

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

All are welcome at the Table of the Lord!

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May/June 2010

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Bishop Clark Grew and Reverend
Joel Ives at the Regional Confirmation

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Marsha will be in the church
office on Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



photo by Joni Kyle

Survivors of the WWII Navy Destroyer U.S.S. Kidd

In Reflection by Joel Ives

We Episcopalians have carefully structured worship services and so there's nothing a rector fears more on Sunday morning than an unknown person standing in the middle of the service and speaking unexpectedly. 'Where's this going?' we think to ourselves. Of course, not all denominations get the shivers from spontaneity, Quakers base their service around it, Baptists do it in tongues but for the Episcopalian, well, it's just not how we order worship.

However, that very dreaded thing occurred last Sunday, the day on which we traditionally honor the survivors of

the WWII Navy destroyer U.S.S. Kidd. Halfway through Morning Prayer, one of the white haired veterans in the front pew caught my eye, a folded sheet of paper quivering gently in a trembling hand "Reverend" He whispered "I'd, I'd like to read the names" He swallowed hard "It's been over 60 years and we've never actually read their names."

I glanced at my watch and squinted "How many are there?" "Thirty eight" he said. I swallowed hard as he walked to the lectern and began reading the names one by one name rank and age. At first, my mind was spinning 'Goodness gracious, that's only five so far, we're going to be twenty minutes over normal time, what do I...' Then like all who

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**From the Parish Register
Memorial Service**

Baptism:
Sienna Patterson Wright
on April 4, 2010

Weddings:
Timothy John McDermott and
Alexis Victoria Jayne Billett
on May 8, 2010

Bryan Scott Vanas and
Rocelle Tolentino Gabuten
on May 15, 2010

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were present, the cadence of his words, the catch in his voice began to sink in “I remember this kid, he was 19 had a wife and a baby” “This one was our barber.” Soon, like everyone else I was drawn in a kind of spirit filled awareness of wars fought then and now and young people whose lives are ended in a moment. We all entered a time of enlivened, solemn holy listening that happens all too infrequently during regular worship.

Of course, I think our Episcopalian style of worship is vitally important. The Book of Common Prayer provides us liturgical structure, helping us stand against the temptation to be spectacular or entertaining. It contains Spirit-empowered words used for thousands of years which bridge that infinite distance of creature to creator. We need the predictable structure of liturgy.

But every so often, like last Sunday, the Holy Spirit flies in through a door we didn't know we left open; a handshake, hearing a scripture passage differently for the first time, or an aged veteran with trembling hands and a wrinkled piece of paper who didn't know he was preaching the sermon we most needed to hear.



photos by K. Skillins

Sienna Patterson Wright

*Rocelle Gabuten
and Bryan Vanas*



photo below, by Kate Paradise

Clergy

The Reverend Joel M. Ives,
Rector
The Reverend David Eckel,
Sunday Associate



Vestry

Eunice P. Howe,
Grand Warden
Stephen Williams,
Sr. Warden
Douglas Skillins, Jr. Warden
Paul Healy, Treasurer

Music

Joshua Slater, Director of Music
Natsumi Malloy, Organist

Barbara Ludeke, Clerk
Erik Andersen, Richard Bergin,
John Dale, Kristen Frederiksen,
Eric Gedstad, Tim Harwood,
Kelly Hopkins, Neil Perry,
Alice Reynolds, Michael Robbins
Jeff Witt, Debra Wasiowicz

Church of Our Saviour Staff

Marsha Searle, Parish Administrator
Edward T. Whitney, Assistant Treasurer
Amanda Swinchoski,
Sunday School Coordinator

Lisa Shaw, Kate Michmerhuizen
Convention Delegates/ Members of Vestry

Property Committee Meeting

A major topic of discussion was the significant water damage sustained in the sacristy, apse, south wall of the chapel, left-hand side aisle, and around the choir room windows from recent storms. Since our meeting, Jerry Eide, the mason has been working on top of the stone gable above the choir room and has been removing umpteen layers of incompatible caulking and replacing it with proper mortar and new lead flashing. After he is done above the choir room he will head to the large stone gable above the All Saints Window in the chapel. This is going to cost the church ~\$2600 per gable but is much needed before we do interior repairs. We are also working with the church's insurance company to see if any of the interior damage will be covered by our policy

After this work he will head to the inside of the cloister and work on the crumbling arch and wall that borders the cloister garden. The center arch is in particularly bad shape as the center stone has shifted and looks like it will fall at moment. This work alone is going to cost \$14K.

