

# The Mantle

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church  
Sudbury, Massachusetts



## Parish Spring Picnic! Sunday, June 10th

Please come and join the fun following the 10:00 AM service. Good food and great games. If your last name starts with A-E (hyphenated names go by first one) please bring along a dessert. If your last name starts with F-Z, please bring a salad. Please Note: No tree nuts or peanuts!



## On Your Marks...Get Set... Go to the Kid's Team-Skill Race at the Spring Picnic!

In between burgers and dessert, we're going to have a 30-minute kid's Team-Skill Race that should be a blast. Larry Jobson, Susan Newlin, and Gretchen and Joe Meeks will organize the race, and perhaps a few parents will be solicited to help out! The race will consist of four challenges around the church grounds that kids aged 4 to 13 should be able to complete easily as part of an evenly age-distributed team (no risk to their ever-so-precious bodies). Each team will rotate around the challenge locations at the sound of a horn.

The teams will be timed and the one with the best time for all four challenges wins. Some of you may not like keeping score, but kids do it anyway! We may even have a few special awards for unique challenge solving skills. The rest of the details are confidential, though you may pry some clues out of Larry, Sue, Gretchen or Joe over the next few weeks. The specific challenges will not be divulged! Please... allow enough time at the picnic for this event so that your kids don't have to leave in the middle of all the fun!



# From the Rector by The Rev. Barbara Williamson

**A**s Kermit the frog says, “It ain’t easy being green.” I perceive that Kermit is a prophet. As the issue of climate change has crowded in upon our collective conscious, we have become increasingly aware of the need to be green and the difficulty of becoming green. So much of our lifestyle is tied into consumerism. Going green entails consuming less and conserving more, the antithesis of consumerism.

**As with everything new we try to do, we have to start with where we are, with what we can do now and gradually work toward the changes we need to make. We start simple, and encouraged by small successes, we move step by step toward our goal.**



In our household, Peter and I recycle everything we can. We compost our vegetarian kitchen waste. We are slowly changing over to compact fluorescent light bulbs after we learned that if every household replaces five incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, the energy saved would be the equivalent of taking 80,000 vehicles off the road for a year. We recently purchased two rain barrels to capture rainwater from a downspout for the garden. After the recent rains, we have 110 gallons of “free” water for our flowers. One of our cars uses hybrid technology, averaging 45 mpg in the colder months and 55 mpg in the warmer months. In the winter our timer thermostat keeps our heat at 63 in the early morning and then again in the evening and 58 the rest of the time. This is a start.

Now we are paying more attention to the source of our foods, realizing how much energy is used to transport foods, for example, from California (strawberries, citrus, lettuces, etc.), Chili (grapes, asparagus), Costa Rica (bananas), Hawaii (pineapple), and Thailand (shrimp). So we are trying to adjust our diet to consume foods when they are in season locally, keeping to a minimum the consumption of foods grown thousands of miles away. And we limit our use of disposable plastic food storage bags, opting instead for reusable containers. We are committed to keep finding ways of earth friendly sustainable living.

Our strategies may not be practical for you. I encourage you, therefore, to share your strategies in a new “green space” feature in the Mantle where we can swap ideas and encourage each other in our growing commitment to consume less and conserve more.

Each individual household can make some difference solo. But collectively, we can have an even greater impact. At the recent clergy conference, our presiding bishop, Katherine Jefferts Schori, spoke of our duty as Christians to influence our legislators on behalf of those who have no power, including the earth. As Americans we have the freedom and the responsibility to participate in the political process, and together we have far more clout than we do alone. The Episcopal Public Policy Network which you can find on line at [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3654\\_71382\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3654_71382_ENG_HTML.htm) offers

education, support and resources for engaging in the important work of advocacy, doing our utmost to be good stewards of this fragile earth, our island home.



It ain’t easy being green, but with the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ, with the resources of the church, and by the grace of God, we can do more than we think.

*Barbara*

# Warden's Words

by Lisa Barnes, Co-Warden

People tell me I do too much. I think it makes some people worried. In college, my sweet grandmother sent me a gentle warning in Edna St Vincent Millay's poem about burning the candle at both ends. Still I chose instead to delight in the "lovely light" the candle produced. I apologize. I am greedy with my life, and want to do lots of different things. I understand how blessed I am with family, health, wealth and wits to be able to choose so many things. It helps that I figured out long ago that I didn't need to be the best at anything, freeing me to say "yes" to many interesting opportunities along the way. I have cheerfully given up the dream of being the best wife, parent, daughter, Episcopalian, friend, consultant, Teen Center director, gardener or athlete. Striving for that drains me. Participating and taking risks challenges me, feeds my soul, gives me joy, helps me grow and benefits me in ways I could never predict.

