on one side of her and across the street were vacant and the one next door was occupied by several workers who were refurbishing it. After the flood she had used the \$2000 she'd gotten to install a new roof. (Sadly, Liz, the volunteer coordinator, had to plan the repair of the inferior roofing job without letting Mrs. W know about the shoddy work a contractor had done.) We **cut baseboards for the kitchen cabinets**, made closet shelves, cleaned up construction debris, and rebuilt two porches. Mrs. W made no choices about colors or tile. She just wanted to get back into her home as quickly as possible where she plans to live with her son and his two children. She should be home again soon.

Day 2. Mrs. J's house, in the attractive middle class Gentilly Terrace neighborhood, was higher than many in the area. Most of the houses on her street are occupied. Mrs. J had only two feet of water – but mold and mildew made it imperative to redo the drywall and replace furniture. We had the task there to **install insulation** in the low attic. We crawled around the dusty area and pried up floorboards with crowbars. Mrs. J, at 72, had been a school art teacher for 34 years. She lost her husband about ten years ago and has no children. She lives in a FEMA trailer in her front yard. My prediction is that she never will occupy her house, since she is too upset to go in by herself. Despite adequate financial means, Mrs. J's psychological reserves are exhausted. Kiel, her volunteer coordinator, hopes to find someone from her church to live with her.

Day 3. Mr. G has two houses in the middle class Lakeview neighborhood close to Lake Pontchartrain. The flooding came when the lake's concrete walls broke. Our assignment this day was yard work. When we got to his house the yard was fine, but we ended up **learning to do drywall finishing** with Mr. H, a free lance contractor, in Mr. G's second house. Mr. H had helped Mr. G make his home handicapped accessible for Mrs. G, a paraplegic due to a car accident. This day became as much Mr. H's story as that of Mr. G. Mr. H told us about running a makeshift camp for flood victims in City Park. He'd found his life mission. Some of our group wondered if we were really helping flood victims when we ended up investing time in Mr. G's second home. But Mr. G said he was going to give the home for a year or two to the group leaders of Adventures in Missions, an evangelical group doing rebuilding work.

Day 4. Mr. S's double shotgun house next to the Lower Ninth ward had been under construction when a fire next door did extensive damage to his house. Much of the woodwork on one side was charred. Mr. S brought a bag of clementines in appreciation to the group of 26 volunteers working there on drywall finishing. Fifteen students from University of Delaware joined us to **erect scaffolding** in order to reach the high ceilings, and slop mud on the joints with wide spatulas. Kiel and Jonathan, the volunteer coordinators, kept us all occupied the entire day. Several people returned the next day to continue this work. The Delaware students would follow up with painting the rooms the next week. It would be satisfying to see a job completed.

Day 5. Mr. E's house, also a double shotgun, is near Musician's Row – a Habitat project of newly constructed homes for some of the musicians of New Orleans, many of whom were left homeless by Katrina. Mr. E and his two sons lived in one half of this house. Mr. E visited with us much of the day as two of us worked on tiling his bathroom floor. He related how he played the soprano sax and had traveled with his band all over the world. His wife, the main organizer of the band, had died of a stress related heart attack after the flood, and he missed her business acumen. His two sons played video games as we learned how to set tiles. I thought to myself, "If I could **learn to set tiles** today, maybe they could be learning to set tiles as well." Mr. E roused them to help us pack up the heavy stuff into the truck when we left.

This trip with its five stories left us with many questions. News stories do not adequately describe the devastation to NOLA. What about the hundreds and hundreds of empty houses that are still standing? the vacant neighborhoods? the closed shopping centers? the unbelievably high murder rate? Which government entity should hold the main responsibility?

Our group left New Orleans exhausted from the physical work, but heartened by making a small difference in the lives of a few families of that wonderful city. An important benefit of volunteers' work in New Orleans is the critical message that it sends to residents – they are not forgotten and we care. Christ Church hopes to lead another mission there within the year.

