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## Special This Month:

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Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "It is not the place that we occupy, but the direction in which we move." These are good words to remember as we engage in interim ministry together. For King's Chapel occupies a huge place, not only in many of our hearts, but also in its physical locations and indisputable role in the history of our city. Still, our future depends on the directions that we choose to move in at this particular time. Not only do we stand at the intersection of Tremont and School (and Beacon and Charles), but also at the crossroads of a past ministry and a future one.

During our time together we will address the five traditional interim tasks. But, I hope, with flair. We will look at our past. Not its extraordinary history as the first Anglican Church in Massachusetts, the first Unitarian church in the United States, and now one of the very few Unitarian Christian churches in the world. Rather, we will consider the history of what in our church life went well, and what could have been better in order to move in a new direction.

Second, we will live into the changes in leadership amongst us—not only ministerial but also lay. For, there are those amongst us who wish to step back and those who wish to accelerate forward. As such we will cultivate new ways of doing ministry amongst ourselves and beyond us. In other words, we will not just do it ourselves, but we will teach others around us how to do it. And we will take it into the public square.

Third, we will clarify the internal and external covenantal relationships within our church, as well as with our denomination and the larger ecumenical community. We will create a Behavioral Covenant that will set a new tone. Fourth, we will engage in theological discussion and the process of writing a Mission Statement. As we listen to God and one another, we will discover a new common call to ministry. Finally, when we are ready we will begin the process to search for and call a new settled Senior Minister. But not a day before.

Won't you join me in prayerfully discerning and moving in the direction to which God calls us? No doubt we have long held a place. The question at this time is – by the grace of the Holy Spirit – do we have a divine purpose and vision?

Blessings,  
*Dianne*

### **KC is going GREEN!!**

For those of you with email and/or Internet access, this copy of News from King's Chapel is the first you will receive by email only! From now on, the newsletter will come to you by email, in our effort to communicate through email and avoid mailings. Therefore, we are requesting that you send your CORRECT email address to [frontdesk@kings-chapel.org](mailto:frontdesk@kings-chapel.org).

If you do not have email or Internet access, or you prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail, please contact the office, at 617-227-2155, and let us know. We will send you news by regular mail.

### Sundays in October

King's Chapel is at the corner of School & Tremont Streets in downtown Boston. Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. and last for approximately one hour.

- OCT. 4 Transylvanian Holy Communion**  
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, co-officiant  
Clifford Allen, Lector
  
- OCT. 11 Morning Prayer**  
The Rev. Dr. John Bunyan, preacher  
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, co-officiant  
Marie Wells, Lector
  
- OCT. 18 Morning Prayer**  
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, co-officiant  
Lector TBA
  
- OCT. 25 All Church Sunday**  
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, co-officiant  
Lector TBA

### Family Service

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Little Chapel at the Parish House, 64 Beacon Street.

- OCT 4. Church School**  
Holy Communion  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, preacher
  
- OCT. 11 Family Service**  
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, preacher
  
- OCT 18. Church School**  
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher

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### Tuesday Recitals

Tuesday Recitals at King's Chapel present a variety of programs, featuring local and visiting musicians. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3; the donations are given to the performers. Programs begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617/227-2155 or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

- OCT. 6** Alan Weiss, flute  
Heinrich Christensen, organ  
Works by Bach, Hasse, Frederick the Great
  
- OCT 13.** Audrey Cienniwa, cello  
J.S. Bach: Suite no. 5
  
- OCT. 20** Revelia Duo:  
Vanessa Breault Mulvey, flute  
Michelle Shoemaker, clarinet  
Works by Villa-Lobos, Muczynski, Schocker
  
- OCT. 27** Malcolm Proud (Ireland) plays the C.B. Fisk Organ  
Works by Bach & Byrd

### Concert Series

#### Happy Anniversary!

King's Chapel 52nd Chapel Concert Series kicks off on October 25th at 5:00 pm. For a full list of the concerts, see p. 3.

A celebration of the anniversaries of Purcell, Handel, Haydn, and Mendelssohn, and an exploration of their London connections, and featuring the King's Chapel Choir and Soloists; chamber orchestra; Heinrich Christensen, Director.



