

# The Mantle

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

May 2007

I am definitely a morning person. It wasn't always that way, but I have come to appreciate the quiet beauty of the early morning, in any season. So for me the 8 AM service on Sunday is easy and feels like a natural extension of my morning reflective time. However, I recently found an extension of that at the later service in the Church.

As I was sitting in Church at the 9 AM service Easter morning, watching the children gathered around the table in front of the rail listening to Barbara telling the story of the resurrection of Christ, I visualized my children at an earlier age. In the person of the children who were there, I saw my oldest daughter sitting attentively, very poised and mature. I saw my youngest daughter who was on the periphery intently sucking her thumb, taking it all in. My older son was there too, fidgeting, restless and poking at the kid sitting next to him. My younger son wouldn't leave the pew, preferring to hold fast to his mom rather than venture out where he might be seen. Although my children are grown and don't attend St. E's, they were there, it was very real to me. It was a connection I hadn't expected. I thought to myself, what a great feeling, what a great gift these children in the church had given me.

A flash back: when I went away to college (many years ago) I initiated what has become a family tradition. Every Sunday I would call home. Rates were cheaper on Sundays back then and it was a good way to stay in touch with my parents and younger brothers. Some of the conversations were only a few minutes some were longer. It didn't seem to matter how long we talked, because you could just tell how things were going by the tone of the voices on the other end of the line. And they could tell how I was doing just by the sound of my voice. That weekly custom continued through college, my brothers each adopted the practice and it continued for each of us right through to a few days before each of my parents passed away. I didn't appreciate at that time how much I would come to look forward to and anticipate the Sunday call. We stayed connected, even though we might have been miles apart.

I have continued this practice with my own children. The Sunday evening phone call has become a routine now for them as well. Although, cell phones, friends & family plans, IMing and text messaging make it possible to reach each other just about any place and at any time, there is something about that regularly scheduled contact time that has become important to me and I believe to them as well. Just hearing their voices and I know if they are up, or down!

For me Sunday mornings have become part of an important routine that helps me balance my life's ups and downs. So, as I reflected on how I was feeling Easter morning, I thought about all of these connections. I realized that I was making my Sunday morning call to God. I know that I can make this call any time of the day and any day of the week, but somehow the regularly scheduled connection just seems to be strongest when I am in Church. And the best part: it's toll free, there is never any static, no dropped calls and no voice mail! It's a direct connection.

*Peter Gonze, Co-Warden*

# From Our Rector

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul.*

The community of Sudbury is in the midst of another round of heartbreaking health crises leading to the deaths of parents with young and adolescent children. These episodes, watching the “good die young,” generate many emotions, among them fear, anger, and despair. Many are frustrated trying to make sense out of senseless situations, asking, “How can this be? Who will be next? If this is the fate of someone as good as s/he is, who is safe? What about the children? How will they ever recover? How could the God of Love allow this to happen?” And of course these episodes are surrounded by other tragedies of suicide and murder of young people here in Sudbury and most recently in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Thus, we look to the Lord to be our shepherd more than ever these days. We look to the Lord to comfort us. To be with us. To restore our souls. To help us make room in our hearts for all of the pain that is welling up there. We look to the Lord, our God, to bind us up, to bind us together as we threaten to unravel. We look to the Lord, our God, to weave us together, to catch us up like loose threads and to splice us into the fabric of God’s love.

If we didn’t know it before, we know it now. We are all of a piece, we are all woven together with each other, with all people of every faith, with creation, with the whole of the universe. We are not so individual, so independent, so autonomous as the culture would have us believe. We are bound to one another, intricately and carefully woven together into the fabric of God’s love, so that the untimely and difficult deaths of the moms and dads and young people in our world, in our country, in our town threaten to part the very fibers of our being.

These deaths trouble us. They unsettle our sense of order, of logic, of life’s predictability. The suffering is beyond our comprehension. It is too much, particularly for us as Americans living in the time we live – healthy and wealthy and seemingly invulnerable. When we experience or witness suffering and deaths like these, it is as if someone changed the rules without telling us. It is as if God cheated us. We are often stunned and outraged. We rail against God, “How could this be happening? Where is the logic?”

