

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

All are welcome at the Table of the Lord!

Parking is available every Sunday  
in the Wheelock College  
parking lot next to the Rectory.

September 2011

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**Starting Sept. 11th**  
We're back to the regular  
worship time, 10:30am,  
and back in the Church.

## **Bishop Gayle Harris Visitation**

Sunday, October 2nd

*Note: The service time is changed  
to 10:00 a.m.*

## **Tenth Anniversary of 9-11**

*by Reverend Joel Ives*

What do you remember about September 11, 2001? It was an unforgettable, gut-wrenching, world-changing day. We all recall exactly where we were when the terrorists attacked. In terms of national impact, it was a day on par with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the assassination of JFK.

The Old Testament Lesson that falls on Sunday, September 11th is from the Book of Exodus, which can seem so otherworldly and removed from our contemporary life until it's put in the context of 9-11, then those ancient words come alive. After passing safely through the Red Sea, "the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses" (Exodus 14:31). The Exodus story has

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*Eric Gedstad completed his 50-mile ride in support of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute / Pan Mass Challenge raising \$1200. Congratulations Eric!!*

## **Altar Guild News**

*Joan Young, Directress*

On August 7th we said goodbye to Jeff Dodge, who has been on our team for about three years. He has the distinction of being the first and only man on the COOS Altar Guild! (I'm hoping not the last one.) We have all enjoyed working with him and will certainly miss him. He goes with our very best wishes as he embarks on this new chapter of his career. Good luck and God Speed, Jeff.

My thanks to the summer Altar Guild crew led by Judy Sojack in the month of July and Debra Wasiewicz in August and early September. Also, thanks to Rev.

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## **Potluck Supper Saturday October 15th**

Come one, Come all!!!

Eric Gedstad and Ed Whitney made the suggestion; Judy Sojack is chairing the endeavor. (In the honored tradition of pot lucks, man proposes and woman disposes....) We will meet and eat together in a relaxed and low key gathering. Every cook and shopper can shine by bringing a little something for the table, and everyone can contribute by bringing their summer stories and a hearty appetite.

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## **"SINNERS REPAINT"**

That is the wonderfully clever title on the solicitation for the restoration fund for the Church of Saint Mary The Virgin in Times Square in New York City. I attended a service there recently after Joel Ives suggested I stop in. What a fascinating and vast church! Thankfully, our property issues are small in comparison.

Here at the Church of Our Saviour we have our own mini restoration project.

Lisa Shaw and I have gathered quotes for painting, carpentry and weather strip work on our buildings. With the exception of two small projects, no painting or carpentry has been done on the exterior of our buildings since 1993! Some of you have noticed and commented on the peeling paint and flaking stucco but few, I think, know that we have birds living in our eaves because of rotting wood trim,

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## From the Parish Record

### Baptisms

Dorothy Elizabeth Stone, June 26, 2011  
Edwin Henry Dodge, July 4, 2011

### Funerals

George Washington Wales Brewster  
July 26, 2011

## Gastronomy Travel Gastronomy Travel / Classes

Taste the flavor of Italy, Spain, Belgium, Colombia and other wonderful places through Tapas, Antipastos, Paella, Arepas and more... prepared by YOU!

Cooking classes by Chef Andrea van Wien at the Church of our Saviour, starting September 6th.



Tuesdays  
12:30pm to 2:00 pm  
Fridays  
10:30 am to 12:30pm  
Call for further information  
617-990-6856

## Spanish Classes

If you like acting, dancing or listening to music, cooking and having fun, this is a class for you. An innovated way to learn a language, where you actually experiment a conversation and a situation in Spanish. These may range from basic medical conversations to conversational

Spanish for traveling, depending on student demand!

Monday 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m  
Wednesdays 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m

Starting September 5th  
at the Church of Our Saviour.

Call for further information  
857-345-0762 Belén Santos  
or 617-990-6856 Andrea.

## Altar Guild News cont. from page 1

Joel and the men who pitched in setting up the furniture, as well as the altar guild members who helped Judy and Debra with cleanup. We had two baptisms, a wedding and a memorial service during the summer, which brings about some extra challenges – but we were up to it!

As we go back in the church after the summer season, please consider contributing to the altar floral arrangements in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an event or in thanksgiving for a blessing. Please sign up for a date of your choosing on the bulletin board sheet outside the Lawrence Room, or contact Joan Young at 617-484-0950 or [jsyoung@me.com](mailto:jsyoung@me.com) to make arrangements. A \$50 donation is suggested.

The Altar Guild is considered the Rector's partner in helping make the worship life of the parish run smoothly. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Altar Guild at Church of Our Saviour. If you have any questions, or are interested in more information about serving in this ministry, please contact Rev. Joel Ives or Joan Young.

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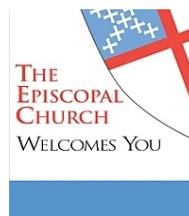
Please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet, which will appear in the Lawrence Room in September. Please contact Judy (617-859-3755) if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



## Doodle Exhibit

Karen Jerome Skillins will be displaying her doodle art at the Starbucks in Washington Square for the month of October.