### Wednesday Services

Midweek Prayer services begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes.

- OCT. 7** The Rev. Joanne Giannino, preacher  
Art Judge, Lector
  
- OCT. 14** The Rev. Arthur Judge, preacher  
Ray Lynds, Lector
  
- OCT. 21** The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
Ciff Allen, Lector
  
- OCT. 28** The Rev. Joanne Giannino, preacher  
Amy Meyer, Lector



### October Flowers

The flowers in October have been given in loving memory of those we have lost, and in thanksgiving for all the love and joy in our lives.

### Within the Parish

✘ CONDOLENCES to George Bowden upon the death of his wife, Mary, on September 10th in Livingston, Texas. A Memorial Service was held at the Emerson UU Church in Houston.

✘ CONDOLENCES to Harriet Hofheinz upon the death of Harriet's aunt, Harriet Felton Parker, on September 13th in Arlington. A Memorial Service will be held at King's Chapel on October 31st at 10am.

Harriet Felton Parker  
April 21st, 1905 - September 13th, 2009.  
*May light perpetual shine on her.*

from **THE ASSISTANT  
MINISTER**

Why do we come to church? Here are three reasons I can think of. Please share some more with me, too.

To worship with one another in spaces in which many have praised God and committed their lives to service for centuries (King's Chapel) and decades (The Little Chapel). To learn together. To develop life-long spiritual practices that heighten our connections to the sacred in our daily lives.

It is good to worship together each week—at our midweek service on Wednesdays, and at our two Sunday morning services: Family Service at 9:45 and Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m.

It is good to learn together. Look for announcements in the Newsletter about upcoming classes in spiritual practice, a newcomer's class on King's Chapel, Bible Study, and more.

It is good to develop spiritual practices that help us know we are always connected to the holy and to consider more deeply how to go about this business of living. One spiritual practice opportunity we began last year continues this fall: Small Group Ministry fellowship groups.

Last month we read reports from the two groups that began last winter and will continue this year. The participants shared that their experience in meeting in a small group over time brought them: solace, humor, hope, deeper connections to spirit and to one another. They discovered new ways of ministering to one another. They became acquainted in ways not possible during formal worship, coffee hour, or committee meetings.

Indeed the goal of small group ministry is to deepen connections to one another and to the holy. Each group meets once each month. Members make a covenant with one another to attend. There is a regular order which typically includes centering words, a topic for reflection, each person sharing while others quietly listen, and then a closing in which members can evaluate and plan for the next session.

Members find that the regular meetings, familiar order, and the quiet listening create a space of trust and an opportunity to feel the value of one another's experience. Our Sunday morning worship time is invaluable to our being a congregation. We pray, sing and consider issues of value. Our small groups are one place in which to work out the details.

If you would like to be part of a small group ministry fellowship group this year, please contact Joanne Giannino.

**KC hosts groups in the Parish House**

Did you know that in addition to renting space to groups, such as Beacon Hill Seminars, who run classes at the parish house? We also provide space to Match up Interfaith volunteers, Fragment Society, and the Walk for Hunger. Who else might we serve in this way?

**KC members serving in our communities and in the world.**

I know that some of you have been involved in mission work through KC—Heifer, Habitat, Lunch Place, Food Pantry, and Pine Street Inn (years ago). I know that many of you volunteer your time in the communities in which you live as tutors, in food pantries, in schools, and more. I know further that many of you in your professional life work in areas that serve the greater good. Won't you tell us about that work? Let us lift it up amongst each other. Let us celebrate the many things—great and small—that each of us does in our world.

*In peace and in faith, Joanne*

**✘ OCTOBER SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING**

This month's offering is designated for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. Last month's was given to the Women's Lunch Place.

**✘ A NOTE FROM ERIC HAUSMAN**

Dear Friends,

Kings Chapel has meant a lot to me over these last years, and I am forever grateful for this time together. May our personal and institutional journeys carry us ever closer to the embodiment of Christ in this our world.

