



NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2025 Volume 3

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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 26th 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.
- Sunday, November 2nd 10 AM: All Saints' Sunday Holy Eucharist and Baptism
- Massachusetts Diocesan Convention Friday-Saturday, November 14-15. There are many interesting free workshops, led by many gifted people on Friday. It is open to all, not just delegates and not just Vestry. To register: [Workshop Registration](#)
 - Stewardship Fundamentals for Small and MediumSized Parishes presented by The Rev. Brian Raiche, Development Consultant
 - Exploring Anglican Identity: An Interactive Workshop presented by The Most Rev. Melissa M. Skelton, Convention keynote speaker
 - Explore Invite Welcome Connect presented by The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell, Regional Canon for the Southern Region
 - Keys to Faith Formation presented by The Rev. Shannon Kelly, Interim Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Formation and Bird Treacy, Children's Programming Coordinator, Christ Church, Needham
 - We Stand with the Vulnerable presented by The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries

- Stronger Together: Building Collaborative Parishes presented by the Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach, Regional Canon for the Central Region
 - Managing Church Property for Mission presented by Stewardship Realty Stewardship
 - Communities of Care: Building Support with LGBTQIA+ Youth & Adults presented by the Rev. Liz Steinhauer, Priest and Lead Organizer, The Crossing.
 - See flyer on page 6 for more workshop information. All convention details can be found at: [Diocesan Convention 2025 | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](https://www.diomass.org) Or ask our elected lay Diocesan delegates Ed Fleming, or Fr. Jon.
- Sunday, November 30th: Advent begins!
 - Sunday, December 7th: Service of Holy Eucharist, followed by Santa & Friends – our annual event when you can celebrate and have a photo of you and your furry friend with Santa
 - Tuesday evenings December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd at 7 PM: Advent Contemplative Prayer Service

Emmanuel Vestry & Neponset River Deanery News

- Neponset River Deanery will meet November 12th with guest speaker the Rev. Marisa Rohrbach. Location will be announced.
- Emmanuel’s Next Vestry meeting is Monday, November 17th at 7 PM.
- The Discernment Committee work continues to move forward. Stay tuned for updates later this fall!
- Property work updates:
 - Multiple basement repair estimates after post-flood demolition have been requested and we are reviewing them as they come in. For everyone’s safety, please do not go down to the basement level until further notice.
 - A work request has been submitted to repair the steeple shingles.
- 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> .

Other Upcoming/Ongoing News & Events

Saturday, November 8th 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 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 \(diomass.org\)](https://www.diomass.org) , [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](https://www.diomass.org) and [Episcopal News Service – The official news service of the Episcopal Church.](https://www.diomass.org)

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.) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him at: 617.798.0770.



CHRIST CHURCH
CAMBRIDGE



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



CHRIST CHURCH CAMBRIDGE
0 Garden Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

FREE EVENT. OPEN TO ALL.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



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240th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Hope to which we are Called

*May the eyes of your heart be enlightened
so you may know the hope to which God has called you."*
- Ephesians 1:18

Friday Afternoon Workshop Options

(You will be asked to select 2 to attend during the registration process)

Stewardship Fundamentals for Small and Medium-Sized Parishes

presented by The Rev. Brian Raiche, Development Consultant

This practical session is designed especially for leaders from small and medium-sized parishes who want to strengthen their stewardship efforts. Join the Rev. Brian Raiche and a panel of experienced parish leaders for an engaging conversation on core topics: evaluating your annual stewardship appeal, preparing for a capital campaign, and starting a planned giving program. Whether you're just getting started or looking to deepen your parish's giving culture, this session will provide tools, ideas, and resources to help your community grow in generosity and sustainability.

Explore Invite Welcome Connect

presented by The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell, Regional Canon for the Southern Region

Come hear and learn more about how to invite and engage new people at your congregation. Parishes already using this resource will share what has worked for them and the results they are seeing.

We Stand with the Vulnerable

presented by The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries

As violence against immigrants has become a moral crisis, let's get together and share some tips for how congregations can prepare to support immigrants in our communities, and what to do if ICE visits our church buildings.

Managing Church Property for Mission

presented by Stewardship Realty

Stewardship Realty is a mission-driven real estate firm providing advisory, asset management and property development services exclusively to faith-based organizations. This workshop presentation will introduce congregational leaders to options that create financial sustainability for ministry through the creative redevelopment of church real estate assets. We will review topics such as the various types of real estate transactions, strategies to create value for church space and land, assessing property challenges and opportunities.

Exploring Anglican Identity: An Interactive Workshop

presented by The Most Rev. Melissa M. Skelton, Convention keynote speaker

Our identity as Christians and as congregations is a dynamic blend of God-given gifts, unique personality and what we have received from those who have come before us. Come and explore the specific character of our Anglican heritage and how it might shape, energize and still puzzle you.

Keys to Faith Formation

presented by The Rev. Shannon Kelly, Interim Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Formation and Bird Treacy, Children's Programming Coordinator, Christ Church, Needham

Do you wonder if faith education or faith formation in your context is effective? Are you wondering what you might do to build up formation practices from children to adults? Do you wonder how you can involve children and youth in the ministry of your church? Come spend time with us as we explore some of the keys to doing faith formation in your context, respond to questions, and listen to one another as we strive to bring people closer to Jesus and one another.

Stronger Together: Building Collaborative Parishes

presented by The Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach, Regional Canon for the Central Region

This workshop explores creative models for parish collaboration, offering real-world examples, and a chance for leaders to connect as congregations seek to strengthen their ministries by working together.

Communities of Care: Building Support with LGBTQIA+ Youth & Adults

presented by the Rev. Liz Steinhauser, Priest and Lead Organizer, The Crossing, a congregation of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

This interactive workshop is designed for parents and clergy, queer folks and allies of all sorts who want to build congregations into strong, safe, supportive communities for LGBTQIA people in Massachusetts.