HOLY HAPPENINGS

JULY 2025

This reflection is from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

Why it matters that The Episcopal Church can make a strong and effective witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I do not need to tell you that these are challenging times for the church we serve and for God's people in our communities. Many of our dioceses and congregations are responding to unprecedented need—feeding people who are hungry, comforting those who are afraid, and struggling to find new models for ministry and to hold on to hope for the future of the church.

Everywhere in our church, faithful Episcopalians are watching what is happening and discerning how to respond. As Christians, we are seeking to live by our baptismal promises: to persevere in resisting evil, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

But we live in a time when the evil one is seeking to divide us from one another in myriad ways, especially in political life and on social media. Even as we make our witness to the gospel, we struggle not to be conformed to this world, as Paul put it in his letter to the church at Rome. We too often behave as if our first allegiance is to our nation or political party, and not to the kingdom of God here on earth.

This can make it difficult for us to discern the next right thing. For every message I get demanding that we speak on a particular issue, I get a letter telling me that the church is dying because we won't stop talking about politics. We are not of one mind about how to respond to what is unfolding around us as followers of the Risen Christ.

Although this broad range of opinion in the church can sometimes make discernment difficult, I find great hope in our diversity of opinion. Because we are not of one mind, we can resist the urge to give ourselves over to the excesses of either party in the United States, or in any other country. We are a living laboratory for how to build community with the creative tension of disagreement, and when we are at our best, The Episcopal Church can make a powerful witness to the world through our unity in diversity.

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Our Christian witness is increasingly a matter of life and death. We saw last weekend in Minnesota the deadly consequences of extremist Christian nationalism, which appears to have played a significant role in motivating the assassination of a state lawmaker and her husband. This kind of distortion of the gospel message is all around us in public life—in dehumanizing attacks on transgender people, in fomenting fear of migrants, and in increasing antisemitism and anti-Muslim bigotry. It is urgent that we strengthen our capacity to offer a different vision of God's kingdom.

That kind of witness happened last weekend in Utah, when Bishop Phyllis Spiegel opened the doors of the cathedral in Salt Lake City for protesters seeking shelter from gunfire. Once they were inside, she prayed with them and calmed the children who were frightened.

It is happening now in the Diocese of South Dakota, where two of our members—Bishop Jonathan Folts and Warren Hawk—will soon be meeting with members of the Crow Creek Tribal Council to further our search for the truth concerning the involvement of The Episcopal Church in Indigenous boarding schools. It is a sign of hope that the tribal chairperson has asked that the meeting take place not in a tribal building, but in one of our churches. Thank you, Jonathan and Warren, and all the members of the MW062 and A067 committees, for your ministry.

In Utah and South Dakota and all over the church, we are offering an alternative Christian witness, centered in our relationship with God in Christ and with humanity and proclaiming God's reconciling love. When we get it right, we Episcopalians are capable of resolute commitment to both justice and unity, and to extending grace to one another and to all of God's people, even those who don't agree with us.

This kind of Christian witness changes people's lives. In fact, it saves people's lives, and our work to build more capacity for it in The Episcopal Church is urgent. That is what we are here to do in the next three days, and I am grateful to you for your commitment.

Paul told the Romans that instead of conforming to this world, they should "be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God——what is good and acceptable and perfect." As we lead the church in these troubling times, let these words guide us also.

Gift Card Recycling!

Do you have an unused gift card that's been in your wallet or on your desk for months or maybe even years?

Maybe you're not a coffee drinker and have a Dunkin gift card hanging around. Or maybe it's a gift card to a restaurant that you just won't eat at.

Here's an opportunity to recycle those gift cards to an avid coffee drinker or a person who just loves that particular restaurant!

The Fund-Raising Committee is looking for unused, unwanted gift cards for Raffle Baskets that are being put together for a September "Casino Night" Fundraising event.

Help us help you with those unwanted, unused gift cards!

If you have any questions, speak to Emily McGlynn or Dean Kistner for more information. Or you can leave any gift cards with Deb in the office.

"What's In Your Wallet?"

Four Church Picnic

July 27th at 12 noon – 2pm.