But maybe we are asking the wrong thing of God. Logic is, after all, our value, not God’s. Sooner or later in the face of illness or violence or accident or injustice, we must each confront the possibility that human logic may not be among God’s priorities. God, the holy, inscrutable, unknowable one who creates and sustains the universe in each and every moment, the one who has given us our very lives, does not offer us logical reasons for the way things are. And confronting that reality unnerves us. We get disoriented. If God is not doing what humans would do, if God is not following the path that humans would follow, then we are lost. We are lost and we cry out like Thomas in John’s Gospel (14:5), “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

And Jesus’ answer to us is that he is the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him. Some assume that this passage means that only Christians get to go to God. I would like to suggest instead that if Jesus is the way to God, then by definition the way to God for all people regardless of their religion includes suffering and self-surrender. Jesus went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified. If Jesus is the way,

then for Christians that way is the way of the cross. For Jews that way is the way of Job. For Muslims, that way is the way of Jihad, a widely misunderstood word that implies a struggle of the soul to strive for closeness to God by self-surrender to the divine will. Jesus the crucified and risen one confirms the notion held by all the major faiths that to be human is to suffer, to surrender oneself, and that God meets us and cares for us in the midst of that suffering and self-surrender. God does not offer us logic. God offers us God's very self.

God offers us God's very self, in hopes, I believe, that we might understand that even though our lives are fleeting and transitory, we are part of something larger, eternal and unchanging. And we are all part of it together. We are all woven together. Our journey takes us to suffering and sorrow, but God by God's grace shepherds us through suffering to redemption, shepherds us through suffering to joy, shepherds us through suffering to that larger version of ourselves that lives outside of time. Our journey takes us to suffering and sorrow and self-surrender, and God meets us there wrapping us divine love and bearing us away to our home in the very heart of God.

*Barbara*

## Vestry Notes

by Lisa Barnes,  
Co-warden

**A**t our April vestry meeting, we enjoyed our second Committee Update presentation, (last month by the Fellowship Committee), this time by the current leaders of the *Journey to Adulthood* (J2A) youth program for 9th and 10th graders. Gretchen Meeks, who has been leading and overseeing J2A for over five years, was present to give us a history of the program at St. E's, as well as some insights into how our leadership partnering with the youth has grown the program into the wondrous success it is today. Also present and contributing to the discussion was Jay Holdman, who has played an integral role in forging that success. Jay and I will be the two adults accompanying our youth on the Pilgrimage in July and the organizing, planning and coordination of it would never have happened without Jay's focus and passion. We all look

forward to a date this fall when our young travelers regale the congregation with their Tales from the Trip! A third contributor of time and talent to our J2A youth is Larry St George who was not at the vestry meeting but who, like Jay and me, will need to step down from a direct teaching role this summer due to the ages of our children, all of whom will graduate from the Catechesis program (COGS) this spring and enter either Rite 13 (6-8 grade) or J2A (9-10th grade). (Both programs fall under *Journey to Adulthood* and it is not recommended that one formally teach one's own child). J2A will certainly benefit from some new blood in September, I am sure! Special thanks to Gretchen, Jay and Larry for their quiet and steady work in St E's youth formation. Nestled in the youth room on the bottom floor every Sunday morning, many might not be aware of the important work going on there, but trust me; we see God's light shining powerfully in this windowless room!

Wearing multiple hats for his report was treasurer Steve Kenney, in full baseball gear as he slipped in a little bit late due to his coaching responsibilities across the street. This seems as good a time as any to remind you that vestry meetings are open to anyone who might wish to attend, although I can't promise you will see Steve (or others) wearing a costume each month! I do love that vestry members and, indeed all of the St E's community, enrich the whole with their many interests and talents! With some discussion about the repair of our hanging sign on the corner of Concord and Morse Road, a buildings and grounds update from Giff Perry, the cost-saving switchover of Internet hosts and our traditional "meeting evaluation" time, we adjourned.

