

# The Mantle



St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church  
Sudbury, Massachusetts

June 2008

## St. E's Picnic



### June 8th ... Mark your calendar!

Once again, the Fellowship committee will be hosting the picnic following the 10 am service. Committee members from Softball, B&G, and Fellowship will rustle up burgers and hotdogs and parishioners will supply desserts and salads. If your name begins with A-E, please bring along a dessert; F-Z, please bring a salad. NO allergy-stimulating food items (e.g., peanuts). Hopefully, you'll stay as long as you can to socialize and also to help bring tables and chairs back into the Parish Hall.

## Stewarding Our Gifts: Buildings, Grounds, and People

In recognition of the tremendous efforts and ongoing contributions of those who keep the church grounds looking so beautiful, I give grateful thanks to Joe Meeks, Dave Wallingford, Gifford Perry, and all of the volunteers who assisted with spring clean up and spreading mulch. You are terrific!!

We have a big property and two buildings in constant need of oversight. As busy as we all are with our own lives, giving even an hour from time to time is a huge contribution to our faith community. Many hands make light work. It is not just a matter of stewardship of the property with which we have been graced. It is a matter of stewardship of each other. When only two or three parishioners volunteer their time, they carry more than their share not just of the physical burden of maintaining God's house. They carry more than their share of the psychic burden. It is easy to feel overworked and underappreciated when only a handful of parishioners turn out to do a job that rightfully belongs to all of us.



Join the St' E's  
Grounds Crew

So the next time the call goes out for volunteers to help with the grounds, please step forward to take your turn. Or don't wait for the call. Email Joe Meeks, Dave Wallingford, or Gifford Perry at [bng@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:bng@st-elizabeths.org) to ask what you can do to help over the summer when life is not so full of other demands. Thank you!

# From Our Rector by The Rev. Barbara Williamson

**Today I** bought a book by Marilyn Paul called *It's Hard to Make a Difference When You Can't Find Your Keys: The Seven-Step Path to Becoming Truly Organized*. Any of you who have ever graced my office with your presence have no doubt had some internal response to the chaos. Maybe you felt dismay and disdain, empathy and familiarity, or worry and wonder. Whatever you felt, you were very kind not to betray the feeling by the expression on your face.

I bought the book at a seminar by the same name, a seminar sponsored by the Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association (MECA). I signed up as soon as I heard about it, having resolved to make the changes I need to make to better manage stuff and time. When the day came, I realized I was a little anxious to expose to my colleagues that I am disorganized. I walked into the room and was relieved to see many of my favorite clergy. Many of the most respected clergy in the diocese were there. Phew! So I am in good company! I felt like I was in a 12-step program: Hello, my name is Barbara, and I am disorganized.

The reason for my resolve is that particularly in the last 9 months I have become acutely aware of the cost of disorganization. It is embarrassing, shameful, time-consuming, and anxiety-provoking. I lose others' trust because they experience my inconsistent follow-through, preparedness, and dependability. Disorganization interferes with creativity, productivity, personal and professional relationships, and clarity and peace of mind. And it distracts me from the Holy. You know our primary task as the children of God is to praise God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Disorganization robs me of focus on the one thing necessary.

Maybe this sounds all too familiar to some of you either because you get exasperated with people who are chronically disorganized and late for appointments or because you yourself are chronically disorganized and late for appointments. If you, like me, are among the latter, just envision the day that

You can find what you want when you need it.

You can take action when you want and seize new opportunities as they arise.

You can arrive when you choose.

You can focus on what you want to focus on.

You can complete your tasks in a timely way.

You can keep agreements, and you make agreements that you can keep.

You can do all of this with some degree of presence of mind. You are aware of a greater Presence. You are able to pay attention to what you decide is important.

This is Marilyn Paul's definition of personal organization and effectiveness. Clearly it is more than freeing oneself from clutter.

So over the next year I will slowly but surely begin to adopt Marilyn Paul's techniques so that my time and my calendar can be my friends rather than my enemies. I will need the support of the community, so I invite your prayers, encouragement, and advice. And I invite others who find themselves ready to implement this kind of change to join me in organizing for what is really important.