In joy and gratitude,  
- Eric

**✘ NARRATIVE FORM AND THE 'MEANING OF LIFE'**

All clergy members of King's Chapel (and any lay members) are invited to join the Revs. Dianne Arakawa and Joanne Giannino for a lecture on November 4th at 5 pm at Boston University School of Law/Barristers Hall. Within the series, "Narrative Wisdom - Narrative Meaning," this talk by Joshua Landry from Stanford University's Department of French and Italian will focus on the role of story or narrative in human understanding. It is sponsored by the Institute for Philosophy & Religion, whose director happens to be none other than our own, Prof. C Allen Speight. We can grab a bite together afterwards. Please let Dianne or Joanne know if you wish to join them. See [www.bu.edu/](http://www.bu.edu/)

UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& EVENTS

❖ VESTRY VIEWS

The Vestry welcomed the Rev. Dianne Arakawa with warmth and enthusiasm. She spoke of the need and plan for a Retreat for Wardens, Vestry, and Ministers, to identify the major issues our community needs to address over this first interim year. The Retreat was held on September 26.

Beth Chapin, Chair of Parish Council, distributed a strikingly long list of projects, both completed and in process. It was useful and heartening to see how much has been accomplished by various leaders and committees.

Two appointments to critical roles have been filled:

- Richard Weeks has accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer to work with Bill Sears who has been carrying the entire and demanding load of keeping our fiscal house in order. Richard's background with financial operations will be a wonderful asset for us.

- Charles Perry has accepted the third and final seat on the Nominating Committee, joining Julie Hyde and Peter Sexton for this essential responsibility. Charles' long-standing commitment to the governance of King's Chapel, as well as his broad knowledge of our membership makes him a splendid addition.

Both appointments were made by the Senior Warden and approved by Vestry vote as interim positions until they could be formally ratified by vote the whole Society.

The Kirstein Library as a possible Parish House was again discussed. The Vestry voted that the Wardens should continue to pursue the options.

The Parish Administrator selection process is in its final days. The ad hoc selection committee, chaired by Caroline Russ, has had many good candidates. We expect to have completed the process and have our new administrator in place early in October. During the PA hiatus, the ongoing administration of our operation has been overseen by Dianne and Joanne, devote-

dly assisted by Lucy's former team – stalwarts Kristen (now) Bezio, Theresa Cooney, and Kat Kingsley. Thank you all for minding our store so effectively. And thanks to everyone for your patience and pitching in during this time.

- Todd Lee, Junior Warden

❖ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the year will have occurred after the deadline for this newsletter; more to follow in November. Over the summer Bob Goodwin, one of our most active members, represented KC at the UUA Urban Ministry Annual Meeting. Recently we were honored to receive certificates of appreciation from The Walk for Hunger and The Heifer Project. These were joint projects of the SAC and The Church School.

- Art Judge, chair

❖ GUEST PREACHER FROM DOWN UNDER

On Sunday, October 11th, we will welcome as guest preacher the Rev. Dr. John Bunyan. John has served as a priest in the Sydney Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Australia for fifty years, and since retirement, as an honorary hospital chaplain. He is also a member of King's Chapel, and has just published two books called *BCP@09.ce.au: A Broad-Church Communion Prayer Book* with 15 psalms and 59 hymns, and *A Commentary*, which celebrates the 450th Anniversary of the 1559 Elizabethan Book of Common Prayer.

❖ NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

On Thursday, November 5th and 12th, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Parish House, those who are considering joining King's Chapel or who wish to learn more about its history, theology and policy—and Prayer book—are cordially invited to join the Revs. Arakawa and Giannino and a few lay readers for a light supper and conversation. Please RSVP with the Parish Administrator, although last minute additions are welcome.

❖ FREEDOM TRAIL PROGRAM SUMMERRECAP

This past summer, the Freedom Trail Program at King's Chapel had an unprecedented—and pleasantly surprising—year. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, King's Chapel saw more than 80,000 visitors from near and far—from locals to Californians to people from all parts of the world.

During Harborfest, the city's week-long Independence Celebration, we ran two very special programs: Tory Stories, and our new program, Puritans, Patriots, and Pirates. That week alone we saw more than 10,000 visitors.