We next meet on May 21 (please let Peter Gonze or me know if you would like to attend!) and look forward to our next Committee Update presentation.

*Lisa*

# Letters from Bishop Shaw

This letter came to us following the Bishop's visitation in February. His affirmation is not "boiler plate." A letter like this is rare. Bishop Shaw sees how special you are. Take a moment to relish his words.

## **The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

Office of the Bishop *The Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, S.SJE*

February 27, 2007  
The Rev. Barbara Williamson  
Members of the Vestry  
St. Elizabeth's Church  
1 Morse Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Barbara and Vestry Members,

Thank you very much for the visitation on February 11. It was so wonderful to be with all of you and to hear about what is happening at St. Elizabeth's. Again, I want to tell you how impressed I was with the new building but perhaps more importantly with the level of commitment to the church on the part of the vestry and other church leaders. You are doing an incredible job and while I wish I had \$80,000 so that you could hire an assistant, please know that I am praying for you and your staff issues.

The vestry discussion was very important to me in discerning how deeply you are motivated and open to the gift of the spirit in the work you are doing at St. Elizabeth's. You exemplify in many ways what I believe lay leadership should be in every church in the diocese. I want to again offer myself to do a vestry retreat or evening with you. It would be a pleasure to go deeper into the kind of discussion we had that Sunday afternoon.

Please thank the young people for spending the time with me. I know it is sometimes difficult to have a stranger come into your midst and have a discussion about something as difficult as they recently dealt with at the high school. It gave me some insight and help if a similar occurrence of violence were to occur within the diocese.

Again, know of my prayers and gratitude for the great work you are doing.

Faithfully yours,



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March 23, 2007

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

We write at the conclusion of what was for us, your bishops, a very positive spring meeting of the House of Bishops in Navasota, Tex. As a body we worked hard and well together to offer the church a clear statement of our common mind, one that is both scripturally and theologically based and that comes from our collective pastoral experience.

We did spend time affirming and learning about our church's response, both actual and still to be realized, to the Millennium Development Goals which are aimed at eradicating extreme global poverty and disease. Our work together in the Diocese of Massachusetts with our partners in Africa to combat HIV/AIDS is one part of a critical witness to the reality of the resurrection. Because of that work, we know that the church can and in many, many ways does do God's ministry effectively through the Anglican Communion – a point we do not want to get lost amidst the response to the other significant work that was before us.

But most of our time together was focused on the development and adoption of three resolutions all having to do with the relationship of the Episcopal Church with the Anglican Communion. All three of us participated in the preparation of the first and third resolutions, which Tom then moved for approval. We each voted to approve all three; and all three received widespread support. In fact, bishops on both sides of the issues before us were instrumental in getting these resolutions passed.

The House of Bishops does not make decisions for the church on its own. Because our church's Executive Council is the decision-making body that represents the laity and clergy of our church between General Conventions, the first of our resolutions asks the Executive Council to decline acceptance of an outside pastoral council and primatial vicar to oversee dissenting dioceses and congregations. We are not saying no in this resolution to communion, but rather to a particular scheme that almost all of us believe to be unworkable and a threat to the identity of our church; furthermore, we felt it necessary to address this issue now because the process toward implementing the oversight scheme was moving ahead prematurely without regard for our church's polity. The second resolution asks for a meeting with the archbishop of Canterbury and his council. The third describes the theological and ecclesial reasons for our decisions and provides fuller explanation of our concerns. We hope it will serve as a kind of teaching statement to the church that is clear about the Episcopal Church's identity – who we are, and what we have in common with and what distinguishes us from other provinces – and our desire to continue as a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, and about the ways that we have worked hard and in good faith to respond to the Windsor process all along the way. Perhaps most importantly, we hope that we have been clear in our reassurance to Episcopalians that the House of Bishops is committed to this process, but not at the expense of our polity – and not just for polity's sake but because it is a part of who we are – and not at the expense of full inclusion of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

Our work included reporting to one another on the health and vitality of the church in our respective dioceses, and we, your bishops, emphasized during the deliberations the faithfulness of our gay and lesbian members, lay and ordained, to this church and their essential contributions to the life of the Diocese of Massachusetts and its health and vitality.