Once Jerry is done we will commit to having plastering and painting done to repair the storm damage. We are in the midst of gathering quotes for this work.

Our committee members will be working on the following projects in the months ahead: expanding our recycling program, installing new storm windows outside the Lawrence Room, refinishing a couple bronze plaques in the church, installing weather-stripping on all exterior doors, determining if grant money is available to help us with our restoration, and Parish House kitchen clean-up.

We also had an informal tower climb (my first). Carroll Williamson and his son set up a ladder in the Sacristy and Nate Tucker and I climbed up the steep (and rather rickety) ladders. The bad news is that water was somehow penetrating the tower and damaging the Sacristy walls and ceiling, the good news is that the view from the parapet is spectacular!

The new pathway lights have been installed and our electrician at Leiser Corp. assures us that our choice of new fixtures and stakes was a good one. We should no longer experience toppling path lights! Unfortunately we had to spend ~ \$1,900 more than we planned because the existing wiring was too deteriorated to reuse. Also, we added two new lights that illuminate the front entrance to the Parish and expect that the overall effect will be safer and more welcoming.

On Sunday, May 16th we had a very productive yard clean up day. David and Susie Lawrence's coffee hour nibbles and caffeine fortified us for several hours of work in the church yard. A really big THANK YOU to all those who helped including: Joel, Florrie, Nathan, Helen and Isaiah Ives, Alex and Kat Holliday, Neil Perry, Lisa Shaw, Jeff Dodge, Kristen Fredericksen, Brian Stuart, Fred Grant, Sue Gracey, Ginger Lawrence, Denise Ulibarri, Tim Harwood and Nate Tucker! We weeded, we swept, we mulched, we pruned and we planted. The church yard looks great!



We had our first formal property committee meeting in a long time. It was well attended and pretty much everyone left the meeting with a project to do. Those in attendance were: Lisa Shaw (Co-Chair), David Lawrence, Joel Ives, Fred Grant, Caleb Stewart, Nate Tucker and Carroll Williamson.

We are always looking for parishioners and friends to join our committee and help us keep our spiritual home in good condition.

Might you pitch in in some way?

*Cheers,
Caleb Stewart, Co-Chair*



most photos by Jim Michmerhuizen

\$35,000
in one night!

*Our Spring Auction
raised over \$35,000
in one night! A new record.*

*Thank you to all
who donated, volunteered,
and attended.*



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without you!*

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Missions, Urban & Social Justice Ministry

*God in the midst of the City
"Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance
to the City gates she speaks."
Proverbs 1:20-21*

If you have any questions about the above Mission programs or ideas you would like to share please contact the Committee chair John Dale at jrdale53@aol.com or (617) 734-4306. Or speak with any of our other Committee members: Jeff Dodge, Susanna Hinds, Kate Paradise or Debra Wasiowicz



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Do you have a Green Thumb?

Do you have a green thumb? Do you have an interest in making things grow? If you've never had a garden now's your chance to learn! Led by Geoffrey Michael and sponsored by Church of Our Saviour's Mission Committee work on two new gardens is about to start. And we need your help! Groundbreaking on the first garden – an herb garden located behind the rectory – will take place in the next two weeks. Work on the second garden – a vegetable garden located out in front of the church near the corner of Monmouth and Carlton streets – will begin soon after.

Our gardens can:

Be a multi-generational project for parishioners: kids and adults of all ages can participate

The gardens can attract community interest in Our Saviour: this is outreach!