Also new this year to the Freedom Trail Program is the Bells and Bones tour, which started in mid-August. Already this year we've hosted over 100 special tours up to the Paul Revere Bell and down to the crypt. Despite the economy, the Freedom Trail Program has finished our summer season ahead of all other years on record! Congratulations to our wonderful staff, and a special thank-you to all the folks who helped us put together the Bells and Bones Tour. It's been a rousing success so far.

If you would like to take a tour, we run them on the hour 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The cost is \$5.00 for both bell and crypt, and \$3.00 for the crypt only. Look especially for the special tours on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, when we will be running a crypt tour every half hour.



Tory Stories at King's Chapel

#### ✘ APPOINTMENT OF ONE OF OUR OWN

This past September, the London Court of International Arbitration announced the election of its new President. For the first time in the institution's history the post will be an American. He is William (Rusty) Park, a member of King's Chapel and former Senior Warden.

Started in 1892, the LCIA is considered the world's oldest international arbitral institution. Traditionally, its principal function has been to appoint arbitrators and to supervise proceedings for international disputes, both private and public. In recent years, the LCIA has also begun to file amicus briefs in key cases and to sponsor colloquia in various world capitals. It also sponsors a peer review journal that is considered the most widely read journal in the field of international dispute resolution. The LCIA has several offices outside England, including in Bombay and Dubai.

#### ✘ BEDE LIST

In Morning Prayer on Sundays and in our Midweek Services on Wednesday, we offer prayers to God for those who are in need in any way. If you wish to add any names to our List, or remove them at any time, please speak with our Ministers, or leave a message with our Administrative Assistant.

#### ✘ NEW ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

If you have difficulty hearing our services at King's Chapel and would like to try our new Assistive Listening Devices, please speak with our Lead Ushers, Anne Sexton and Jeff Bursaw, before services. They will notify our Ministers, or lay readers, to turn on the transmitters on those occasions, and teach you how to properly use the receivers with ear buds. The devices should work really well! If you have any concerns, please speak with the Ministers.

#### ✘ REMEMBERENCES OF HARRIET F. PARKER

Born April 21st, 1905, Harriet Felton Parker had a long and good life, perhaps seeing more changes in her lifetime than those before and those after her. She grew up the youngest of six children in Lancaster, MA, then a bucolic farm town west of Boston. Her father, Herbert Parker, one time Attorney General of MA, a well-known trial lawyer and an early environmentalist, married her mother, Mary Carney Vose, in the 1880s. Her mother's father, Josiah Vose, was killed in the Civil War when Mary was only two years old.

Harriet was home taught along with her sister Molly until they both went away to the Ethel Walker School and then on to Bryn Mawr College. She most likely was among the many women casting their ballots in the first election in which women were allowed to vote. In the early 1920s she met David I. McCord and they remained life-long friends until his death at 99.

During this time, she worked at Radcliffe College in what would now be called the Career Office. When World War II commenced, she was the first WAVE officer to be commissioned in the First Naval District-NE, and one of the first ten women commissioned in the newly founded US Navy WAVES. She served during the War as a recruiter for the WAVES here in New England. By the time she was honorably discharged from service, she had achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

She was a long time Member of King's Chapel and became the Junior Warden. She was also on various committees over the years and loved by all for her warmth and good cheer. During this time, she also oversaw the Fragment Society of Boston and the Lend-A-Hand Society.

She certainly led a long and happy life, never complaining and always cheerful. She leaves a huge hole and will be dearly missed

-By her niece and namesake, Harriet Felton Parker Hofheinz

#### ✘ CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS 2009-2010 SEASON

Heinrich Christensen has put together five Sunday afternoon concerts for the coming season that present choral and instrumental music from the 17th to the 21st century. Three feature the superb King's Chapel Choir and Soloists; the other two present a visit from the principal flutist of the Danish Royal Opera, and a performance by Heinrich of J.S. Bach's monumental "Clavierübung."

#### CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

##### • October 25: Happy Anniversary!

The opening concert of the 52nd season of the King's Chapel Concert Series will be a grand celebration of many composer anniversaries taking place in 2009. The featured works are *O Sing unto the Lord* by Henry Purcell (born 1659), *Let God Arise* by George Frederic Handel (died 1759), *Little Organ Mass* by Franz Joseph Haydn (born 1809), for which Peter Sykes is visiting organist, and *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* (from a set of *Three Motets*) by Felix Mendelssohn (born 1809).

• **November 29:** Music for flute and organ. Eva Østergaard, Principal flutist of the Royal Danish Opera and Heinrich Christensen, organ; music ranging from J.S. Bach to Daniel Pinkham

• **January 24:** A Celebration of Psalms. King's Chapel Choir; a cappella Psalm settings by Schein, Gibbons, Distler, Poulenc, Gubanov, and Woodman, and a world premiere by Christopher Hoh

• **February 28:** Heinrich Christensen, organ; quartet from the King's Chapel Choir; Johann Sebastian Bach: *Clavierübung*, dritter Teil

• **March 28 (Palm Sunday):** Music from the Court of Christian IV of Denmark. King's Chapel Choir & Soloists; Carol Lewis, viola da gamba, and Olav Chris Henriksen, lute; music by Schütz, Dowland, Schattenberg, Pederson, and more

All concerts begin at 5 p.m. at King's Chapel (doors open at 4:30) and last for about an hour. A donation of \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students) is requested at the door.

Parishioners are cordially invited to meet the performers at an informal reception at the Parish House after each concert.



Joanne & Shannon, sporting a piece dove on her cheek at our table.

**CHURCH SCHOOL AT BEACON HILL BLOCK PARTY**

For the first time in many years, King's Chapel Church School had a table at the annual Block Party sponsored by the Beacon Hill Civic Association. After a morning of Peace Activities at the Parish House, for our own Church School Opening Day, several of us set up a table on Mt. Vernon Street for three fun hours of face painting.

Reece Millican, our newest Church School teacher, caught on quickly and went from painting doves and flowers to anything requested from our young visitors, including a swing set and slide. Alecia Manning, Church School Committee Chair was most creative and energetic. She did not take a break the entire time! Shannon Lee, our Church School Director, greeted visitors to our table, talked up our programs, and handed out almost 50 brochures. The Revs. Dianne Arakawa and Joanne Giannino spent time at the table. Joanne painted faces too.

We were blessed with great weather, cheerful visitors, including some CS families, and three volunteers from Suffolk University who painted faces for a while too.

What a great day!  
- The Rev. Joanne Giannino



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**CHURCH SCHOOL IN OCTOBER**

- Sunday, October 4**  
Family Service : Communion  
& Church School classes
  - Sunday, October 11**  
Family Service
  - Sunday, October 18**  
Family Service  
& Church School classes
  - Sunday, October 25**  
All Church Day
- 



Reece Millican, our newest teacher, jumped right in.



Alecia - our most creative facepainter of the day - and one of her lucky customers.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED.**

*The Rev. Dianne E. Arakawa, Senior Interim Minister*  
*The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister*  
*The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus*  
*Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music*  
*Pei-Chun Lin, Children's Music Director*  
*Shannon Lee, Church School Director*

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*Upcoming Concert Series*

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**Bells & Bones - Tour of the Crypt and Tower**

A remarkable add-on (read Special Tariff) tour has been added by our King's Chapel Guides. Kristin Bezio, Head Guide, and her colleagues have organized a special tour to see and hear stories about our crypt (do you know about the ghost of Pierre?) and choir loft with bell tower and the Paul Revere bell itself. (\$3 for the Crypt only, \$5 for both)  
The guided, closely monitored, tour is available on the hour every Saturday. It was made possible by clearance from our insurance company, and with the permission of the Trustees and Vestry, both of which had to be satisfied about limits to our liability. You and your family (over age 10) can now brave the uneven floor and very low headroom in parts of the crypt, as well as climb the steep, worn, small winding stairs to the belfry. It's a great experience!

**Happy Halloween!**

For the first time in the history of the guide program at King's Chapel, October 31st will host into-the-evening tours, including a 'Bells and Bones' tour every half hour!