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Kitchen Angel for May: Chris Howard Miracle Kitchen Coordinator:	May 6 5 Easter	May 13 6 Easter	May 20 7 Easter	May 27 Pentecost (Memorial Day weekend)
Euch. Min.	8 AM Ruth Griesel 10 AM Betsy Wallingford, Steve Davies	8 AM Stuart Hamilton 10 AM Matt Reilly Steve Davies	8 AM Susan Newlin 10 AM Stuart Hamilton Betsy Wallingford	8 AM Audrey Newton 10 AM Harry Ainsworth, Betsy Wallingford
Breadbearer & Third Station	Linda Trail  John Howard, TBD	John Howard  Linda Trail, Larry Stewart	Rich Grant  Ann Loos, TBD	Linda Trail  None
Lector	Craig Stafford	Jonas Barciauskas	Jane Graham	Karl Loos
Acolyte	Henry Fairbairn	Emily Knaul	Kyle Walker	Sam Sugg
V.P.O.D.	Win Treese	Nancy Kimble	Evan White	Lisa Barnes
Ushers	Betty & Stuart Hamilton	Larry Jobson & Susan Newlin	Kevin & Judy Loughry	Jim & Jane Newton
Greeters	Clare Perry	David & Cecilia Small	Betsy Wallingford	None
Altar Guild	8 AM Stevie Spina 10 AM Pat Blackey	8 AM Stevie Spina 10 AM Pat Blackey	8 AM Pat Blackey 10 AM Pat Blackey	8 AM Christine Howard 10 AM Pat Blackey
Coffee Server	Beth White	Betsy Wallingford	Terry Rourke	Kiersten & Dave Varner

# MAY 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Adult Confirmation Class 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Church 4:15 PM Youth Group leaves for UZcharist	30 Barbara is out of the Office today. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Brownie(7149) and Girl Scouts(2484) meeting (PH & MPR)	1 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 11:15 AM Yoga Class (MPR) 3:00 PM Brownie Meetings (MPR & YGR) 6:30 PM Deanery Assembly-Holy Spirit, Wayland 7:00 PM Diversity Committee Meeting (cnf) 7:30 PM ESL Class (MPR)	2 8:00 PM St. E's Softball at Featherland	3 3:00 PM Wardens Meeting (CNF) 7:00 PM An Evening with Poet Mary Oliver (St. Pauls, Boston) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	4	5
6	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Adult Confirmation Class 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Instructed Eucharist - Church (by the Level III Atrium) 10:00 AM Laying on of Hands 4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting (YGR)	7	8 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 11:15 AM Yoga Class (MPR) 3:00 PM Brownie Meeting (MPR) 2472 6:00 PM Miracle Kitchen 7:30 PM ESL Class (MPR)	9 3:00 PM Brownie Meeting(MPR)	10 6:30 PM St. E's Softball at Featherland 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft) 7:00 PM COGS Steering Committee meeting (YGR)	11	12
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20	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Church	21 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (MPR)	22 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 11:15 AM Yoga Class (MPR) 12:30 PM Deanery Luncheon (PH) 3:00 PM Brownie Meeting (MPR) 2472 7:30 PM ESL Class (MPR)	23 June Mantle Articles Due! 8:00 PM St. E's Softball at Featherland	24 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	25	26
27	Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:45 AM No Church School 10:00 AM Family Friendly Holy Eucharist - Church	28 Memorial Day- Office Closed	29 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 11:15 AM Yoga Class (MPR) 7:30 PM ESL Class (MPR)	30	31 3:15 PM Wardens Meeting 6:30 PM St. E's Softball at Featherland 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	1	2 10:30 AM Confirmation (St. Anne's, Lincoln) 4:00 PM Pot Luck BBQ (The Steven's House)

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There is always the temptation to think that the latest stage in this process is definitive, when, in fact, we are meant to keep open a conversation that is important to our ongoing conversion. As we celebrate the events that are at the heart of our salvation through the suffering, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, let us hold our church and our communion in prayer. We know that this is an anxious time, but remember that in struggle we find new life. That's the promise of the resurrection.