Participating is not always easy and it is not always fun. But I have grown accustomed to stepping outside my comfort zone. As a ranked tennis player, whenever I am losing a match and feeling particularly crabby, I smack my thigh and say, "Fool! Aren't you a better tennis player than 95% percent of the people on this earth? Are you ungrateful to be out here with your 20/20 eyesight, your sturdy legs, your ten toes? If you were mopping a floor right now, wouldn't you be dreaming of a chance to play tennis?" Thoughts like this calm me and help me to laugh at myself.

I work with au pairs and their local host families. Sometimes there are big, weird, tearful problems that are time consuming and complicated to work through. Helping folks navigate them clears the pathway for wonderful and interesting relationships with people I would never have otherwise had the chance to meet. I consider this a great honor,

and I am proud of these relationships.

Playing on a local softball team has introduced me to many local schoolteachers. Over the years, I have enjoyed bringing our sons to the games to show them the value of cheering on their mom and her pals from the sidelines. And it has created a relationship outside the classroom between our boys and their future teachers. This is lovely and comforting for a parent, let me assure you. After the January horror at the high school, knowing a softball team-mate was a guidance counselor at L- S allowed me to contact her, comfort her, made me feel useful. Who knew I would find the gift of healing by playing center field?

Recently, while feeling sorry for myself as I watched yet another endless Little League game (sure my time would be better spent elsewhere), an idea came to me. The parent to my left had told me that her daughter, a nursing student, was looking for summer work. The parent to my right had a 13-year-old with cerebral palsy who was looking for summer company. Shazam! A simple introduction — that's why I do "too much"!

So think about this. **At every vestry meeting, a clarion call goes out from each group and committee asking for more volunteers willing to share a little of their time and talent, bringing with them new ideas and energy.** There are all sorts of opportunities waiting inside the (soon to be new) front doors of St Elizabeth's.

One cannot predict what might be gained or who might be befriended in signing up for something. But I can say there is a "lovely light" shining there.

Please consider being even more a part of it than you already are. Great things await us all.

# Vestry Notes by Peter Gonze, Co-Warden

The following summarizes some of main topics and discussion at the May Vestry meeting. If you would like further information or have questions about these topics or anything else, you are invited to call, email or speak with the Wardens or a Vestry member.

A major focus of the Vestry's work this year has been to invite committees to bring an update on what's been happening. The goal of these sessions is to celebrate the work of the committees, understand the problems and opportunities and to help identify resources to further the good works. So far this year we have met with Fellowship, J2A and Communications, John Stevens and the work Parish Feedback committee will be on the agenda in June.

## Communications

- John Howard, as Vestry Liaison, prepared a comprehensive list of opportunities for both internal and external communications. John plans to work with various groups to leverage our efforts. For example, some material that appears in the Mantle could be used on the Website. In addition, regular inserts in the Town Crier announcing activities at St. E's and worship schedules. Also, the new bulletin board in the hallway outside the Parish Hall will feature the work of various groups and committees on a rotating basis.

- Tricia Griggs and Pat Coffin, our Mantle editors, spoke about their work and they led a lively discussion about additional columns, more pictures and other ideas to keep reading interest high. A lot of conversation centered on: Are people reading the E Mantle? How can we measure this; how can we make it better? So one suggestion I have is send the editors a note (email or a postcard!); they want to hear from you and invite your ideas, suggestions and help!

- Debbie Flagg, our Webmaster, is largely responsible for the enhanced St. E's website which went live several months ago, discussed possible enhancements opportunities to keep the site fresh and focused. While the primary communications goal of the St. E's website to communicate with external audiences, there is interest in creating a "members" section. The challenges of keeping this up to date and fresh will likely require some more help. Any volunteers???

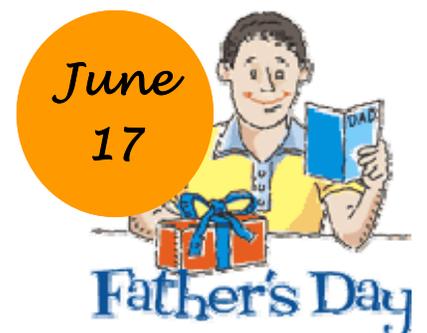
- Peg Scarlata, Parish Administrator, offered a number of helpful perspectives to improve the flow of information. One suggestion is to create a listing of Committee chairs, Vestry Liaison and contact information. A simple idea to improve connectivity and communications!! Look for more information and follow-up as John sorts through the ideas and figures out ways to put them in motion.

