

The Mustard Seed

Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church ~ Reverend Nina R. Pooley, Rector ~ March, 2013

Letter from the Rector

As requested, a note about our trip to India. Truthfully, it's taken me awhile to process it all, and I'm not there completely yet, but it was an amazing experience.

The trip itself was grueling, as those of you who have traveled to the far side of the globe know. It's not just the amount of travel or the time change, there's an element of 'otherness' that adds to the weight of it all.

I am always struck by how much control I feel in my day to day life, and how beyond my control being in Mumbai feels. I don't speak enough Hindi or Marathi to communicate with those beyond my family. I can ask for rice, or a glass of water, or know when my grandmother was telling me I was pretty or sweet – you know, the stuff of a conversation with my Indian grandmother who didn't speak English.

When I was three we went to India and my mom and dad left me with my grandparents for a week or so. It was only when we returned when I was 6 that I realized they didn't speak English! It seems that the communication between grandchild and grandparents doesn't need a lot of complicated words – we got along just fine. And over the years I learned to pay attention to the conversation my cousins were having so I would know when they were up to something. But other than that, I have little to no useful Hindi. So there we were in Mumbai this February, navigating drivers and hotel and such, and the streets and traffic (which is truly crazy) on our own. I have the bravest family!



Services and Events

Sunday, March 3: Lent III

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist w/healing &
Sunday School

Sunday, March 10: Lent IV

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist w/Sunday School

Sunday, March 17: Lent V

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist w/Sunday School

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Gathering Sunday
(everyone in church together)

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

6pm Dinner
7pm Service (Holy Eucharist)

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

12noon Service
12:30-3pm Silent Vigil and Knitting

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday

7pm Easter Vigil at St. Luke's Cathedral

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist w/Choir & Baptism

Sunday, April 7:

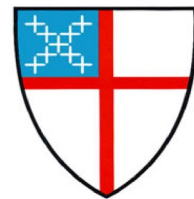
Send off Sunday for Nina's Sabbatical

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist w/Sunday School

Ken figured out the drivers and the car, and made the hotel happen. We stayed at a Catering and Hotel College, so the students there were anxious to help (sometimes overly so), though it wasn't fancy, it worked and it was close enough to most of the locations we needed, so that was good. He brought his big fancy camera and took really great pictures, so we're sharing some with you. Here's a cricket team who asked Ken to take their picture:



The girls didn't even blink when we headed out to walk the neighborhood one evening after we arrived, despite the traffic and the truly harrowing street crossings and the poverty and the protestors, and the strangeness of it all. They were game, every time something new came along – which was daily.



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So it was extraordinary, but the primary reason we were there was to be part of the family celebrations for my cousin's wedding. At one, I was included as one of the honored married women, and part of the ceremony – very cool.



At another we were present for Puja, the blessing of the upcoming marriage. The Hindu priest came to the bride's house and together with the bride's mother, he invites the gods to bless the marriage and then he invites the planets to do the same. They name the virtues they wish for the couple and they name the vices they wish away from them, the water that is poured for the blessings is kept, the water that is poured for the vices is tossed far from the home. All incredibly interesting – I was moved by how carefully and intentionally the family was providing for their daughter's well being. The following evening we got to participate in the Mendi party for the women of the wedding, where we had our hands decorated with henna while the bride's hands and feet were carefully adorned. The women sang songs for the bride, ate a lovely meal together, selected their bangles for the wedding and the cocktail party in the days to come, and generally had a girls' night in. Crowded, fun and loud, all that and more! Ken was a trooper and stayed around to take pictures, very brave of him.



The next night was the cocktail party in honor of the couple. This was the first time we met the groom and his family, and honestly this felt the most Western. It was most like the reception we think of after the wedding service. Close friends and relatives are present, toast the couple, songs are played, specific people have to dance together. In this case, because my cousin-brother, the bride's father had died, the men of his family stood in for him. My dad and my uncle were up there dancing as if they remember how to dance India style – too funny but very kind. And the next day was finally the wedding day! The wedding was late in the afternoon and involved a long ceremony on the Mandap or sacred platform, and several members of the two families in a complicated and beautiful ceremony that goes on for around two hours.



Afterwards the couple go and change, as does most of the wedding party. The reception follows a few hours later and everyone is invited, friend, colleagues ... there were 600 or so at the reception dinner which was held outside at the Mumbai Cricket Club. It was beautiful but a lot to take in. We spent our last days in India doing some exploring and some shopping, and the last day we spent with my cousin-sister, mother of the bride, and that was my favorite day. Sujata took us shopping and out to her favorite restaurant, she even took me to the big Christian Church in Bandera so I could see it and it's version of prayer stations outside across the street. IT was a remarkable trip, made more so by the knowledge that this family which is now truly spread across the globe, may never be together again in this way. I can't thank you enough for letting us go and be part of the gathering and the celebrating.