Faithfully,

*M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE*

Mind of the House resolutions online at [www.episcopalchurch.org/79901\\_84230\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_84230_ENG_HTML.htm)

House of Bishops: A Message to God's People online

[www.episcopalchurch.org/79901\\_84233\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_84233_ENG_HTML.htm)



### Last Month

April was spent planning and running the Auction. Thanks to everyone for your help and support of this year's auction. We had a great time at the auction and appreciate all your time, talents and

treasures in making it a success yet again.

### May Events

May 6 - Youth Group meeting from 4-5:30 p.m.

May 13 - Come to Church! We'll be meeting at the 10 a.m. service and going to lunch after church. We'll leave for lunch around 11:30 a.m. and be back to the church by 1 p.m. If you can't make it to the church, meet us at Stone Hearth Pizza around 11:40 p.m. Youth Group treat!

May 18-19 - Youth Group Retreat at Barbara Harris Retreat Center - Join us for the annual spring retreat to the Barbara Harris Center in New

Hampshire. We'll have a grand time as always hanging out, doing evening gatherings, playing games, and working on a construction project to help the camp. We'll leave the church at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 18 and return by 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. This is open to any and all youth who are interested including, but not limited, to those participating in City Mission this summer. More details to come soon!

### Dates to Remember

City Mission - July 7-14, 2007 - We need to know if you plan on participating by May 6<sup>th</sup>. A \$75.00 deposit is due by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to "St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church" with "City Mission 2007" in the memo.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating in City Mission or any other youth group activity, please let us know. You can contact David and Kiersten Varner at 617-484-1894 or [youthgroup@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:youthgroup@st-elizabeths.org).

*Dave and Kiersten Varner*

## Farewell to Larry Ruark

May 13th will be Larry Ruark's last official Sunday with the congregation of St. Elizabeth's. Larry and his wife Diane, both recently retired, are moving to North Attleboro to be closer to Diane's mother.

A longstanding parishioner who has been a great gift to our community, Larry has been a thorn in the sides of some and a compatriot of others. As Curtis Almquist of the Society of St. John the Evangelist said to me once, those who get under our skin probably belong there.

Larry's passion for justice, his love for the church warts and all, his commitment to the choir, adult education, and scheduling of Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Breadbearers, has borne witness to the seriousness with which he takes his Christian vocation as a lay person. In the days leading up to his departure, I hope you will wish Larry well. As for me, I know that I will miss Larry deeply. He goes with my profound gratitude for his work with us, on us, and on our behalf.

God bless you, Larry!

*Barbara*

## Journey to Adulthood

In April, our merry band of J2Aer's enjoyed exploring deeper connections with each other including the always popular "walking the Labyrinth" lesson, and focused attention from Barbara Williamson in preparation for June 2 confirmation at St. Anne's in Lincoln. Special congratulations to Emily Perry for her confirmation ceremony (held in Concord at Trinity Church due to a scheduling need.) Additionally, participants experienced a growing understanding of our role in setting the stage for what we hope will be a remarkable July pilgrimage to Borderlands Ranch in South Dakota. (Check it out at [www.borderlandsranch.org](http://www.borderlandsranch.org)). Whether attending St Elizabeth's first-ever youth Pilgrimage, or playing a supporting role in the Pilgrimage process, all J2A youth are involved.

At the time of this writing, we are actively preparing to help out during the Auction by way of making calls and inviting friends and neighbors to attend, setting up and serving food, watching children whose parents are in Parish hall, and clean up. A portion of the auction proceeds will directly benefit our fine group of J2Aer's.

We are nearing the end of our two-year long course of study together and as our final lessons together come to a close, our group is fully enjoying the unique friendships and support that can only come with walking this path together.