**Barbara**

## **Turn Online Shopping into Contributions for St. E's!**

How? Easy. Go to [www.OneCause.com](http://www.OneCause.com) to register. Then shop! Think of OneCause as a "virtual mall". Go there first (without the hassle of finding parking!), then go to any retailer available at that "mall" - hundreds of your favorite websites, stores and catalogs. Amazon, Land's End, OfficeMax, Expedia, Dell, Best Buy, 1-800-Flowers, The Container Store, Gardener's Supply Company, EToys, even EBay - just to name a few! The retailers will then donate a percentage of your purchase back to St. Elizabeth's. It's that easy. And it's absolutely free. So if you're already shopping online, now you can do the same thing yet give back a little in the process. Just last week St. E's received a check for \$242 as a result of your One Cause shopping. Thanks!!

# Warden's Words

by Win Treese, Co-Warden

*"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."* These are familiar words from Sunday services. They also come to mind when the vestry reviews the monthly financial reports, as we do at every vestry meeting. Looking across the finances of the parish for an entire year, I am always struck by two things: the generosity of our parish, and a budget that relies on God to inspire us to fill in the financial gaps at the end of year.

As you may know, three of the parish's main sources of income are pledges (through the annual stewardship campaign), fundraising, and a special appeal at the end of the year. For purposes of planning the budget, pledges are critically important for us, because then we do not have to guess the amount we need to raise later to pay for expenses we incur now. Above and beyond the monetary amount,, making a pledge to St. Elizabeth's is immensely helpful to Barbara and the vestry for giving us a base for planning. I'd like to thank everyone who contributes by pledging for this help. Also, every year, the budget includes what we expect to raise by fundraising and the special contributions at the end of the year. The generous gifts we receive at those times are precious as well, and we depend on them to meet the goals of the operating budget.

As happens to everyone, during the year we find, create, and invent new projects that require money as well. Often, on a small scale, we can find some ways to make those happen. Others are harder. For example, from the parish feedback project, discussions with many of you, and just looking at the needs of our parish, we are all excited about the possibility of adding an associate rector to assist Barbara in meeting the pastoral needs of the congregation. So far, this is beyond what we think we can afford in the budget for 2008, but realizing this goal within the next year is a high priority for the vestry.

As new ideas come up, it's easy for us to say about any one of them, "Let's do a special fundraiser for this great idea." Sometimes, we have done that;; other times, we have chosen not to. As I think about this, I wonder if that is the most effective way for us. I imagine that for many of us, "donor fatigue" can set in as we are (in the extreme case) inundated with requests for money. Over-solicitation is certainly not our goal. To that end, the vestry is very interested in your feelings about when and how we raise the money needed to fund both the mission and the operations of St. Elizabeth's. If you have some thoughts to share, any member of the vestry, along with Barbara, Lisa, and I would be happy to hear them.

Remember that stewardship is, in many ways, less about the money and more about our own individual relationships with God. How are you feeling called to participate?

## Happy June Birthday to you!

Jacob Abbott, Owen Bautze, Gin Bell, David Bertolino, Peter Boswell, Andrew Brown, David Bryant, Gregg Congleton, Alonso Darias, Shelagh Davenport, William Davenport, Rajeev Deshmuk, Elise Fairbairn, Juliet Goswami, Susan Goswami, Taylor Grant, Walker Griggs, Emma Hauck, Julia Henry, Will Henry, Jay Holdman, Laura Holdman, Caroline Kenney, Stephen Kenney, Kathryn Kimble, Hannah Knaul, Alex Kornblum, Jordan McNeill, Laura Milton, Kyle Mitchell, Brett Morgan, Jim Newton, Jim A. Newton, Jane Newton, John Newton, Andrew Parker, Leah Parker, Maddie Parker, Rachel Phalen, Jen Reinhard, Margaret Small, Lucie St. George, Holly Steiger, Linda Trail, Caitlin Trecker, Ashley Wagner, Kyle Walker, Caroline Watson, Beth White, Tim White, Annika Zurn, Lisa Zurn



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# Vestry Notes

by Lisa Barnes, Co-Warden

**May 2008** presented the Vestry with yet another ambitious agenda of items for contemplation, collaboration, discussion and compromise. Due to Vestry members' busy schedules, it was a smaller group than usual but the meeting was extraordinarily productive none-the-less.