## Finances

A formal review of the Treasurer's report occurs every other month. This was an "off" month, so there was no formal review. However, the summary is simple: so far, we are tracking on budget for the year on both income and expenses, in total. However, the 2007 budget does anticipate a fall fundraiser and a year end appeal to achieve a balanced budget.

## Buildings & Grounds Report

- A portion of an unrestricted gift from the estate of Tish Haynes had been reserved for an improvement project. The Vestry approved the purchase and installation of new doors for the front of the Church. These doors will be easier to open, meet code requirements for egress and will match the style of the new construction. The doors will have glass panels allowing more light into the Narthex.
- The Rectory roof is in need of repair. The Vestry previously approved funding a new roof from the capital maintenance budget. Work on this will begin within then next few weeks.



# Vestry Notes (cont.)

- Discussions with T Mobile regarding the Cell Tower are on hold, pending a reorganization at the company. Negotiations with T Mobile had been stalled for several months. The plan has been to negotiate near final terms and then to deliberate on whether to proceed. More details will be available if this proceeds.

- There are still many “spring clean up” projects remaining, we anticipate scheduling another Saturday work party.

## Rector’s Report

- Analysis of Sunday service attendance levels is ongoing. The data suggests that although total church membership has in-

creased, attendance (on average) at weekly services has plateaued. However, averages can be misleading so a careful look at seasonality and other influences will be conducted to better understand the data.

- Discussions with a potential intern candidate are ongoing. A decision will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

- The Benabed’s are planning to move out of the Rectory in early June. There is a tenant lined up to rent the Rectory. Occupancy is anticipated by end of June.

## Warden’s Report

- The Spring Auction was very

successful raising over \$9,500 ! These funds will be allocated to help fund City Mission, Pilgrimage and a portion was specifically earmarked towards an ASP reserve.

St. E’s has a commitment to provide funding for a share of RIM and MICAH expenses which will have to come from general fund accounts.

***The next Vestry meeting will take place on June 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Multi Purpose room.***



## June Jubilee June 23rd

Jubilee Ministries has come together to help those in Africa devastated by HIV/AIDS. The Alewife Deanery will welcome walkers, riders and Bishop Gayle Harris on June 23rd for the third Walk and Worship in support of Jubilee Ministries. Teams will gather in the morning and head along the Minute-man Bikeway toward the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington Center.

9:00am at the Alewife T Station (6 mile walk)

10:00 in Arlington Center (4.5 mile walk)

10:00am at the Bedford Train Depot (4 mile walk)

Last year’s event raised more than \$30,000 and the Jubilee Ministries makes sure that every dollar goes a long way. The funds raised are used with partners in missions in place in Africa to provide health care for HIV/AIDS patients or health care feeding and education for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. This local connection streamlines the process and maximizes the impact of the funds raised.

If you would like to participate in the walk/ride, volunteer to help, or make a donation, visit

**[www.junejubilee.org](http://www.junejubilee.org) or email [dmiller@alewifedeanery.org](mailto:dmiller@alewifedeanery.org)**

for online registration, press releases, sponsor sheets, etc.

	June 3 Pentecost 1	June 10 Pentecost 2	June 17 Pentecost 3	June 24 Pentecost 4
Kitchen Angel for June: Susan Berry Miracle Kitchen Coordinator:				
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<b>T</b> hird Station	Karyn Grant, Ann Loos	Stuart Hamilton, TBA	Linda Trail, Larry Stewart	
<b>L</b> ector	Walter Morgan	Craig Stafford	Jonas Barciauskas	Jane Graham
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<b>V.P.O.D.</b>	Carol Dicker	Peter Gonze	John Howard	Steve Kenney
<b>U</b> shers	Mike & Jeremy Perisho	John & Arlene Stevens	Ray Considine & John Romain	
<b>G</b> reeters	Audrey Newton	Clare Perry		
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# JUNE 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:45 AM No Church School 10:00 AM Family Friendly Holy Eucharist and Baptism - 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 Warden's Meeting 6:30 PM St. E's Softball at Featherland 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	1 1	2 10:30 AM Confirmation (St. Anne's, Lincoln) 1:00 PM Rite 13 Ceremony Rehearsal 4:00 PM Pot Luck BBQ (The Steven's House)
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10 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Church 10:00 AM Laying on of Hands 11:15 AM Parish Picnic (at St. E's)	11 7:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting (R13 rm)	12 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 6:00 PM Miracle Kitchen 8:00 PM St. E's softball game- Featherland	13 7:00 PM Calendar Planning Meeting (MPR)	14 9:00 AM MICAH LOC 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft) 7:00 PM COGS Steering Committee meeting (YGR) 8:00 PM St. E's softball- Featherland	15	16
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School (last one) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Church	18 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (MPR)	19 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 6:00 PM St. E's softball- Feeley Field	20	21 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	22 Summer Mantle Deadline 8:00 PM St. E's Softball- Featherland	23
24 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Chapel 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Church 11:30 AM Tour of Fenway Park	25 3:00 PM Warden's Meeting (CNF)	26 10:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 12:30 PM Deanery Luncheon (PH)	27 6:30 PM St. E's softball- Featherland	28	29	30