## Clergy

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

## Music

Joshua Slater, Director of Music  
Matthew Hall, Organist,  
Asst. Choirmaster

## Church of Our Saviour Staff

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

## Vestry

Eunice P. Howe, Grand Warden  
Stephen Williams, Sr. Warden  
Douglas Skillins, Jr. Warden  
Paul Healy, Treasurer  
Barbara Ludeke, Clerk  
Erik Andersen, Richard Bergin,  
Kristen Frederiksen, Eric Gedstad,  
Fred Grant, Tim Harwood,  
Kelly Hopkins, Jim Michmerhuizen,  
Neil Perry, Alice Reynolds, Michael  
Robbins, Debra Wasiowicz

## Convention Delegates/

## Members of Vestry

Lisa Shaw, Kate Michmerhuizen

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been handed down from generation to generation to remind us of God's power and faithfulness and to inspire awe and belief within us.

As we enter the second decade after 9/11, I wonder how we will hand the story of 9-11 to the next generation? What will its lessons be? And (this is especially difficult) have we begun to forgive those who hurt us? Where is the link between our willingness to forgive and the forgiveness we hope to receive from God?

Forgiveness is never easy, especially when we are faced with something as unimaginably evil as 9-11, which has forever changed our lives. But it is important for us to remember that it is God who forgives sin and wrongdoing. Our forgiveness is actually a participation in God's larger act of forgiveness. (Timothy Merrill)

In Luke's gospel, the first word of Jesus on the cross is about forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). "We often read this as Jesus forgiving his executioners," notes Christian writer Robert Schreier. "But in actual fact, Jesus is calling on God, his Father, to forgive

them. Jesus is still in the midst of his suffering. He cannot forgive his executioners for something they have not yet completed. But he can call on his Father to forgive."

In the same way, you and I can ask God to forgive those who sin against us, "for they do not know what they are doing." In prayer, we can lift up those who have hurt us terribly, and trust God to include them in an act of forgiveness that is beyond our abilities as hurt and suffering human beings.

The late Peter Gomes, beloved, long-serving pastor of Harvard University's Memorial Church, said after 9-11, "The whole record of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, and the whole experience of the people of God from Good Friday down to and beyond September 11, suggests that faith is forged on the anvil of human adversity. No adversity, no faith."

On this 10th anniversary of 9-11, God is giving us an opportunity to contemplate, reflect, persevere, endure and yes, even... begin to forgive. As believers, we can testify to our faith being "forged" -- not destroyed -- "on the anvil of human adversity."

## Church School

*September 2011*

Church School begins Sunday, September 11th. Classes are held during the 10:30 service. We have two classes for children in pre-school through grade 8. A staffed nursery is also available during the service.

We have two important activities coming this month. Our first is the kick event for the Charles River Deanery Youth Collaborative on Saturday September 24th. All middle school students are invited for a hike up Blue Hills where we will enjoy lunch, the view and a prayer service. High school students are welcome to participate. We would appreciate their help to hike in supplies, and with the set up for lunch. This event gives us the opportunity for a large group of our students to work together, enjoy the outdoors and have time for fellowship.

We are very pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative for our high school students. Together with Becky Taylor at All Saints Church, we are starting a fellowship group for our two parishes. We have been invited for a movie and pizza night at All Saints on Friday, September 30th.

Details for both events will be coming as we have them. If you have any questions about these activities or other church school issues, please contact me.

Blessings,  
Amanda Swinchoski



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and that only one of our umpteen exterior doors has any weather stripping!

As I write this article this important work underway. The estimated cost is \$54K. Approximately \$20K of this expense is in our budget. We will use \$3K from the Diocese Green Grant program to pay for some of the weather stripping. This means that we need an additional \$31K in funding unless we withdraw it from our endowment. This is something I personally would like to avoid. Word of this work has already gotten around and thankfully we already have some promised gifts. I'd like to suggest that

we all pitch in. I'd be happy to share the complete proposal with anyone who is interested. Our buildings are going to look marvelous, what better way to show a big welcome to our parish and to the neighborhood!

In addition to this major project, the Property committee and friends have been busy this summer with pruning and weeding. The place looks rather spiffy. We also planted a new hedge row of Privet and Viburnum to further screen our Zip Car parking area. Our wonderful plumber, Jack Mullane, will be at the church soon to install an on-demand hot water heater in the Parish House. This will be paid for out of our Green Grant from the Diocese and will save us money and energy

Our Green Committee is about to embark on a parish-wide energy conservation education effort. We plan to engage the firm Next Step Living to work with our parishioners to educate and encourage us to take advantage of NO Cost home energy assessments (I just had mine), and to consider committing to energy conservation efforts. Next Step Living in conjunction with Green Homes Brookline, Renew Boston and

Mass Save provides the following to eligible residents:

- No-cost Home Energy Assessment to identify energy savings improvements, performed by Mass Save Participating Home Performance Contractor, Next Step Living
- No-cost compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) to help start saving energy immediately
- No-cost targeted air sealing
- 75% up to \$2000 towards the installation of approved insulation improvements
- Generous rebates for high efficiency heating and hot water equipment
- 0% financing offered through the HEAT Loan Program on eligible energy efficiency improvements.
- Additional City and Town Subsidies for those falling within the median income (Only available to median income folk living in Boston and Brookline)

Stay tuned for more details!  
Caleb Stewart