Please join us as we get to know our neighboring churches

Christ Church, Quincy
Emanual Church, Braintree
&
Church of Our Savior, Milton

Second Annual Holy Nativity Church Picnic

Save the Date

August 10th Church Picnic and Eucharist at Webb Memorial State Park

Webb Memorial State Park is a public recreation area located on a peninsula that extends nearly half a mile into the Hingham Bay area of Boston Harbor in Massachusetts. It is composed of three connected drumlins and a low marsh area.
371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191

HOLY NATIVITY

CASINO NIGHT

September 20, 2025
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us for an evening of Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Slots and Texas Hold 'em and you could WIN BIG!

Grand Prize is a full book of $5 scatch tickets ($500 value)
Many other great prizes throughout the evening

- Refreshments will be served
- Raffle prizes every half hour
- Must be 21+ to enter

Tickets are $55 each
Includes 2 drinks and $1000 of Casino Cash

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

8 Nevin Road
South Weymouth, MA 02190

Saturday Studios

Seashell Wreaths
Saturday, August 9th 9-11am

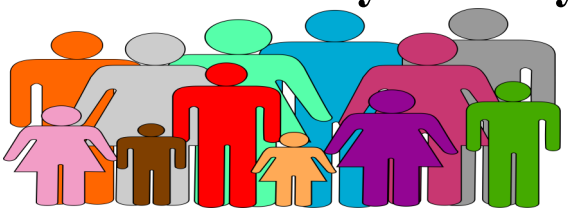
Headed to the beach this summer?

Saturday Studios **is hosting a Seashell Wreath Making Class on August 9th from 9-11 am**
we need lots of seashells!

Don't forget to fill your beach bucket with shells for this creative summertime craft!

Drop your shells off in the church hall anytime! Thank You!

Activities at Holy Nativity



The First Saturday dinner in August 2nd will be at 5:30

Summer Barbeques

Come join in the fellowship along with a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs

Free will offering is gladly accepted

July First Saturday Dinner
July 5th at 5:30
See you there!!

First Food Sunday, July 6th

. Here's a list of items the Pantry needs most:

Non-Perishables:

- Jam and/or jelly
- Hearty soups (i.e. Progresso, Chunky)
- Ready to Eat (canned pasta, chili, hash)
- Jarred Pasta sauce
- Side dishes (seasoned rice, Knorr's, Zatara's etc.)
- Cereal
- Ground coffee and tea
- Condiments (dressing, bbq sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise etc)
- White tuna
- Crispy Onions (for green bean casserole)

Thank you for making sure our shelves are stocked. We are here to help, thanks to you.

The Weymouth Food Pantry receives over 1,400 visits per month from economically-distressed families in our community looking for help, and we are funded mostly by Weymouth residents and neighbors (#WeymouthProud).

Thank you for your help!

Please drop off your non-perishable items at church on Sunday, July 6th

Jelly Making

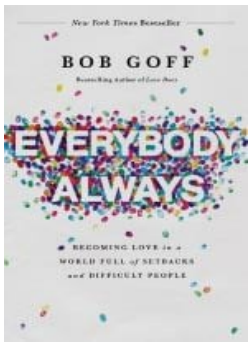
Please help with the jelly making , more hands make for light work.

Saturday, July 12th at 9AM
Making Ginger Pear Chutney

No Vestry Meeting in July

Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon will continue weekly at 11:30. This quiet service has become a favorite with many people, even if they are only able to attend occasionally, conversation is lively as old and new friends catch up from the week over lunch.



The Adult Christian Education Forum will meet Sundays from 11:45 to 12:30 in the Kimball Common Room.

We will read Bob Goff's latest book, "Everybody Always."

Come join us….Books are available!

As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne and Ed, Arlene Boyd, Barbara, Bill Lucier, Brian, Bruce Wilmeth, Carol, Cathy, Charlie, Chris, Chris M., Christine, Corinne, Dave, Debbie Y., Deborah, Donna, Ed Walsh, Freddy, Ginny, Gloria Way, Grace M., Herb, Jack Dembow, Janice, Jenny, Jim Murphy, Joan D., Kathryn, Kathy, Kathy and Ronan, Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Liam, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Linda Chadborne, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Priscilla, Rodger Lyle, Ron, Ruby Jean, Ruth Bates, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Sylvia, Vicki Kalesnick, Victor

Billy's Caring Hands Needs You!

We are looking for donations of Men's Boxers of all sizes and Travel size personal care items like

deodorant, soap, shampoo

Youth Summer Service Week

Get ready for a week of fun, volunteering, and
making a difference with Youth Summer Service Week!