# J2A (Grades 8-10)

The J2A class is finishing up their second and last year in the Journey to Adulthood curriculum before moving on to the Young Adults in the Church group in the Fall. Much time has been devoted this Spring to discussion and decisions on Pilgrimage and Confirmation, as well as to lessons on focusing on one's own Spirituality and learning the many ways to Pray and connect to God. These final lessons, discussions and decisions culminate in the act of Confirmation for a number of our young people, now entering into the Church as adults, and Pilgrimage, a strong act of faith and hope and connection to God.

Barbara has visited our classroom a number of times so far to lead discussion and answer questions about Confirmation. While much has been shared, there is still much which has been left unsaid, unasked. It is hard sometimes when you want to pass on that which has helped you or others and you feel that it may not have "bridged the gap", "made the connection". It is part of the Journey for all of us. Perhaps the questions are not ready yet, perhaps that which is unsaid awaits a private conversation with God or a fellow spiritual traveler during Pilgrimage or another time altogether.

As our children grow to adulthood we grow with them, not all at the same pace, not all with the same needs, not all with the same communication level or connection to God. We try to learn the tools, the methods, the way to connect ourselves to each other and our Maker, and as we do we try to pass it on. And we wonder, and we hope that we leave an impression that will last to the time when it is needed.

We congratulate those who are engaging in Confirmation this spring, and in Pilgrimage, and pray that they and those they touch will grow in love, faith, trust and intimacy with God. May our graduating J2A'ers also have a safe and enjoyable Summer and return, ready to take the next step on their Journey to Adulthood in the Church.

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# Level II News

By Beth Santomenna

**A**mong the lessons in the Atrium this year are presentations about the Salvation History. The vastness of the History of Salvation, highlighting the “moments” of Creation, Redemption, and Parousia, is experienced with the children through readings from the Bible and hands-on presentations of timelines (including the Fettucia ribbon, a favorite) and other representations of the variety, richness, abundance, and order of God’s gifts to us from Creation to Parousia. We talked about God’s greatest gift, Jesus, present to us today in the Eucharist. These presentations provide an opportunity for the children to wonder about their place and role in God’s history, lovingly prepared by Him for us.

I asked several children this past Sunday to share their perceptions and “wonderings” related to these presentations:

*∴ I thought the Fettucia was really great. I learned about time and what happens in time. I learned how God created everything, all the planets, outer space, animals, and people. Creation lasted a long time!*

*∴ Redemption is when Jesus came. Redemption tells us stories of God’s kingdom, like how Jesus loved us so much that he died and rose. God created humans and Jesus died for us because he wanted to help people. We’re in Redemption today.*

*∴ Parousia is in the future, when there will be no more wars, no more sickness, and no more death. The Bible says that in Parousia we can see Jesus again and there will be heaven forever. I think the future will be really exciting!*

*∴ When we talked about the History of the Gifts of God we worked with a little jar of scented oil, figures of animals, a snakeskin, and a beehive. These things represented what God gave us and they show what a good job He did making the earth.*

*∴ I can think about how God made the earth and I will try to take care of it, even when I grow up and have a job. I won’t take a job where they might be hurting the earth.*



# Level | News

It is hard to believe that our 3, 4 & 5 year-olds are just about a year older and definitely a year wiser. When the year began we had many friends who took a little bit of time to separate from a parent. The atrium is now full of faces anxiously awaiting the arrival of a new friend. The laughter in the atrium during the last several weeks has been infectious, it has been wonderful. The Good Shepherd has been very busy in the Level I atrium.