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A short slide show can be found here:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/36778498@N02/sets/72157632874192917/show/>

Ashes To Go!

As most of you know, I got to represent St. Bart's out in the world on Ash Wednesday again this year. This time I went mid-day to Monument Square and we saw an awful lot of people. There was a team of three of us, and between us we prayed with and administered ashes to 63 people, and talked with a lot more. So a very successful day! Next year we should see about doing this locally and perhaps having a few teams so we can take church out into the world in several places.



Resources for more Information on Mental Health

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church - Yarmouth, Maine

1. STATE WIDE CRISIS HOTLINE FOR BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES: 1-888-568-1112
2. STATE WIDE INFORMATION LINE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES: 211
3. MAINE DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:
[HTTP://WWW.MAINE.GOV/DHHS](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs)
4. NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS:
[HTTP://WWW.NAMI.ORG](http://www.nami.org)
5. NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS MAINE CHAPTER:
[HTTP://WWW.NAMIMAINE.ORG](http://www.namimaine.org)
6. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH:
[HTTP://WWW.NIMH.NIH.GOV](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)
7. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION:
[HTTP://WWW.SAMHSA.GOV](http://www.samhsa.gov)
8. TREATMENT ADVOCACY CENTER:
[HTTP://WWW.TREATMENTADVOCACYCENTER.ORG](http://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org)
9. AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION:
[HTTP://WWW.PSYCH.ORG](http://www.psych.org)
10. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY:
[HTTP://WWW.AACAP.ORG](http://www.aacap.org)
11. MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA:
[HTTP://WWW.MENTALHEALTHAMERICA.NET](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net)





"Kitchen Makeover" at Friendship House

Our kitchen renovation has begun. As you can see from the pictures, it has made a dramatic difference in our high traffic kitchen area. We would like to express our great thanks to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth for awarding Friendship House a generous \$750.00 grant for our kitchen renovation through your Social Action Program, which allowed us to buy a desperately needed brand new stainless steel dishwasher and help with the installation cost of this project! The cabinetry pictured was custom made and donated by Trico Millworks, Inc. in Limington. Through your generosity, one corner of our kitchen project was able to be completed, with many new fixtures. With 16 residents, our dishwasher is used at least 2 times per day and is a very important part of our daily routine here at Friendship House. We want to sincerely thank you for all of the work and ministry that you do and for the great support that you provide men in recovery here throughout the year, including the delicious monthly meals! With your help, we are seeing God do great things in the lives of our residents!

Herb Blake, Director of Friendship House

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A Word of Thanks to Our

CHOIR

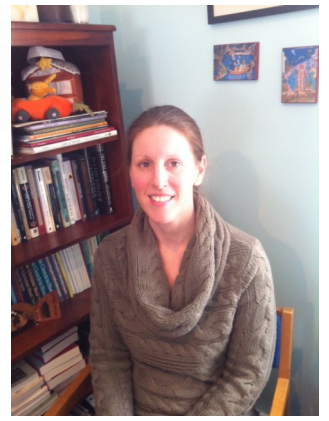
I would like to thank the choir and Carmen Greenlee for their support and grace during a difficult time. As you know, Terun Weed, partner of our Music Director, Bill Harris, became ill in late January and was hospitalized. After several weeks in ICU, Terun was able to communicate his wishes clearly to Bill and the rest of their family. His wishes were respected and he was moved to hospice care and he died the following day. The choir has been incredibly supportive of Bill and of this parish during these many weeks. They have joined us and upheld the musical portion of our worship, including coming for Gathering Sunday when Carmen played for us. John Corrie has substituted for us on three of these weeks, and we are grateful to him as well. Time and again our choir has pulled together to help smooth the way while bringing us incomparably beautiful music.

Thank you all.

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Welcome!

We welcome **Kerry Mansir** as our new Education Coordinator. Kerry joins us after a long hiatus, she and her husband were members of St. Bart's years ago (as she says, "before children"). So there's a reason she might look familiar to some of you.



Kerry and her family live in Gardiner and are members of St. Matthew's, Hallowell. It's through her connection there that she heard from Heather Blais when we were advertising this position, and here we are! Kerry brings a strong background in theology and a passion for Christian Education. She has an undergraduate degree in Religion as well as a Masters in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School. And she was part of the core team that developed and implemented Christian Education for St. Matthew's. We are excited to have Kerry with us and are looking forward to working with her. Please welcome her back to St. Bart's.



