

SERVING TODAY

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 a.m. Catherine Rosen
 10:00 a.m. Anne Stevens, Peter Novello

Prayer Ministers: Susan Donovan

Acolytes:

8:00 a.m. Chris Wagner
 10:00 a.m. Edward Romagnoli, Molly Lennon,
 Andrew Bottiger, Tripp Miller

Lectors:

8:00 a.m. Sarah Morissette
 10:00 a.m. Bob Stevens, Iris Roskell

Prayers of the People:

8:00 a.m. Sarah Morissette
 10:00 a.m. Iris Roskell

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. Janice Parent
 10:00 a.m. Lynne Doxsey, Steve Doxsey
 Jay Donovan, Carol Plate

OUR STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Jeffrey Shilling Gill
Assistant Rector	The Rev. Adam J. Shoemaker
Minister of Music	Barbara A. Bruns
Asst for Membership Development	Mary Ann Lennon
Dir. of Communications	Deborah K. Moskal
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Verger	Catherine Rosen
Dir. of the Children's Center	Christy Harvey
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THE SUNDAY PROPHET

The Parish of Christ Church
 Andover, Massachusetts

February 14, 2010

It is the Vision of Christ Church to be an open, welcoming Episcopal congregation living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to nurture our spiritual growth through worship and prayer, learning and teaching, support and service. We aspire to put God's love into action within our own lives, in our congregation and in our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors and newcomers! Please visit our Welcome table in the Narthex Lobby and join us in the Parish Hall following the service for refreshments and fellowship. And if you fill out a red card in the pew, we will be in touch to welcome you in a more personal way.

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Philbert Kalisa — Our preacher today is the Rev. Philbert Kalisa, from the Anglican Church of Rwanda. Fr. Kalisa founded and directs REACH Rwanda, an organization that has been doing the work of healing and reconciliation among Hutu and Tutsi people since the 1994 genocide.

Burying the "Alleluias" - Today marks the last Sunday of Epiphany and therefore the last Sunday before we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a time when our worship services take on a more subdued, penitential and self-reflective tone. In this vein, it is church tradition to omit saying the word "alleluia" in our services until we reach the celebration of Easter. And so, we will hide or "bury" the alleluia, before the beginning of Lent, to symbolize our shift in tone. This morning, children will ceremonially "bury" our alleluia banner underneath the altar at the conclusion of the service.

Ash Wednesday services — This Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We will observe it with services at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:30 p.m.

Outreach Fair — Next Sunday, February 21, in the Parish Hall. Please come and learn more about the many ways we reach out to the world around us through ministries of compassion and social justice.

Taizé Service - next Sunday, February 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the North Chapel. "Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again." (Brother Roger of Taizé).

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The final book group on *The Shack* continues today at 11:30 a.m..

The Rev. Adam Shoemaker is leading an Epiphany book discussion on *The Shack*.

Haiti - We are planning several ways to respond to the Haiti earthquake and its victims. Please consider a financial contribution to Haiti through Episcopal Relief and Development (www.er-d.org). We're also planning a mission trip to Haiti sometime in the future, so stay tuned!

Communities Together begins their annual Lenten Underwear Drive on Ash Wednesday. (Did you know that Food Stamps and WIC vouchers cannot be used for diapers?) Collection boxes will be located in the Parish Hall. Please leave any size diaper or pull-ups, and sizes 2/3 to 10/12 for boys and girls undies.

Trinity Institute comes to our Lenten Forum — “Building An Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace” is the theme of this year's Trinity Institute. Instead of hosting it live as we did last year, we will show portions of it in our Sunday Forum during Lent. You will hear Archbishop Rowan Williams, Sir Partha Dasgupta, and Prof. Kathryn Tanner speak on the relation of theology and economics as they relate to our current economic crisis and the challenges in the global economy. Join us each Sunday in Lent at 11:30 in the Parlor.

Lenten Book Group — We have changed our book group offering for Lent! On the Fridays in Lent at noon, we will be journeying with writer and poet Kathleen Norris as she reflects on the theological history and her personal history with *acedia* in *Acedia & Me. Acedia*, also known as the “noonday demon”, could easily describe the vague inertia and “blue” feelings we experience. Norris talks about how other spiritual writers dealt with this challenge, as well as her own experiences with this “demon,” which can either hinder or prod the individual toward spiritual growth. Buy your own book and join us! A light lunch is served each week.

The Very Rev. James Diamond, former rector of Christ Church, is now at Kindred Hospital in Tucson, Arizona, and making progress. Please keep him in your prayers. Your cards and notes are a great comfort to Jim and Barbara. They may be sent to them c/o Hymer-Thompson, 10755 West Calle Madero, Tucson, AZ 85743.

Thank you for participating in the annual pledge drive, *The Grace of Giving* - So far, we have received 214 pledges totaling \$500,155 toward our approved budget of \$515,000. That's 97.1% of the goal so far! We appreciate your pledge! If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge for 2010. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the Narthex and Bell Tower - they're bright yellow, you can't miss them! Everything we do at Christ Church depends upon the generosity of each one of us!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 14, 2010 - World Mission Sunday

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM Coffee with the Rector/Parish Hall
- 9:45 AM Childcare
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Sermon
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 AM *The Shack* Book Group/Parlor

Monday, February 15, 2010

- Glebe House Office Closed
- 7:20 PM Andover Choral Society/Parish Hall
- 8:00 PM Men's Ministry/Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

- 7:00 PM Bible Study/Meeting Room
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Bible Study/Parlor

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 10:00 AM Knitting Ministry/Parlor
- 10:30 AM AA/Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 7:30 PM Al Anon/Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 18, 2010

- 3:30 PM Edgewood Service
- 6:15 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Parish Choir

Friday, February 19, 2010

- 12 - 1:30 PM Fridays in Lent Book Group/Parish Hall

Saturday, February 20, 2010

- 10 AM - 2 PM Thrift Shop Open, 10 Park Street, Andover

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- 9:00 AM Coffee with the Rector/Parish Hall
- 9:45 AM Childcare
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Sermon
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 AM Lenten Forum - *Building an Ethical Economy*/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Taizé Service/North Chapel