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Letter from the Assistant Rector

There is a giant rock at the entrance to the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, Rhode Island. This place, "ECC" we called it, was where I spent most summers and many winter weekends until my early twenties. Painted on the rock was "He who enters here is a stranger but once." I remember the feeling that would rise in my chest as we drove down the long road to this welcoming rock. Every year, every return to camp, the promise was made. I was not a stranger, I was returning to a community that knew me and claimed me as one of their own. Though many years have passed since I've seen that boulder, I still feel known – and claimed.

I feel known and claimed at Christ Church, too. June 5 will be my official one-year anniversary with you, and much has happened in this short period of time. It's a gift to be able to have lived so deeply into this community while still being able to remember clearly the feeling of walking through the church doors for the first time.

Welcoming someone new into a community is never easy. While there is great excitement, new members mean change. This is particularly true in the case of new leadership, but it is so whenever someone walks through our doors for the first time. The changes newcomers bring might not always be obvious, but we do change, we become a new community over and over each time someone new walks through these doors.

This constant change can be a source of great vitality. New energy brings with it renewed creativity and new perspectives. It can also leave us a bit tired, longing for something to hold on to, something dependably the same. This has been true since the first Christian communities formed, and I don't anticipate it to be different anytime soon. While winter seemed endless this year, we knew spring was coming, we depended on it,

we hoped for it. Often, this hope was the only thing that got me through one grey day after the next. Sometimes it is a change, a new spring, that we long for.

This past year has felt a bit like one great surprise party after another. When I began, I didn't have a clue what events like "Christmas Pageant", and "12th Night Party" and "Shrove Tuesday Talent Show" looked like here, what was involved, who to talk to or where to begin. Each brought new relationships, new challenges and a deepening sense of my place in this community. I remember feeling particularly surprised by one such event, and I told a church school parent that I looked forward to a sense of knowing what comes next, a moment when I could say I had experienced an entire program year at Christ Church. Though that moment will occur next month, if this year has taught me anything, it taught me that we can never really know what the Spirit has in store for us just around the corner.

This month, Catherine Belcher joins us as our new Parish Administrator. Catherine brings with her previous experience as a Parish Administrator in her home parish of St. John's in Winthrop and a wonderful sense of humor and energy for the work that will sustain her when the busyness of Christ Church is in overdrive! When Joe made the offer to Catherine, and she accepted, I thought of my own beginnings here, of the steep learning curve I'm still climbing, and of the many, many, many moments of grace you have each extended to me over the course of the year.

I am grateful to each of you for welcoming me into your community. I pray Catherine will, like me, find Christ Church a place full of passion, commitment and an abundance of God's grace and love. Join me in showing her, and all those who come into our community, that "She who enters here is a stranger but once."

Christ's Peace,
Jeff



Office Happenings

If you've been by the church office lately, you've probably noticed some changes. With the generous gift of a parishioner, we're renovating! Our goal is to use the office space more effectively and to brighten up the work environment for our staff, volunteers and daily visitors. A new "dedicated" Christian Education Office has been created. The work room space has been overhauled to accommodate more storage and a better work flow. The Rector's office is being shifted to accommodate some space for welcoming individual parishioners, small committees, clergy and staff. New flooring is being installed in the offices. New furniture, with file drawers that actually open and close, are being installed. The reception area will be spruced up and set up to create more work space for our growing group of volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, the parish office depends on our Volunteer Guild coordinated by Frida Alexander. They answer phones, help with the weekly bulletin production, get the monthly mailing of The Leaflet under way, and help in a number of ways to free up our hardworking staff for the myriad projects and programs that makes Christ Church such a vital place. Also extend a special thanks to Joyce Walker who did the editing and put together the first draft of this Leaflet while I was away on a much needed vacation. I am extremely grateful for all the volunteers' help and support. If

you're interested in joining this wonderful crew and have a couple of hours free between Monday and Friday during office hours, please contact the parish administrator.