Thank you Edie!

We are incredibly grateful for Edie Birney, who stepped in and served as our Interim Education Coordinator this past fall in order to implement the new curriculum the Education Committee is writing for our Sunday School Program. She brought decades of experience to the launch of this programming, as well as wisdom, grace, humor and an incredible capacity to do anything asked of her (and more). Edie continues to serve on the Education committee and has already proven an invaluable resource for Kerry as we make this transition. Edie is also staying on as our Rite 13 leader. As an ordained Deacon of the church, you may see her in several capacities in the days to come. Please help us thank her for her service to this parish, particularly our children.

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Service To Our Community



LEGO Fun—Build a Village Together

Sunday, March 3
3:00pm - 5:30pm

A community event for Family and Friends.



Come construct a village using everyone's favorite building blocks, Legos! Bring your family and friends and your imagination to build whichever building you want in the village: library, school, post office, fire station, a home—the heart of the Habitat story...

The Good Friday Walk Committee will be hosting this event at the Masonic Hall in Yarmouth (at the end of Mill Road which intersects at 317 Main Street). Teams consisting of families, businesses, churches will have the chance to try their hand at construction as well as socialize, enjoy refreshments, and hear more about Habitat and about the walk. This community event is free to the public. For more info, you may contact Sally Bancroft at 829-3793.

Consider walking in the walk on Good Friday, this year on March 29th. A new set of houses is being constructed in Freeport in 2013 and monies raised will go directly into these projects. Thank you for those of you who are repeat walkers. Your participation makes a difference!

Good Friday Walk for Habitat is Coming...



Will walkers be facing snowdrifts or will March go out like a lamb... we will find out on March 29th, the date of this year's Good Friday Walk for Habitat for Humanity!

Brochures are available in your town hall and library, either use the enclosed sponsor sheet or go online at www.habitatportlandme.org/ to create your own fundraising page.
<http://www.habitatportlandme.org/>

Either way, we look forward to seeing you either in Cumberland or in Yarmouth on walk day. 20, 10, and 3-mile walk routes available.

If walking isn't for you, we have many opportunities to volunteer: work a shift at the registration table, at a way station or as a TOE truck driver and/or feel free to bake goodies/make sandwiches for the way stations.

It takes a village, in this case several villages, to make a difference. We have done this for 27 years for Habitat of Greater Portland - won't you join us again?



American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has rescheduled the blood drive at St. Bartholomew's on **Tuesday, April 16 from 11:00AM ~ 5:00PM** in the Sanctuary. Please call the American Red Cross @ 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



What's Coming Up...



Knitting & Tea?

The Knitters will be gathering on Thursday, **March 7 and March 21 from 2-4:30pm** and on Good Friday from 12:30-3pm in the Chapel. Looking ahead to April they will also meet on Thursday, April 4 and April 18 from 2-4:30pm.

Please contact Liza Chandler at 846-9432 for more information.

Sabbatical coverage while Nina is away

Nina will be on Sabbatical from April 11 to August 11 and we are lucky to have two fabulous priests joining us to shepherd the parish while Nina is away. We will be joined by The Rev. Roy Partridge and The Rev. John Van Sicen. And our very own, The Rev. Ted Petterson will be covering the two weeks when neither John nor Roy could be here. So we are good to go! I encourage you to get to know these wise and generous souls, they are some of my favorite mentors and they have a tremendous amount to offer our parish in the months ahead.

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Climate Revival 2013

An Ecumenical Festival to
Embolden the Renewal
of Creation

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 10am-4pm
Copley Square, Boston

This event will be led by national and international religious and environmental leaders. Preachers so far include:

- **The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori**, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
- **The Rev. Geoffrey Black**, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ

Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus South Africa and **Bill McKibben**, author and environmentalist will send video messages.

Come together for an inspirational day of preaching, worship, prayers, and music as we celebrate the splendor of Creation, mourn its desecration, and advocate for restoration and renewal.


We will call upon the Holy Spirit as we rise up to stabilize the climate and to create a better future. Churches will have an opportunity to participate in an informational fair about their environmental ministries.

