



## NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2025 Volume 2

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### **Watch Emmanuel online, learn more, and donate!**

By scanning the QR Code or going to the web address below, you can find out more about who we are and what we're doing. You will find links to Facebook and YouTube to see our livestream or watch it later. You will also find ways to donate easily and quickly to Emmanuel, either through Venmo or Tithely. Your presence and support are very important to us, and crucial to making sure we are always here for you.

<https://linktr.ee/emmanuelwr>



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### **Upcoming/Ongoing & Special Events - Mark Your Calendar!**

*Please worship with us any/every Sunday at 10 AM and, after the service, join us for hospitality and refreshment.*

- Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: kickoff to Stewardship reflections
- Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: Service of Holy Eucharist, with guest preacher, Rev. Edwin Johnson, Director of Organizing, Episcopal City Mission. Come learn more about Episcopal City Mission's important work. The Rev. Johnson will join us for both the 10:00 a.m. service and our social hour afterward. Invite your friends and neighbors who might be interested in this social justice work.
- Massachusetts Diocesan Convention Friday-Saturday, November 13-14. Details can be found at: [Diocesan Convention 2025 | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](https://diomass.org) Or ask our elected lay Diocesan delegates Ed Fleming, or Fr. Jon.
- Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Advent begins!
- Tuesday evenings December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM: Advent Contemplative Prayer Service

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### **Emmanuel Vestry & Neponset River Deanery News**

- The next upcoming monthly Monday Vestry meeting is scheduled for 7 PM October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions for or about our Vestry, please speak with any one of our Vestry members.
- The Discernment Committee held a retreat on 9/27 and met with our Diocesan consultant to discuss discernment process for Emmanuel's Priest -In-Charge and understand the next steps of the process. Stay tuned for updates later this fall!

- Property work updates:
  - Demolition of our basement flood damaged areas is complete. For everyone’s safety, please do not go down to the basement level until further notice.
  - We continue to gather estimates to complete the basement repair work and will announce more info once we have it. A work request has been submitted to repair the steeple shingles.
  - You’ve probably noticed our clothing and book donation drop off bin by the edge of our Clement Avenue yard! This addition supports recycling in our community which, in turn, helps us to honor our promises to be good stewards of God’s creation.
- If you have not already seen it on the Diocesan website, you will want to review the latest about the new Diocesan Vision, including Core Values, Mission and Priorities at: <https://www.diomass.org/visioning-2025> .

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### **Other Upcoming/Ongoing News & Events**

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church, Cambridge. You are invited to **“A Reparations Summit: An Episcopal Call to Moral Witness & Action.”** The Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas will deliver the keynote address, followed by stories from communities leading reparation efforts. The day will include learning and break-out sessions. Coffee at 9:30 AM. Program run from 10 AM- 4 PM with lunch provided. Visit [www.Episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.Episcopalcitymission.org) or see flyer on page 4 to register or get more details.

To learn what else is happening in our own Diocese and in the greater Episcopal world community at: [Calendar of Events | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#) , [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#) and [Episcopal News Service – The official news service of the Episcopal Church.](#)

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### **Emmanuel Blessing of the Animals – Another Joy-filled year!**

On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we were blessed with gorgeous weather for our annual Blessing of the Animals.

During the Holy Eucharist service in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we gave thanks for all of God’s creatures. We also enjoyed the accompaniment of actual birds (parakeets) in our sanctuary beautifully singing with us during Hymn 400 – “All Creatures of our God and King” – words attributed to St. Francis.

Fr. Jon blessed birds and cats and dogs and hamsters – in person and in photos with thanksgiving for those providing current companionship and in loving memory of those who have crossed the rainbow bridge. Special thanks to Fr. Jon and to the Events Committee for a wonderful event and for the refreshments and hospitality offered to all who came – parishioners, friends and neighbors – human and pet.

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## Prayers



**We pray for peace and reconciliation at home, throughout the Ukraine, the Middle East and everywhere in the world. We pray for those impacted by earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, fires, floods, and acts of terror or violence. To support Ukraine/** Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for Ukraine:

<https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/>

We pray for those in sorrow, anguish, fear, despair and for those who are sick, especially for those named in this week's Order of Service. We also pray for all who travel, that their journeys may be safe, rejuvenating and filled with the knowledge of God's presence.

**Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.**

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden, Priest-In-Charge ([therev.jonteden@gmail.com](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com).) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him at: [617.798.0770](tel:617.798.0770).



CHRIST CHURCH  
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EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION



# A REPARATIONS SUMMIT

AN EPISCOPAL CALL TO  
MORAL WITNESS AND ACTION

## DESCRIPTION

Join us for a summit calling the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts to truth, repair, and transformation.

**The Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas** will deliver the keynote address, followed by stories from Christ Church Cambridge, Episcopal City Mission, and other communities leading reparations efforts. Participants can also join learning and action tracks designed to meet congregations and leaders wherever they are on their journey.

**Special Musical Guest:** Pop Up Poetry Ensemble



**SATURDAY**  
NOVEMBER 8, 2025



**10:00AM - 4:00PM**  
COFFEE HOUR AT 9:30AM  
LUNCH PROVIDED



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**FREE EVENT. OPEN TO ALL.**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



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