Speaking of parish administrators, I'm thrilled that Catherine Belcher is joining the office to take over my interim work on a permanent basis. Catherine and I will overlap for a couple of weeks to ease the transition. Along with our new Financial Administrator, Dona O'Donnell, we expect to have things humming along in the office before long. Dona recently moved to the end of the hall where she has a window to the outside world; she asks you to visit so that she can get to know more of you better. Do stop by the office and say hello to both Catherine & Dona.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Interim Parish Administrator. I look forward to continuing my roles as Assistant Treasurer, Choir Member, and fellow parishioner. Thank you for all your support (and patience!) during this time.

Tanya Cosway



PARISH NOTES

Know a young person in grades 3 through 8 who loves to sing?

The Youth Choir of Christ Church Cambridge invites any interested child to an Open Rehearsal on Wednesday, May 14, 5:15–6:30 p.m. Get a taste of what being a CCC Youth Choir chorister is all about! Direct questions and RSVP to Lauren Lukason, Music Administrator (music@CCCcambridge.org or 617-876-0200 x15).

It's the return of the All Parish Picnic and Field Day May 18!

Save the date! Following the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, May 18 we will gather on the Cambridge Common for a potluck picnic and for time to celebrate another wonderful program year at Christ Church. There will be games and activities for the children, but the highlight of the day will most certainly be the All Parish Kickball Game on the baseball diamond after lunch. Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship and joyous celebration. Bring a blanket, a beach chair and picnic fare to share with the community.

More info will follow in the bulletin and electronic newsletter. If you are interested in helping to organize the events of the day, please let Jeff know (jwm@cccbridge.org or 617-876-0200).

Jeff Mello

Summer Adult Education

The 9:00 a.m. Adult Education Hour continues through the summer with a program on Biblical interpretation called "Listening to Scripture". Using study materials from The Kerygma Program, we will explore together how we might enter into Scripture to better understand the Bible today. Sessions begin on June 1, and continue through the beginning of August in the Library. Study guides

will be available for purchase at \$18, and scholarship help is available. To participate, please speak with Joe Robinson (jor@cccbridge.org) or Jeff Mello (jwm@cccbridge.org).

Altar Guild News

After the glorious season of Holy Week and Easter, this has been a quiet month for the Guild. However, our work goes on just the same. We invite all men, women and older children to share with us in this holy enterprise. We are very user-friendly, and we train and support newcomers for as long as help is wanted. In the summer, especially, we are challenged to fill our rosters.

If you are interested in joining us for weekly, weekday or festival services, please contact one of the chairs, Webb Brown (617-923-0047 or webb40@juno.com), or Summer Akimoto (781-391-9891 or summerted@aol.com). You may also contact the clergy or the office.

Webb Brown



On The Rise, a Safe Haven for Women

The new director of *On The Rise*, Ruth Woods Dunham, came to the April meeting of the Mission Committee to explain plans for extending the program of support and resource for the many women who utilize the safe haven. Since *On The Rise* has been successful in helping more than 40 women gain independent housing this year, it's now clear that ongoing help is needed for those trying to establish new community and learn new skills without breaking the bonds they developed at *On The Rise*. A new program officer is needed, and CCC's Mission Committee has decided to contribute to this new development of their mission.

The house sends hearty thanks for the steady and on-going generosity of our parish which they use as a model for other communities of faith. Our donations of seasonally appropriate clothing, items for personal care, generous offerings from parishioners who prepare lunch, and those who work on occasional projects make us a vital part of their efforts.

For more information, contact Donna Thach, Donations Coordinator (donna.thach@ontherise.org or 617-497-497 x 36). You may also contact Summer Akimoto (summerted@aol.com or 781-391-9891) for information or pick-up of goods.

Summer Akimoto



Stewardship News from the Diocese

A priest in another parish used to remind his congregants, "Stewardship is everything you do after you say, 'I believe'." We all knew what he meant – stewardship is a year-round, lifetime thing, and it touches all that we do. Nonetheless, the Annual Stewardship Campaign is a fixture in most churches,

and the Diocese of Massachusetts has designed a morning workshop on Saturday, May 17, to assist parishes in their planning for this key element of stewardship.

The no-cost morning event, “Stewardship Best Practices”, begins at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Church, Copley Square, and it promises to provide valuable and relevant information that vestry members, stewardship committees and clergy can use now. The organizers also promise a “fun and lively exchange”. You can be the judge of that, but only if you attend. Contact Lindsay Morgia (lmorgia@diomass.org or 617-879-6317). More information is posted on the Community bulletin board.