A project of New England Regional Environmental Ministries, a cooperative effort of the Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ.

www.province1.org
www.macucc.org/climaterevival

 #climaterevival



Share the event via Facebook.
 Scan code or go to:
on.fb.me/VnmKuH



Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Old South Church, UCC

11:30 a.m. Lunch (bring your own), info fair, press conference

1:15 p.m. Trinity Church, Episcopal

3:00 p.m. Climate Justice Rally organized by Better Future Project & the Earth Stewards program

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March 3 - Lent III

Altar Guild:
Lector:
Chalice Bearers:
Bread Baker:
Flowers:
Ushers:
Coffee Hour:
Counters:
Snow Care:
VPOW:

Mary Ann Hodsdon & Dan Doyon
John Perkins/ Morris Hancock
Dan Doyon/ Barbara Barhydt, Sally Caruso
Jean Sheridan
Green Plant—Imelda Schaefer
Anne Berg, Margaret Betts
The Herr family and Michele Johns
Soule/Fitzgibbons
Bob Bower
Bill Macleod/ Joe Michaud

March 10 - Lent IV

Altar Guild:
Lector:
Chalice Bearers:
Bread Baker:
Flowers:
Ushers:
Coffee Hour:
Counters:
Snow Care:
VPOW:

Mary Ann Hodsdon & Dan Doyon
Dan Doyon/ Meredythe Lindsey
Needed/ Imelda Schaefer, Gary Sylvester
Mary Ann Hodsdon
Green Plant—Imelda Schaefer
Catherine Richards, Mark Goettel
Andrea & Bill Nelson and Jan Wentling
Hobson/Trudo
Doug Reighley
John Perkins/ **Needed**

March 17 - Lent V

Altar Guild:
Lector:
Chalice Bearers:
Bread Baker:
Flowers:
Ushers:
Coffee Hour:
Counters:
Snow Care:
VPOW:

Mary Ann Hodsdon & Dan Doyon
Jessie Moore/ Laurie Hyndman
Jan Burson/ Laurie Hyndman, Harriet Davis
Mary Ann Hodsdon
Green Plant—Imelda Schaefer
Janice Jaffe, Ken Pooley
Imelda Schaefer and Kathy Smith
Hancock/Hyndman
Jeff Diggins
Needed/ Anne Berg

March 24 - Palm Sunday

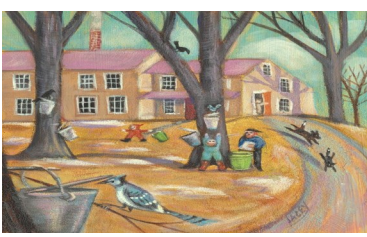
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Mary Ann Hodsdon & Dan Doyon
Weesie Barton/ Laura Lee Sawyer
Linda Perkins/ Joe Michaud, John Duncan
Janice Jaffe
Palm Sunday—Mary Ann Hodsdon
Jackson & Ella Caruso
The Caruso family and Jamie & Joe Michaud
Nelson/Macleod
John Perkins
John Perkins/Susie Soule

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Altar Guild:
Lector:
Chalice Bearers:
Bread Baker:
Flowers:
Ushers:
Counters:
Snow Care:
VPOW:

Mary Ann Hodsdon & Dan Doyon
Mike Cowell/ **Needed**
Needed/ Needed
Susannah White
Easter Sunday-Jessie Moore & Flower Committee
Elizabeth & Jay Burrows
Soule/Fitzgibbons
Joe Michaud
Needed/ Sally Caruso



March 2013

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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3 <u>LENT III</u> Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am w/healing & Sunday School 9am Adult Ed 4-5:30PM Youth Group	4 Office closed VESTRY 6:45pm	5 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	6 Choir 6-8:45 pm <u>Lenten Course</u> 7-8:15pm	7 Pastoral Care 12pm Knitting 2-4:30pm AA 7:30 pm	8 Office closed	9
10 <u>LENT IV</u> Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am w/ Sunday School 9am Adult Ed 4-5:30PM Youth Group	11 Office closed	12 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am <u>Second Tuesday</u> <u>Pot Luck</u>	13 Choir 6-8:45 pm <u>Lenten Course</u> 7-8:15pm	14 AA 7:30 pm	15 Office closed	16
17 <u>LENT V</u> Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am w/ Sunday School 9am Adult Ed	18 Office closed	19 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	20 Choir 6-8:45 pm <u>Lenten Course</u> 7-8:15pm	21 Knitting 2-4:30pm AA 7:30 pm	22 Office closed	23
24 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10am Gathering Sunday 9am Adult Ed	25 Office closed 7pm Alzheimer's Support	26 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	27 Choir 6-8:45 pm <u>Lenten Course</u> 7-8:15pm	28 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> 6pm Dinner 7pm Holy Eucharist AA 7:30 pm	29 <u>Good Friday</u> Walk for Habitat 12pm Service 12:30-3pm Silent Vigil & knitting	30 <u>Holy Saturday</u> 7pm Easter Vigil at St. Luke's
31 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am						