Representing the Newcomers committee, Karyn Grant prepared a thorough presentation updating us on the doings of the group. There were no less than 50 names of people new to St Elizabeth's recently welcomed through the special efforts of Newcomers. Reaching out, connecting, luncheon gatherings and sending notes of good cheer home are just some of the ways this important team connects us to those new to St E's. Karyn reported looking for 2-3 additional committee members to enhance the breadth and reach of Newcomers, and one need not be an "old timer" to apply. See Karyn on any Sunday or she can be reached at [newcomers@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:newcomers@st-elizabeths.org).

We also enjoyed the monthly presentation of the Treasurers report by Steve Kenney. Steve stated that expenses exceeded income in the general fund during April but that the deficit was lower than anticipated in the budget. He also reported that pledge payments were well ahead of expectations, and we continue to be in a solid financial position at this point in the year. Extraordinary items during the month of April were reported as including \$16,500 from the spring auction into the Outreach Fund, but expenses against that total are still being tallied, and the expense of the much-needed new rectory furnace was expensed to the Capital Maintenance Fund.

We had a thoughtful and lively discussion around the need for planned fundraising for unbudgeted projects agreed to by parishioners and vestry alike as including the addition of an Associate Rector and the money we need to sustain our enhanced music program. Another project – the installation of new doors, landing and stairs leading from parish hall into the back yard – was postponed.

Art Huston raised the issue of the addition of fair trade coffee at St. Elizabeth's refreshments after services. He has been researching this "hot" topic in consultation with our Coffee Hour hosts and others, and looks to September for a roll out of this coffee conversion. Thanks to parishioners past, present and new, and to Vestry members present in body or spirit for their attention to these and so many other fine details that come together making St Elizabeth's the beautiful place that it is.

## Looking for a way to get involved? Opportunities abound!

Things are winding down for the summer and that is a good thing, but as you think about next Fall, I wonder how you would like to do your part for the St. E's faith community. Here are some opportunities to consider:

**Adult Education:** Are you interested in enhanced Christian Education for Adults? Share ideas, assist on the committee to develop programs, assist with getting presenters from outside, or offering a program yourself. Talk to Barbara Williamson [barbara\\_williamson@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:barbara_williamson@st-elizabeths.org)

**Altar Guild:** Do you love Thanksgiving? Join the team that prepares for the Great Thanksgiving every week. Mentoring provided. No experience necessary. Talk to Clare Perry at [altarguild@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:altarguild@st-elizabeths.org).

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**Buildings and Grounds:** Do you like to putter around the house or work in the yard? Turn your talents on God's house. Talk to Joe Meeks [bng@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:bng@st-elizabeths.org)

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** How would you like to spend time with children, learning and telling stories, wondering about God, and have your own faith informed and strengthened all at the same time? Talk to Clare Perry [cogs@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:cogs@st-elizabeths.org)

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Coffee hour is the time for refreshments and fellowship following the 10 AM service: coffee, tea, and some sort of quick breads for the adults and juice and crackers for the children. Everything is provided except the quick breads which you are free to purchase or prepare yourself. This is a low impact way to let your gift for hospitality shine. Talk to Betsy Wallingford [coffeecore@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:coffeecore@st-elizabeths.org)

**Communications:** How would you like to let your gifts for writing, website design and management, or interviewing shine? Join John Howard, Tricia Griggs, and Pat Coffin in their ongoing effort to maintain and improve our communications. Talk to John Howard [comcom@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:comcom@st-elizabeths.org)