The time after Easter is a time to on a regular basis, during our the Peace. We wondered who's hands with one another each ways with you" with the response together as one with each other,

We also talked about two of the bara do during the preparation of sis? Epiclesis is when the Father form the bread and wine into the hands together up high over the brought down. This ties in well paring the chalice for the comwine, we wondered who is the move the water from the wine?



discuss some of the gestures that occur Sunday service. We offered each other Peace were we offering when we shook week. "The Peace of the Lord be al- "And also with you". Our hands come with God's Peace.

gestures that we watch Reverend Bar- communion. One is Epiclesis. Epicle- is asked to send the Holy Spirit to trans- presence of Jesus Christ. Slowly, with chalice and the paten the hands are after having spent one presentation pre- munion. Adding a bit of water to the wine? Who is the water? Can we re-

As we remove our bodies from the atrium over the summer, the Good Shepherd remains with all of us. May His laughter carry you through the summer months and we are looking forward to seeing smiling faces again in the fall.

Sally Norton

## St. E's Softball Team Schedule

Can't get tickets to the Sox? Come on out and see the next best thing!

Tuesday	June 12	Pine Nuts vs. St E's	8:00
Thursday	June 14	Generals vs. St E's	8:00
Tuesday	June 19*	St E's vs. Dollar Day	6:00
Friday	June 22	Swingers vs. St E's	8:00
Wednesday	June 27	St E's vs. Swingers	6:30
Tuesday	July 3*	St E's vs. Players	6:00
Monday	July 9	St E's vs. Dollar Day	8:00
Wednesday	July 11	Wizards vs. St E's	8:00
Friday	July 20	Pine Nuts vs. St E's	8:00
Monday	July 23	St E's vs. Swingers	6:30



It's root, root, root for the home team!

Games at Featherland unless asterisked. \* Feeley Field Game

# June Birthdays

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



*Jacob Abbot, Owen Bautze, Gin Bell, David Bertolino, Peter Boswell, Andrew Brown, David Bryant, Gregg Congleton, Josh Considine, Alonso Darias, Shelagh Davenport, William Davenport, Griffin Davis, Rajeev Deshmuk, Ian Dicker, Elise Fairbairn, Nancy Goodwin, Juliet Goswami, Susan Goswami, Taylor Grant, Walker Griggs, Emma Hauck, Julia Henry, Wil Henry, Jay Holdman, Laura Holdman, Caroline Kenney, Stephen Kenney, Kathryn Kimble, Graden Kirksey, Hannah Knaul, Stacey Koekkoek, Patti LeBlanc-Gedney, Jordan McNeill, Kyle Mitchell, Brett Morgan, Kaila Nelson, Jim Newton, Jim A. Newton, John Newton, Andrew Parker, Leah Parker, Maddie Parker, Margaret Small, Lucie St. George, Holly Steiger, Linda Trail, Caitlin Trecker, Ashley Wagner, Kyle Walker, Caroline Watson, Beth White, Tim White*

## Pick Up Your New Pictorial Directory!

The St. E's 2007 pictorial directories have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Parish Hall foyer. Quantity is limited, so one copy per household please.

If you are in the directory, you are welcome to a complimentary copy regardless of whether your photo was taken by Olan Mills. If you are a newcomer and weren't with us when photos were taken back in January, please take one of the extra copies on the table. Enjoy!



## Farewell to Mohammed, Mansouria, and Abdou!

In June our Refugee Immigration Ministries (RIM) family, the Benabeds, will bid farewell to Sudbury in order to move into Boston. There are two greeting cards in the parish hall for the Benabeds wishing them happiness in their new home. Please take the opportunity to sign one of the cards with your good wishes. In addition, on **Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following Abdou's graduation from L/S, there will be a party at Sudbury United Methodist Church from 8 to 9:30 PM with light refreshments. Please stop by to greet the Benabeds, to congratulate Abdou, and to enjoy hospitality.

## Summer Fellowship at St. Elizabeth's...



Baseball fans of all ages:

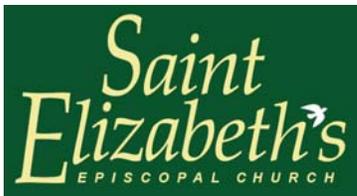
Ever want to touch the "Green Monster"  
or sit in the dugout at Fenway Park?

On **Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>** we'll do that and more...

as we travel to Boston for a **two-hour private tour**  
of the oldest baseball park in the country. The tour provides fans  
with a behind-the-scenes look at America's most beloved ballpark.

Our Bus leaves St. Elizabeth's at **11:30 am**  
following the 10:00 am Service and returns by 4:00 pm.

For ticket information or to reserve your seats  
call Ray Considine at (508) 877-9303 or [considine23@aol.com](mailto:considine23@aol.com).



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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.*