NEWS FROM PARISHIONERS

Our Organ on the Radio

Tune your radios to WCRB 99.5 FM on Sunday morning May 25 at 7:00 a.m. for a reprise of the magnificent Schoenstein Organ Dedication Concert at Christ Church Cambridge two years ago. Noted organist Thomas Murray’s program includes works by Marcel Dupré and Elgar.

Lauren Lukason, Music Administrator

Looking for Board Members

The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston is looking for individuals to serve on its Executive Board. Legal, business, or arts related experience in fundraising and events planning would be most welcome. We meet once a month in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you or anyone you know is interested please call Peter Barkley (Home: 617-876-5438 or Work: 617-492-1960). Thanks.

Peter Barkley

Coro Allegro Concert May 18

When you’re done celebrating at the Parish Picnic, consider taking a stroll to Sanders Theatre, Sunday May 18 at 3:00 p.m. for Coro Allegro’s spring concert. Anticipating its upcoming appearance in the GALA Choruses Festival in Miami this summer, Coro presents a concert highlighting its varied repertoire and superb musicianship. From searing drama to rousing joy, Coro will perform music by Dello Joio, MacMillan, Rosenthal, and Whitacre along with Spirituals, Gospel and Jazz music. Come hear Coro Allegro at its best! See www.coroallegro.org for ticket details.

Tanya Cosway



Check for your name on the May Rota!

Here is the May Rota. If you are unable to serve on the date assigned, please use the list sent to you last month to find a replacement. Once you have a replacement, please call your coordinator and contact the office so that the schedule can be updated appropriately. If you can't find a replacement, please contact the coordinator for your group. (Do not call the office.) The coordinators are: for Acolytes, Wendy Squires (617-864-3029); for Chalice Bearers, Donna Tillotson (617-547-0871); for Lectors & Intercessors, Lois Bennett (617-666-1681); and for Ushers, Doris Possi (781-729-3272).

		4-May-08 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday		11-May-08 Pentecost Mother's Day		18-May-08 1st Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday		25-May-08 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
7:45	Lector	John Clarke	Lector	Jeff Zinsmeyer	Lector	Lorna Hochstein	Lector	Hope Hare
	Lector	Elizabeth Webb	Lector	Jill Herold	Lector	John Clarke	Lector	Ray Walther
	Intercessor	Donna Tillotson	Intercessor	Mimi Truslow	Intercessor	Lee Born	Intercessor	Anne Lowell
	Chalice	Jill Herold	Chalice	Donna Tillotson	Chalice	Andy Boughton Zoe Hochstein- Morran	Chalice	Seth Lancaster
	Acolyte	John Clarke	Acolyte	Seth Lancaster	Acolyte		Acolyte	Andy Boughton
10:15	Lector	Charlie Allen	Lector	David Bliss	Lector	Graham Gunnigle	Lector	Hillary Hopkins Samantha Morrison
	Lector	Susan Root Kathleen Coleman	Lector	Barbara Worcester	Lector	Camilla Titcomb	Lector	
	Intercessor		Intercessor	Joyce Walker	Intercessor	Tim Groves	Intercessor	Roberta Hirshson
	CH (1)	Jeff Brown	CH (1)	Samantha Morrison	CH (1)	Donna Kirven	CH (1)	Ann Austin
	CH (2)	Webb Brown	CH (2)	Henry Lewis	CH (2)	Craig Kelley	CH (2)	Sylvia Williams
	CH (3)	Chuck Willie	CH (3)	Beth Lennox	CH (3)	Poly Cobb	CH (3)	Joyce Walker
	CH (4)	Mino Sullivan	CH (4)	Peter Lee	CH (4)	Ellen Brockman	CH (4)	Howard Crowell
	CH (5)	Richard Parker	CH (5)	Sharon Stanfill	CH (5)	Gordon Jensen	CH (5)	Richard Parker
	Server	Matthew Lerret	Server	Mark Lerret	Server	Jack Hallowell	Server	Eli Montagno Solomon Montagno
	Crucifer Gospel	William Austin Lizzie Cosway	Crucifer Gospel	Eleanor Regan Henry Regan Mary Caroline Regan	Crucifer Gospel	Victoria Cabral Grant Baker	Crucifer Gospel	Montagno Lizzie Cosway
	Torch 1	Reuben Link	Torch 1	Emily Henry	Torch 1	Emily Henry	Torch 1	Colin Lee
	Torch 2	Ben Costa	Torch 2	Emily Henry	Torch 2	Ross Baker	Torch 2	Reuben Link
	H. Usher Usher Usher Usher	Howard Crowell Jonathan Austin Salim Kabawat Wendy Kistler	H. Usher Usher Usher Usher	Doris Possi Tim Cutler Nick Banten Karen Mathiasen	H. Usher Usher Usher Usher	Mike Magruder David Smith Suzanne Smith Mike West	H. Usher Usher Usher Usher	Doris Possi Melissa Hirshson Sylvia Williams Russell Peck
Evensong	Lector	Howard Crowell						
	Lector	Karen Mathiasen						
	Usher	Karen Mathiasen						
	Usher	Howard Crowell						