**Christmas Pageant:** On Christmas Eve afternoon our younger children present a Gospel tableau of the Christmas story. Its successful completion requires lots of volunteers including a Director, Asst. Director, costume repairers, snacks providers, "wranglers" to help the children stay organized, and more. To understand the roles, speak with Jane Graham, past director. [pageant@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:pageant@st-elizabeths.org)

**Fellowship:** Join a fun-loving, energetic team that plans and sponsors the picnics, the square dance, the Dickens Dinner, and the Winter Ski Weekend. Talk to Ray Considine or Arlene Stevens at [fellowship@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:fellowship@st-elizabeths.org)

**Flower Guild:** Let your creativity with flowers bloom as you join a wonderful team that designs arrangements for our Sunday morning worship. Talk to Betsy Wallingford, Karen Hodder, Linda Bertolino, Christine Robb, et. al. at [flowers@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:flowers@st-elizabeths.org)

**Journey to Adulthood:** If you love middle school or high school students, talk to Jay Holdman about being considered to be a mentor for the fall of 2009. [J2A@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:J2A@st-elizabeths.org)

**MICAH:** How would you like to work with volunteers from St. E's who are building community within the parish and with other congregations as we team up to work on and advocate for social concerns that affect us all. Talk to Lucie St. George. [MICAH@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:MICAH@st-elizabeths.org)

**Music:** Here there are a number of easy tasks that can be done on your own timetable. From mid-September through mid-June, help to assemble the notebooks for the youth choir. In the summer, help to catalog music. Year round, offer your talents as a musician or vocalist. Speak with Mary Sue Willie. [music@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:music@st-elizabeths.org)

**Newcomer Ministries:** Welcome visitors, help to orient or be a buddy to a new family, or help to prepare brunch once a year. Speak with Karyn Grant [newcomers@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:newcomers@st-elizabeths.org)

**Outreach Committee:** Got a passion for a particular charity working to address the affects of poverty or bias? Bring it to the Outreach Committee. Speak to Harry Ainsworth. [outreach@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:outreach@st-elizabeths.org)

**Pastoral Care:** Perhaps visiting the homebound sparks your interest. Speak with Barbara Williamson [barbara\\_williamson@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:barbara_williamson@st-elizabeths.org)

**Softball team:** For fun, exercise, and camaraderie with other guys in the parish, speak with Dave Wallingford [softball@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:softball@st-elizabeths.org)

**Stewardship:** Give yourself and others the opportunity to do something important with their money and grow closer to God in the process. Speak with Peter Gonze [stewardship@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:stewardship@st-elizabeths.org)

**Worship:** Do you have a flair for planning liturgy? Do you love creating with fabric? Are you called to serve at the altar? Do you enjoy reading out loud? Have you ever let your dramatic side shine forth in chancel drama? The possibilities are endless when it comes to finding ways to praise God. Speak with Barbara [barbara\\_williamson@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:barbara_williamson@st-elizabeths.org)

Remember that many hands make light work. If you have time or talents to share and do not find an opportunity here, but have ideas of other ways to help, speak with Lisa Barnes or Win Treese at [wardens@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:wardens@st-elizabeths.org) or with Barbara Williamson [barbara\\_williamson@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:barbara_williamson@st-elizabeths.org)