To learn more about the storm and the rebuilding, see <http://www.nola.com/katrina/> or http://www.edola.org/odr_main.php or wikipedia - Effect of hurricane Katrina on New Orleans.

Ann Wyman



On The Rise

For some years, Christ Church has offered support to *On the Rise*, a safe haven for women who are homeless or in crisis. We **provide sturdy clothing** suitable for the season, toiletries from hotels and airlines, linens and dishes for those fortunate enough to receive housing, lunch cooked by several of our parishioners, some very substantial gifts of money, and occasionally manpower on their Work Saturdays, the first in each month. For all these gifts, the staff at *On The Rise* send thanks to the Mission Committee and to all the individuals who contribute so faithfully.

Their needs are on-going, so please drop your contributions in the box at the Christ Church office. If you would like to help at the house or cook, contact Donna Thach at donna.thach@ontherise.org or ring her at 617-497-7968 ext. 36. You can also contact Summer Akimoto at summerted@aol.com or 781-391-9891 for more information or a pick-up of goods.

Summer Akimoto



Christ Church Celebrations (in Pictures)!

Celebrate our parish life together through photos! Have you received emails with photos of Shrove Tuesday energy, Joe's 25th anniversary as a priest, Jeff's ordination, the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, or the Christmas Pageant? *Christ Church Celebrations* is an occasional email created and sent out by parish member Amey Callahan that contains photos of our parish life together. The email can be sent to any member of Christ Church parish who asks for it. How can you be added to the list and **receive photos**? Please email Amey directly at acallahan@gmail.com and ask to be put on the photo celebrations e-list.

Amey Callahan



B-SAFE 2008

The B-SAFE Program (The Bishop's Summer Academic & Enrichment Program) is a six-week, full-day academic and enrichment program serving young people from first grade through high school in the city of Boston. Christ Church has agreed to serve as a partner church for the B-SAFE program again this summer. In 2007, Christ Church volunteers participated in the program by **preparing and serving lunch, reading and visiting with students**, and hosting a Friday field trip to Revere Beach. Nearly 20 parishioners volunteered, had a wonderful time, and made a huge impact on the lives of the children with whom they worked.

If you're interested in participating this year (week to be announced) contact co-organizers Mary Beth Clack (mclack@fas.harvard.edu) and Zena Link (alink@eds.edu) or Jeff Mello (jwm@cccbridge.org). You'll be glad you did.

Mary Beth Clack

A Message from the Archivist

The Archives of the Episcopal Church invites you to **explore an online exhibition**, *The Church Awakens: African-Americans and the Struggle for Justice* at http://episcopalarchives.org/Afro-Anglican_history/exhibit/ The story begins in the 18th century with Absalom Jones, whose life we commemorated on February 13, and continues up through today. It is a story we should all know, and is elegantly presented on this site, where the narrative weaves through an astonishing array of pictures.

Louise Ambler



Wardens' Corner

It has been a bit of a mad dash from Christmas to Lent, via the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorations, the Annual Meeting of the Parish, the Rector's 25th Ordination Anniversary celebration, and Shrove Tuesday, among other things, all fitting into an unusually short Epiphany Season.

At the 231st Annual Meeting of the Parish on Sunday, February 3, our Rector, the Reverend Joseph O. Robinson, gave the Annual Address to the Parish (printed elsewhere in this *Leaflet*), followed by reports from the Treasurers and the Wardens. Several people were elected or re-elected to Vestry: Senior Warden, Karen Mathiasen; Junior Warden, Sally Kelly; Treasurer, Mark MacMillan; Assistant Treasurer, Tanya Cosway; Clerk, Jude Harmon; Vestry Members, Peggy Johnson, Samantha Morrison, Nancy Sinsabaugh, and Christopher Wolf; and Diocesan Delegates, Seth Lancaster and Joyce Walker. They join returning Vestry members, Amey Callahan, Tim Cutler, Tim Groves, Wendy Squires, and Mimi Truslow, and Archivist and Parish Historian, Louise Ambler. Thank you to Dean Johnson, Jeff Brown, Tim Groves, Sue Hallowell, Peter Lee, Wendy Squires and Sarah Wolf for your service on this year's Nominating Committee. Thank you to all who agreed to run for office. Whether or not your candidacy was successful this year, it is a tribute to your love and concern for Christ Church that you were **willing to step forward**, and we are all very grateful to you.