The bounty and produce from our gardens can be donated to Brookline Food Pantry. If you would like to help or learn more please contact Geoffrey Michael at eleventh-ma@verizon.net or (617) 868-5485

Our Saviour's Rosie's Place Team Serves Saturday, May 29

Please join our team of volunteers to help prepare and serve a nutritious meal at Rosie's Place Shelter in Boston on Saturday, May 29th. We meet at the church at 3pm and carpool together to the shelter. Rosie's Place is a well-established refuge for women and their children who find themselves either homeless or otherwise in crises. The shelter provides a full range of resources and services to assist women in stabilizing their lives. Our role, as church volunteers, is a simple but important one: provide a good meal. If you are new to Our Saviour and looking for a way to be of service please join us. Our group is also a great way to get acquainted with fellow parishioners while doing good work. Please contact our team captain Lynn Hoyer at (617) 489-1953.

Don't Forget the Brookline Food Pantry!

On your next grocery shopping trip or your next visit to the drug store remember to pick up a few extra items you can donate to help our neighbors at the Brookline Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the large basket in the church narthex – just inside the church's front door. Non-perishable food items that are low in sodium content are great – canned fruit, vegetables, pasta, etc. Also there is a real need for personal care items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, hand soap, paper goods, shampoo, hand and body lotions. Thank you!

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photos by Kate Paradise

Regional Confirmation hosted by Church of Our Saviour



The Church of Our Saviour hosted over 300 Episcopalians for Regional Confirmation on Saturday, May 1st, with Bishop Clark Grew the retired Bishop of Ohio. It was a terrific day. Here are some comments we've received.

I want to thank you all for your great effort in getting my daughter, Andrea, confirmed last Saturday. It was a very colorful and spirit-filled service in the magnificent ecclesiastical edifice of Church of Our Saviour. It is my fervent prayer that Andrea and all those confirmed will be grafted by our good Lord into His Kingdom.

Alexander and his family as well as myself wish to thank you for your warm welcome this morning and for a beautiful service. It was a pleasure to worship with you in your wonderfully handsome church.

The wonderful Confirmation service in your church moved me deeply. On behalf of myself and my son who was confirmed, thank you.

photo at right, by Joni Kyle



Philippa (Pippa) Lindwright

*The Vestry
was pleased
to approve
Pippa Lindwright
at the last meeting.*

*Pippa will start
with us in September!*

Meet the New Seminarian!

Hi! My name is Pippa Lindwright and I am honored and very excited to work as your seminarian at Church of Our Saviour for the next two years. I look forward to getting to know you all better, and thought I would let you know a bit about myself.

I was born in Palo Alto, California but my parents moved a year after I was born to Corvallis, Oregon, where I spent the next 15 years of my life. I am the oldest of three girls, and my middle sister is the mother of my three year old niece. When I was 16 my parents moved us to Roseville, Minnesota, a suburb of the Twin Cities. My mother teaches clinical elder law at University of St. Thomas, and my dad is an engineer for Hewlett Packard. My middle sister is currently in school for massage therapy and my youngest sister is in school for chemical dependency counseling. I attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where I earned my bachelor's degree in Psychology. I then took a year off from school and worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA in downtown Minneapolis for a year. I just finished my first year at Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) in May and have a job this summer interning at a hospital under the supervision of one of their chaplains.

I first felt the call to the priesthood when I was seventeen. While at 15 my parish priest had suggested to me that I might have a call, I dismissed the idea. However, during a Sunday service two years later, I felt that God was telling me to become a priest. I was a bit reluctant at first; I had recently discovered psychology and wanted to become a psychologist. However, the more I considered the possibility, the more it felt like the

priesthood was my vocation. I entered discernment the summer before my senior year of college and received official approval to the postulancy in April 2009. I have been fairly involved in the church over the years. I've participated in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings as well as during the week. However, I know that I am nowhere near ready to become a priest. I have never had the chance to lead adult or children's education because they always conflicted with something else and I very much hope to learn how to do so during my time at Church of Our Saviour. I have had a few opportunities to preach on Sunday and look forward to honing my oration skills. I also am excited to meet the congregation and learn all the things I do not even realize that I need to learn. I am especially eager for next year as I will be working in the chapel at EDS as a member of the Chapel Staff. I believe that Field Education and Chapel Staff will complement each other and I will learn more by doing them together than I would have learned doing them separately.