**Thank you!!**

# JUNE 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> COGS, R 13, JZA & YACS Meetings <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church (Laying on of Hands) <b>11:10 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal (10 Minutes after end of second Service)	<b>2</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting (CNF) <b>4:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Troops 7149 & 2484 (MPR, PH, Rite 13 rm) <b>7:00 PM</b> Calendar Planning Meeting (MPR)	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR) <b>7:30 PM</b> Habitat Community Outreach Meeting (MPR)	<b>4</b> Barbara away <b>3:30 PM - 5:15 PM</b> Brownie Troop #2468 (MPR) <b>3:30 PM</b> Troop #2453 (PH rain date only)	<b>5</b> <b>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Book study on the ministry of healing (CNF) <b>6:00 PM</b> LS Graduation <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR)	<b>6</b> <b>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Book study on the ministry of healing (CNF) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Cogs Committee Meeting (J2A RM)	<b>7</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Malia Crawford Ordination (Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, Boston)
<b>8</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> COGS, R 13, JZA & YACS Meetings <b>9:45 AM</b> Last Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church <b>11:15 AM</b> Parish Picnic <b>4:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b> ASP All Hands meeting (including parents)	<b>9</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting (CNF) <b>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Warden's Meeting (CNF)	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR) <b>6:00 PM</b> Miracle Kitchen	<b>11</b> <b>12:45 PM - 3:30 PM</b> Troop #2440(MPR) <b>3:30 PM</b> Troop # 2463 (PH Bridging Ceremony)	<b>12</b> <b>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Book study on the ministry of healing (CNF) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Cogs Committee Meeting (J2A RM)	<b>13</b> <b>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Book study on the ministry of healing (CNF) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Cogs Committee Meeting (J2A RM)	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 AM - 3:30 PM</b> Safe Church Training
<b>15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church (4 Baptisms)	<b>16</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (CNF) <b>6:50 PM</b> Vestry Mtg (MPR)	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR)	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Habitat Public Information Session	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church	<b>23</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (CNF)	<b>24</b> July/August Mantle Deadline <b>10:00 AM</b> Last Bible Study until Sept. 9th <b>7:30 PM</b> MICAH LOC (CNF)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church	<b>30</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (CNF)	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Habitat Community Outreach Meeting (MPR)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> ASP Pick up rental vans (adult leaders only) and pack vans at church (all ASP participants)	<b>5</b> Barbara on ASP Mission Trip (7/5-7/14) <b>7:30 AM</b> [ON TIME DEPARTURE] ASP trip begins

<p>Kitchen Angel for May Stevie Spina Miracle Kitchen Coordinator: Susan Berry Last updated 5/21</p>	<p>June 1 Pentecost 3</p>	<p>June 8 Pentecost 4</p>	<p>June 15 Pentecost 5</p>	<p>June 22 Pentecost 6</p>	<p>June 29 Pentecost 7</p>
<p><b>E</b>uch. Min.</p>	<p>8am Harry Ainsworth 10am Betsy Wallingford Susan Newlin</p>	<p>8am Ruth Griesel 10am Betsy Wallingford Chris Hall</p>	<p>8am Ruth Griesel 10am Steve Davies TBA</p>	<p>8am Susan Newlin 10am Stuart Hamilton Harry Ainsworth</p>	<p>8am Chris Hall 10am Ruth Griesel Betsy Wallingford</p>
<p><b>B</b>readbearer &amp; <b>T</b>hird Station</p>	<p>Karyn Grant/ Ruth Griesel Stuart Hamilton</p>	<p>Harry Ainsworth/ Rich Grant Larry Stewart</p>	<p>Karyn Grant/ Chris Hall Larry Stewart</p>		
<p><b>L</b>ector</p>	<p>Eric Kimble</p>	<p>Jonas Barciauskas</p>	<p>Jane Graham</p>	<p>Audrey Newton</p>	<p>Craig Stafford</p>
<p><b>A</b>colyte</p>	<p>Chris St. George</p>	<p>Bret Perisho</p>			
<p><b>V.P.O.D.</b></p>	<p>Nancy Kimble</p>	<p>Lisa Barnes</p>	<p>Win Treese</p>	<p>Steve Kenney</p>	<p>John Pearson</p>
<p><b>U</b>shers</p>	<p>Pat Coffin Pat McCabe</p>	<p>Larry Jobson Susan Newlin</p>	<p>Stewart Hamilton Betty Hamilton</p>	<p>John Romain Terry Rourke</p>	<p>Ray Considine Steve Lewis</p>
<p><b>A</b>ltar Guild</p>	<p>8am Christine Robb 10am Ruth Griesel</p>	<p>8am Ruth Griesel 10am Christine Robb</p>	<p>8am Ruth Griesel 10am Christine Robb</p>	<p>8am Christine Robb 10am Ruth Griesel</p>	<p>8am Christine Robb 10am Ruth Griesel</p>
<p><b>C</b>offee Server</p>	<p>Jeremy Perisho</p>	<p>Kristine Mitchell</p>	<p>Maggie Watson</p>		