*Lisa Barnes*

## Atrium III Prepares Instructional Eucharist Service for St. E's

The children in the Level III atrium are working hard to put together an Instructional Eucharist Service for all parishioners. Each child will have an active role in the service; led by the children under the close guidance of Barbara Williamson. While preparing for this service, the children have gained a much clearer understanding of each part of the service and why it done. We are confident that everyone will learn from the children as we go step by step through their Instructional Eucharist on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

# May Days in and around St. E's



Wednesday	May 2	Halfway Café Vols vs. St E's	8:00
Thursday	May 10	Players vs. St E's	6:30
Friday	May 18	Dollar Day vs. St E's	6:30
Wednesday	May 23	St E's vs. Generals	8:00
Thursday	May 31	St E's vs. Pine Nuts	6:30

Games are played at Featherland Field



## Happy, Happy Birthday to:

Eric Kimble, Charlie McKinny, Mara Huston, Susan Berry, Jeremy Perisho, Giff Perry, Jayne Haggard, Sam Sugg, Bill Leslie, Susan Boyle, Olivia Henry, Stuart Hamilton, Karl Ginand, Kelley White, Karen Hodder, Scott Fairbairn, Meg Considine, Glenn Davis, Debbie Flagg, and Craig Fischer

## An Evening with Poet Mary Oliver

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host "An Evening with Poet Mary Oliver" on Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit three Episcopal Church summer antiviolence programs for city youth: the B-SAFE program at four sites (including St. Stephen's Church in Boston's South End and St. Mary's Church and the Epiphany School in Dorchester); the Arts in Action program at St. John's Church in Charlestown; and the Trinity Education for Excellence Program at Trinity Church in Boston. Tickets are \$30 each (\$15 for students).

Listen to Mary Oliver's audio meditation "[Six Recognitions of the Lord](#)"

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul Office  
(617/482-4826, ext. 221)

## Spring Merriment at St. Elizabeth's!

Mark your calendars for the June 2nd pot luck barbeque and old fashion horseshoe pitching tournament at the home of John and Arlene Stevens. The horseshoes start flying at 4:00 pm followed by a cookout at 6:00 pm. Special prize for the winning team!

The cost for the barbeque is \$7.50 per person. Space is limited so please call the Stevens at (978) 443-7979 no later than May 29<sup>th</sup> to confirm.

### MIDWEEK MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S BOWDOIN STREET 33 Bowdoin St, on Boston's Beacon Hill Tuesdays and Wednesdays May 15-30 at 5:15

TUES MAY 15	<i>Frauenliebe-und-Leben</i> of Robert Schumann
WED MAY 16	Music of Mozart and Mahler
TUES MAY 22	Music of Liszt, Lori Laitman, Copland
WED MAY 23	Music of Wolf, Juliana Hall, Bartók, Mozart
TUE MAY 29	Music of Mozart, Faure, Brahms, Hoiby
WED MAY 30	Music of Pinkham, Ives, Argento, Laitman, Longy Composers

Admission is at the door, and concerts are free.

Contact for Information: Parish Office at St. John's 617 227 5242 or  
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The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Sudbury Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Relay for Life is a community event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to raise money for cancer research and support programs for cancer patients. The Relay is also a time to honor and celebrate the survivors of this terrible disease and to remember those who have lost their battle to cancer. For more information on this incredibly moving event, please visit the Sudbury Relay for Life website at [www.acsevents.org/relay/masudbury](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/masudbury) or contact Laura French at [laura.french@cancer.org](mailto:laura.french@cancer.org) or 781-314-2670.

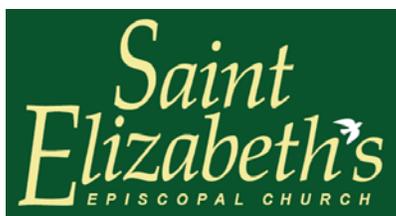
Mantle Deadlines ..... Save these dates!

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
June	May 23
Summer (July-August)	June 22
September	August 22

Coming attraction!



Baseball fans young and old, circle Sunday June 24th on your calendars for our next Fellowship event. Be sure to see the June Mantle for more details.



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*Ours is a community through which we respond to our connection with God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Together we seek to know and worship God, nurturing one another in love as we live God's will. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to reach out and respond to the needs of others and to make God known to the larger community.*

*St. Elizabeth's Church in the Town of Sudbury welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.*