While school and church take up the majority of my time (especially near finals) I also enjoy reading for fun, mainly science fiction and fantasy, though I also enjoy some mysteries and historical fiction. I am learning how to knit (not very well, I keep adding stitches which makes patterns harder to do) and also occasionally try to embroider. I really enjoy talking with people, one of the best parts about EDS is the fabulous discussions with my peers and teachers. I adore singing, whether it is singing hymns in church or singing alone in my apartment or humming as I walk around Cambridge. I also love swimming and hanging out in the sun (generally with

sun block, but sometimes I forget), and I really enjoy spending time with my family. My parents live near a family summer place where my mother's side of the family comes to vacation once a year. I have two grandparents, seven aunts and uncles, and ten first cousins ranging in age from 19 to 2. I generally get to see them all at some point each summer, which can be hectic, but nice. I am looking forward to working at Church of Our Saviour next year and hope you all have a lovely summer. I will see you in the fall.

Philippa (Pippa) Lindwright



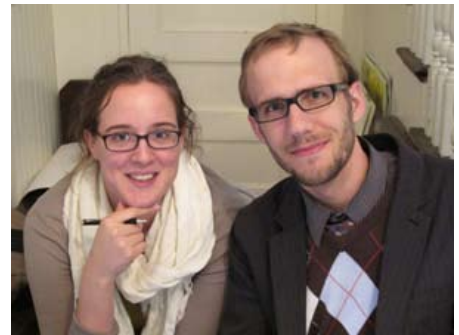
Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday, the blessing of the the church property boundaries and pets, took place in May. A beautiful morning for a nice walk around the grounds.



Dinners for Eight

Two Dinners for Eight took place in April. Thanks to Karen and Doug Skillins and Tim Harwood for hosting. Stay tune for the announcement in the September newsletter for the next dates of the fall dinners. Always a lot of fun!



Good bye Becky and Jeff Witt, until September. Enjoy your wonderful summer plans!



*Good bye Natsumi!
We wish you luck where ever life brings you!*

Thank you!

*from a grateful Altar Guild
Joan Young, Director*

On April 3rd eighteen parishioners gathered to clean, polish, vacuum and decorate the church for Easter. We were smaller in numbers this time but no less enthusiastic! The stripping of the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday gave us a great chance to thoroughly clean and polish the Altar, the Aumbry, the floor and the seating, which was deftly done by Ginger Lawrence, Debra Wasiewicz, Kate Paradise, Joan Young and Lynn Hoyer (the candle specialist). Extra kudos to our men, Jeff Dodge, Neil Perry, Caleb Stewart and Bob Young who did an outstanding job of polishing wood and vacuuming everything in sight. Our brass polishing team of David Lawrence, Abbott Lawrence, Bob Young, John Dale and Rev. Joel Ives did a super job of shining all the brass. Halani, as usual, worked her magic with a beautiful display of Easter flowers at the altar as well as around the church. A very special thank you to Upty Clouse, Jackie Vanas, Alice Bray and Helen Benford for making and hanging the lovely pew end floral pieces. Good spirit and fellowship prevailed and I thank you one and all!

To all of you who contributed to the Easter flowers, we are very grateful for your continued generosity. Because of your memorials and thanksgivings we are all able to enjoy the glorious transformation from Lent to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.



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2010*



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*Spring at
Church of
Our Saviour*

This photo
deserves a page
of it's own!
Great photo Walter!

The parish wishes
Walter and Anne
Gambles much
happiness in their
new home.