**Update**

The team is finalizing details for the July mission trip to Raleigh County, West Virginia where 14 high school students or recent graduates, two young adult leaders and 8 adult leaders will help to make homes warmer, safer and drier for people living below the poverty line. Just a few reminders:

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – A scheduled prep session has been cancelled because we have finished our prep work

**June 8<sup>th</sup> MORNING** – The ASP volunteers will be commissioned at the 10 AM service. This is the same service during which we will recognize high school and college graduates.

**June 8<sup>th</sup> AFTERNOON** – All hands meeting at 4 PM. This meeting for all ASP volunteers and one or both parents of the high school youth will review details, get forms signed, answer questions.



**Update**

The Habitat project in Sudbury is moving forward well. The land is located on the south east corner of Pratt's Mill and Dutton Roads. Here is an update and opportunities to be involved.

The **Department of Community and Housing Development (DHCD)** did a site visit during the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is part of the process for Habitat to receive the Eligibility Letter as required by the 40B law. Habitat is using the 40B law to put a duplex in a neighborhood of single family homes. The next step is to appear in front of the **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** in Sudbury in June to get the needed permits. This meeting date is tentatively set for Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. *We hope you can come to the meeting. This is an opportunity for you to show your support in person.* Once approval is given, groundbreaking will happen.

The **Family Selection Committee** is being formed. We need two volunteers from Sudbury to be on this committee. This committee will be active in the fall. Beth Rust, Sudbury's Community Housing Specialist, will be on this committee. *Do you want to join her? If you want more details on the process that will be used or have any questions, please contact Doug Havens ([dough@gwhfh.org](mailto:dough@gwhfh.org), 508-799-9259).*

The **Fundraising and Construction Oversight** committees are also being formed. The Fundraising committee will be working with various organizations and businesses to raise the funds needed for the project. The Construction Oversight Committee will be responsible for scheduling, budgeting and code compliance. *If you are interested in either of these committees, please contact Doug Havens ([dough@gwhfh.org](mailto:dough@gwhfh.org), 508-799-9259).*

Our **June Public Information Session** will be on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Goodnow Library. This session is a great opportunity to learn more about the project and to get involved.

If you have any questions about the project, feel free to ask us.

*Susan Berry and Mara Huston*



## Fair Trade Coffee at St. E's?

The vestry is considering a proposal to bring Fair Trade Coffee and tea to Saint Elizabeth's. Coffee and tea would be purchased through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERD) which provides Bishops Blend, a premium line of dark-roasted coffee from Central America, Ethiopia and Indonesia. Bishops Blend coffee is certified Fair Trade, organic, and shade grown:



- Fair Trade- coffee is purchased from small coffee farmers and guarantees them fair treatment and a fair price, even when world coffee prices drop.
- Organic-coffee is grown without chemical fertilizers or pesticides.
- Shade grown-coffee grows beneath a tree canopy which both protects the coffee plants from intense heat, and returns vital nutrients to the soil.

The coffee is available in five different blends including decaffeinated and is sold at retail from \$8.95 to \$9.95 per 12-ounce bag with discounts for larger volumes. Coffee is also available in 5-ounce and 5-pound sizes. The proposal is to use Bishops Blend at coffee hour and provide a limited amount for retail sale to parishioners and at St E's public events. This is expected to be revenue-neutral because the additional cost of the coffee hour would be offset by a small amount of parishioner sales.

ERD provides Bishop's Blend through Pura Vida Coffee, a Seattle non-profit dedicated to using creative capitalism for good. When you purchase Bishops Blend, 15% of the purchase price goes direct to the ERD general fund so they can be used for the areas of greatest need – such as emergency assistance after floods, or support for AIDS orphans. St E's already supports the ERD through an annual donation and Mite Box collections. Coffee hour would provide a richer, more satisfying experience and at the same time benefit the ERD, farmers, and the environment. When you buy Bishops Blend, you help to change lives!