The Wardens' Corner

Much is happening this Easter Season, which is soon to turn into Pentecost, then Ordinary Time and the glorious days of summer.

We are so glad to welcome Catherine Belcher to Christ Church in the vital role of Parish Administrator. Do get to know her. We are delighted that a familiar face soon re-joins us. Stuart Forster, Organist and Director of Music, returns on June 1 from his five-month sabbatical, which has taken him around the world. Stuart, we have missed you and look forward to your return.

We offer special thank you's to people who assisted us during Sabbatical and Interim times. Buffy Gray has filled in magnificently as Interim Organist and Director of Music. On May 18, we will recognize her time with us. Tanya Cosway "retires" as Interim Parish Administrator, but fortunately she is not going very far, returning to her roles as Assistant Treasurer, member of the Vestry, choir member, and Church School and Choir parent, among others. Tanya, we are grateful for your help during this interim period.

Have you seen the Church Office lately? Thanks to an anonymous gift, we have been able to make some long overdue changes that provide for better work flow, for more visibility in keeping with Safe Church guidelines, and for more privacy when that is needed. A special thank you to Jeff Brown, who helped to design the new look, and to the parish family that provided the financial resources.

We are also ensuring that our financial house is in order and our financial practices are up to date. Under the excellent leadership of our Finance Committee, chaired by Christopher Wolf, we will engage an outside CPA firm to conduct a thorough audit of parish finances. We will make the results of the audit available to the parish when it has been completed.

We are extremely excited about the scheduled launch of our new Christ Church website due the week of Pentecost. In this electronic age, this is a critical means of communicating to the parish and to newcomers. Speaking of electronic communications, remember that those parishioners with email access might wish to be on the parish's electronic newsletter list. You can sign up by sending an email to parishioner Melissa Hirshson (lissa@theworld.com) with a request to be enrolled.

Under the guidance of the Rev. Karen Montagno, Priest Associate, the Pastoral Care Committee is being reactivated. Keep your eye on the electronic newsletter and Sunday Bulletin for the work of this group.

Thank you once again to our clergy - Joe, Jeff, Karen, Sue, and Ben – for all that you do.

Peace, and Happy Spring!
Karen Mathiasen & Sally Kelly



See you at the Celebration on May 9!

Now is the time to join us for the festival evening honoring our recently retired Senior Warden, Dean Johnson. A reception and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and an exciting live auction at 7:00 p.m. Suggested donations for the evening are \$25 per person. Pick up a reservation flier at church, or contact Tanya Cosway in the church office (tvhcosway@comcast.net or 617-876-0200 x21) to say that you'll be coming.

Join us for this season's final Evensong

Our last Evensong until the Fall is Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. This beautiful service at the close of day is a musical tradition from the Anglican Church in England. At Christ Church, we hold this service the first Sunday of the month from October through May. This month, our Sabbatical Music Director, Buffy Gray, will lead the Evensong Choir in Luca Marenzio's O rex gloriae, Orlando Gibbons' O Clap your Hands, and Charles Villiers Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B-flat. Our rector, Joe Robinson, will lead the Kenneth Leighton Responses. Do join us for this lovely transition from day to night.

Buffy Gray



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