Several of our Vestry members had terms that expired: Senior Warden, Dean Johnson; Vestry members, Clarissa Bronson, Sue Hallowell, and Timothy Matthews; and Diocesan Delegates, Calvert Magruder and Charley Musselman. We thank them all for their wonderful work, but especially Dean, who served as Senior Warden for six years through times that were variously challenging, heady, difficult, fun, painful, and wonderful. Thank you, Dean! We will **celebrate** Dean's service as Senior Warden in conjunction with a festive live and silent auction to be held in the Spring.

We had a wonderful celebration of the Rector's 25th anniversary of his ordination. The observance began during the liturgical portion of our Annual Meeting, as our Assistant Rector, the Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello, led the entire congregation in celebratory prayer and a laying on of hands. The celebration continued on Shrove Tuesday, the actual 25th Anniversary day, culminating in all present serenading Joe and Diane Robinson in loving song.

Shrove Tuesday was a wonderful evening of poetry and music and stories, food and conversation, a few more serious moments, and always fun. Thank you to Tim and Millicent Cutler, who, along with a crew of Church School parents, organized a wonderful supper, and to Jeff Mello, who emceed the Talent Show.

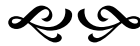
There have been a couple of recent staff changes. Dona O'Donnell has joined us as Financial Administrator, and is settling right in. Kenny Likis has resigned as Parish Administrator, and Tanya Cosway is filling in as Interim Parish Administrator while we seek a permanent hire. Thank you to Kenny, for your service, and to Tanya, for stepping in to help.

As we look ahead, we are so grateful to our clergy: to our Rector, who has brought such spirit to Christ Church, to Jeff Mello, who in a short time has done so much for our children's and youth programs, to the Reverend Karen Montagno, our Priest Associate, who continues to guide us in new ways, especially pastoral care, and to the Reverend Dr. Benjamin King, who has helped us forge a whole new relationship with the Harvard Episcopal Chaplaincy.

Especially we **give thanks** for our new Vestry, and for so many of you who give of your time, talent, and treasure to make Christ Church the wonderful and vibrant parish that it is.

Peace,

Karen Mathiasen & Sally Kelly



Thank you

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers I found waiting in the church at my father's funeral. It was a tangible reminder of all the prayers and support you and the staff at Christ Church has given me and my family throughout my father's illness and death. When I found it difficult to pray, I took comfort in the knowledge that many of you were doing it for me. I am deeply grateful.

Yours in Christ,
Buffy Gray



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Donate to the Auction!

This Spring Christ Church will hold a Dinner Celebration with a Live and Silent Auction to thank Dean and Karen for their six years as Senior and Junior Wardens. We need you to **celebrate!**

We need your donations! Consider donating a dinner for 6 at your home, a week (or long weekend) at your vacation home, tickets to the Red Sox or Patriots, tickets to the BSO or the ART, airplane tickets, babysitting, a walking tour of the underground tunnels at MIT, a tour through Harvard, donating and planting 75 tulip bulbs, an autographed copy of the book you penned, an oil painting, a savings bond, candlesticks, a new car, a piece of history. We need your donations. These are only a few ideas to inspire. You know what fun and unique item(s) **you can donate.**

Whether you are a newcomer or a long time member please join in the fun! Contact Samantha Morrison at smorrison2240@hotmail.com, Amey Callahan at 617-497-5002 or acallahan@gmail.com, or Mimi Truslow at mktruslow@comcast.net. More information will follow, including opportunities to help with the organizing, cooking, decorating and the ever important clean-up! Keep your eye on future announcements and the next issue of the *Leaflet*.

Amey Callahan



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