
HOLY HAPPENINGS

July/August 2022

From the Desk of Rev. Laurie

I'm on vacation in late June and early July, enjoying a low-key respite of hanging around home, planning local adventures and ocean beach days, and of course attending to the upkeep of our 120-year-old Somerville 2-family home. This year it is re-pointing and shoring up the foundation - the guys downstairs are doing a great job!

One of the places I'd like to visit, purely as a tourist, is Trinity Church, Copley Square, not only a treasure of our Episcopal heritage, but an international architectural treasure as well, called the "American Hagia Sofia." I've been there a few dozen times to attend conventions, retreats and important liturgies, when it was always packed with people. This time I'd like to see it with fresh eyes and take in the beauty of the place on my own time.

The current version of the church was built under the direction of one of our great Episcopal preachers and clergymen of the 19th century, Phillips Brooks. Born, raised and died in Boston, a son of one of the wealthy "Brahmin" families, rector of Trinity Church for 22 years, and briefly the Bishop of Massachusetts, he is buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, a local character to the end. And yet he was a man of outsized influence in the church and world of his day, and a person of great faith. At Christmas here at Holy Nativity we sing his famous hymn, "O little



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town of Bethlehem," and take humble pride in identifying with his devotion to the Nativity of Our Lord: "O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today."

In one of his sermons, "The Beauty of a Life of Service," he wrote: "Oh, my brethren, that the cross should be the great symbol of our highest measure, that which stands for consecration, that which stands for the divine statement that a man does not live for himself and that a man loses himself when he does live for himself—that should be the symbol of our religion and the great sign and token of our faith, the cross, the sign of consecration and obedience?...It sets before us that it is not the glories of suffering, it is not the necessity of suffering, it is simply the beauty of obedience and the fulfilment of a man's life in doing his duty and rendering the service which it is possible for him to render to his fellow-man..."

"It is not your business and mine to study whether we shall get to heaven, even to study whether we shall be good men; it is our business to study how we shall come into the midst of the purposes of God and have the unspeakable privilege in these few years of doing something of His work...There is one word of Jesus that always comes back to me as about the noblest thing that human lips have ever said upon our earth, and the most comprehensive thing, that seems to sweep into itself all the commonplace experience of mankind. Do you

remember when He was sitting with His disciples, at the last supper, how He lifted up His voice and prayed, and in the midst of His prayer there came these wondrous words: "For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified"? The whole of human life is there.... I am my best, not simply for myself, but for the world. My brethren, is there anything in all the teachings that man has had from his fellowman, all that has come down to him from the lips of God, that is nobler, that is more far-reaching than that—to be my best not simply for my own sake, but for the sake of the world into which, setting my best, I shall make that world more complete, I shall do my little part to renew and to recreate it in the image of God? That is the law of my existence."

I look forward to getting to know better Trinity Church and its most famous and beloved preacher, Bishop Brooks, during my respite time (along with naps and beach days!). God's blessing to all, Rev. Laurie

Special Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be
Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **September** Holy Happenings will be
Monday, August 14th

Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office.

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Garden Angels WANTED

Bob and Paula Maxwell will continue to water the geraniums through the end of July. If another member could take the lead in August that would be super.



We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us.

Jenny Uglow



Holly Fair

Friday, November 11th, 3-8 PM

Saturday, November 12th, 9AM-3PM

Calling all crafters who would like to buy a table for the Holly Fair.

contact: Jim Kimball ~ jdkimball@aol.com



**SEARCH COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Heading into summer your Rector Search Committee will continue to do the work that we have been entrusted with. We continue to “Receive Names” until the end of September, giving candidates the summer months to reflect on their calling and if they will be making any moves/decisions with their ministry.

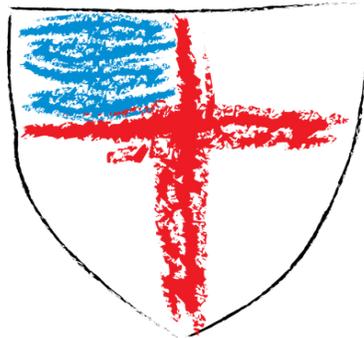
One of our members, Beryl McFadden, is spearheading a campaign with various Seminaries and Divinity Schools across the country to place an ad in any alumni publication they might publish. To Beryl’s credit, she was able to hear back in the affirmative from six out of the ten nationally known schools she contacted. Nothing ventured nothing gained and this just helps get the word out about the open position here at Holy Nativity. These schools will run the ad through the summer in their newsletters. Many thanks to Beryl !!

The search committee has spent a good deal of time as well exploring what it really means to have a part-time rector in order to have answers for candidates who would be interested in interviewing for the position. We have learned a lot about what it takes for a person in that position to be effective with many thanks to Rev. Laurie for sharing her insights and also the work of the committee doing it’s due diligence. There have also been a couple of discussions with the wardens and vestry as we move along.

We look forward to reporting more to you by the time that summer is winding down. All of your prayers and continuing support are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Holy nativity Search Committee by,

Steve Williams
Committee Chair



**As a Parish,
We pray for:**

Anne, Ann M., Ann H., Ava, Bill Lucier, Brian, Carly, Carol, Claire Saulnier., Corinne, David, David and Leslie, Dot, Dot D., Ed, Ed T. , Ed Walsh, Eleanor, Eliza and Family, Ernie, Ewen & Pat MacDonald, Frank, Freddie, Fredrick, Helen Holbrook, Helen, Herb, Hideko, Jessica, Jim Murphy, Joan D., Joan, John Leahy, John Murphy, John, Judith Fenton, Judy Ridge, Julie, Kathleen, Kathryn, Kelly M., Kendall Demore, Linda Cardillo, Liz, Marcia, Marilyn, Matt, Maureen, Maureen Doyle, Mim, Nate, Nick R., Paige, Pam Walston, Pat and her family, Richard DeMone, Roberta, Ron, Ruth K., Shirley, Sophia, Stevie and MaryAnn D, Steven M Haley, Tommy L.

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Important Dates

Sunday, July 10th - Rev. Laurie returns from vacation

Tuesday, July 12th - 11:30am, Tuesday Eucharist and Luncheon, continuing weekly

Wednesday, July 13th - 7pm Special vestry meeting, search process - Asher Stoddard Hall

Friday, July 15th - 10:00am funeral service for one-time member Patricia (Bresnahan) Fine

Mission Statement

The family of the Church of the Holy Nativity is called to be a caring community, committed to spiritual development; encouraging growth in each member's personal relationship with God, through Christ; by providing educational opportunities for youth and adults as well as Christian Formation for all, going forth to share God's message of love and forgiveness.



Important Dates

Sunday, Aug 7th - Food first Sunday - bring non-perishable items for blessing and distribution

Sunday, Aug 7th - 10:00am, Baptisms of Huxson Humphries and Reilly Cavanaugh

Every Tuesday: South Shore Deanery: 7:00pm - Prayers and Compline on Zoom

Looking way ahead: November 11th and 12th: the 2022 Holly Fair