Trinity Church Boston is hosting a weeklong tween/ teen service camp at the church--pairing small group activities with volunteering locally in Boston during the day--

Monday, July 21 through Thursday, July 25, 10am to 5pm.
Lunch included! Cost: $100 for the week.

Contact Katrina Leslie for more information: kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org.
Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-summer-service-week-tickets-1200236432479?aff=oddtdtcreator

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Church of the Holy Nativity

July 22, 2025
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Hanover, MA

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BCH CAMP

Summer Camps at BCH are inclusive Christian formation ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in partnership with the dioceses New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts.

You and your family are welcome here! As an Episcopal camp, we are passionate about being a safe space for all campers and families and we strive for a rich diversity of campers and staff. Each week chaplains participate in all camp activities and lead space for chapel and reflection.
2025 Camp Sessions are:
Youth Camps:

Camp Session 1- July 6-11, 2025
Camp Session 2- July 13-18, 2025
Camp Session 3- July 20-25, 2025
Camp Session 4- July 27- August 1, 2025

Youth Camps are for all campers completing 2nd to 11th grade. Whether climbing high on the ropes course or paddle boarding on Otter Lake, there's something for everyone here at BCH. From swimming to games, to campfires and dancing and classic skits, campers are sure to create new friendships and renew old ones year after year. Whether BCH is your camp home or you're looking at coming for the first time, we're excited to meet you at camp this summer!

Elementary: Completed grades 2-5
Middle: Completed grades 6-8
High School: Completed grades 9-11

Call us at **(603) 547-3400**

info@bchcenter.org

Chickpea Salad with Smashed Cucumbers

On the hunt for a last minute BBQ side dish? This memorable salad is ready in under 30 minutes, no cooking required! Simply chop up all your veggies (or do this ahead of time for an ideal make-ahead meal), toss them together with the herby, lemony dressing, and get ready to munch. Feeling cheesy? Top off this dish with tangy feta for a match made in heaven.

Packed with irresistible veggies like red onion, crunchy cucumbers and sweet cherry tomatoes, this invigorating salad truly has it all. Bits of jalapeño give an added spice, while the herb and lemon dressing brings it all together. We recommend letting all your delicious veggies marinate in the dressing for at least 10 minutes, but no stress if you give it more time! The longer everything sits, the more the complex, bright flavors all develop together.

If you think salads won't fill you up, allow us to introduce our protein star: chickpeas. They not only add to the flavor, but are also a great source of protein and fiber, making this salad tasty, satisfying and nutritious.

Ingredients

12 oz. Persian cucumbers

Kosher salt and pepper

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

1 tsp. honey

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. capers, drained and roughly chopped

1/4 tsp. dried oregano

1/2 very small red onion, finely chopped

1 jalapeño, seeded and finely chopped

1 15-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed

12 oz. mixed cherry and grape tomatoes (halved or sliced)

1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped

Crumbled feta cheese, for serving

Directions

Step 1 With side of chef's knife, bash cucumbers slightly to crush, halve lengthwise, then cut each into 4 to 6 chunks. Transfer cucumbers to bowl and toss with 2 tsp salt. Let sit 10 minutes.

Step 2 Meanwhile, in large bowl, whisk together lemon juice and honey to dissolve. Whisk in oil, capers, oregano, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Add onion, jalapeño, and chickpeas and toss to combine. Let sit at least 10 minutes.

Step 3 Transfer cucumbers to colander and rinse, then shake off as much water as possible. Add to bowl with dressing, along with tomatoes and parsley, and toss to combine.

Serve topped with feta if desired.

Yields: 4-6 servings Total Time: 25 mins Cal/Serv: 156

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Important Dates

Every Tuesday: 11:30 am Holy Eucharist followed by lunch

First Saturday Dinner BBQ at 5:30 July 5th

First Food Sunday July 6th We collect non-perishable food donations every 1st Sunday of the month.

Sundays in July Adult Education at 11:45 –12:30

July 12th Jelly Making 9am

NO Vestry Meeting in July

Youth Summer Service Week July 12th-25th Trinity Church Boston

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

July 22nd Raise Some Dough! Panera Bread Washington Street, Hanover ALL DAY!

4 Church Picnic July 27th 12-2pm at Holy Nativity

Summer Camps BCH July through August

Saturday Studios Seashell wreath making Sat., August 9th 9 -11am

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