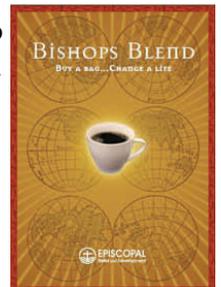
The vestry proposal is in the final stages of investigation with a projected start for September when St E's ramps-up after the summer. Open questions include how parishioners feel about the proposal and how many would be interested in purchasing the product. We appreciate your feedback.

To learn more or to comment, contact the wardens at [wardens@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:wardens@st-elizabeths.org) or Art Huston at [vestry@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:vestry@st-elizabeths.org) or by leaving a telephone message at the church office.



For more information on Pura Vida Coffee, go to <http://www.puravidacoffee.com>.

For more information on the ERD and Bishop's Blend, go to [http://www.er-d.org/waystogive\\_63273\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.er-d.org/waystogive_63273_ENG_HTML.htm).



## Make Beautiful Music this Summer!

If you would like to share your instrumental or vocal talents this summer please be in touch with Interim Organist and Music Director Mary Sue Willie at [music@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:music@st-elizabeths.org). We hope to showcase the talents of our youth and adult musicians at Sunday morning services in July and August with soloists, duets, trios, quartets, or any other size ensemble at the offertory and/or communion. Join the fun and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**ST. ELIZABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
**2008-2009**

This will register your child(ren) in one of the church school programs at St. Elizabeth's.  
Please put the completed form in the COGS mailbox at church or fold this form and mail it to church.

**I. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** The atriums are based as follows:

- **Level I** for ages 3-5 (must be potty-trained) as of Oct. 1, 2008. (equivalent to Preschool through Kindergarten)
- **Level II** for ages 6-8 as of Oct. 1, 2008. (equivalent to 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades)
- **Level III** for ages 9-11 as of Oct. 1, 2008. (equivalent to 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

**II. Rite 13:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

**III. Journey to Adulthood:** 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades

**IV. Young Adults in Church:** 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email address to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ school grade '08 -'09 \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 \_\_\_\_\_ school grade '08 -'09 \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3 \_\_\_\_\_ school grade '08 -'09 \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child #4 \_\_\_\_\_ school grade '08 -'09 \_\_\_\_\_ date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any special requests or concerns about your child's placement, or if there is anything you would like us to be aware of, please indicate them here:

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**The success of our program depends upon your support and participation.**

We ask that each family participate at least once each semester (per child) in order to ensure the success of our programs. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be out in the fall. Assistance will be needed with weekly atrium sessions, materials and other needs.

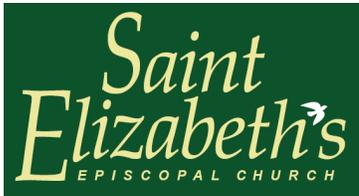
You can also register your children for online at <http://www.st-elizabeths.org/ChurchSchoolRegistration.shtml>

## Attention Comcast Email Subscribers!

We have determined that Comcast is blocking emails we send to you as part of their spam blocking. We are working with Comcast to correct this, but there are some steps you can take in the meantime. If you have provided us with your Comcast email address (emails ending with "@comcast.net"), you may need to take a few simple steps with your email viewer in order to prevent Comcast from blocking our emails to you.

1. Go to [www.comcast.net](http://www.comcast.net)
2. Login to your account using the *Login* button at the upper left
3. Click on *Email* and go to your Inbox
4. Click the folder that says *Screened Mail*. You'll probably have a bunch of email there.
5. For any mail from St. Elizabeth's, check the box next to it.
6. Click the button in the upper right labeled *This is not spam*.

You may need to periodically check your *Screened Mail* again. Comcast told us that doing so should stop the blocking on the St. Elizabeth's email, so you might not need to check it so much after a while. We are also working with Comcast to avoid them blocking our email in general.



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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.*