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## Old North lights its lanterns

In April 1775, the "two if by sea" signal lights were hung in Old North Church's tower to warn of British approach at the start of the American Revolution. On April 19, as it does every year, Old North commemorated the occasion with a Lantern Ceremony, and photographer Amey Callahan of Christ Church in Cambridge was there to capture it. "It was wonderful to absorb local history and God in a very special church," she reports.

[See more photos.](#)



PHOTO: Amey Callahan  
*Old North Church's storied steeple*

## NewsLinks:

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**Honored in Cambridge:** Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge on May 14 honored Governor Deval Patrick, New Westminster's Bishop Michael Ingham and the ELCA's Bishop Margaret Payne with honorary doctorates, Episcopal Life Online reports [here](#).

**Five years of marriage equality in Massachusetts:** Attorney General Martha Coakley and Lt. Governor Tim Murray gathered with activists and public officials at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston on May 12 to celebrate. Read the [May 14 Bay Windows story](#).

**Clergy lend voices to marriage debate:** Bishop Shaw is among [Massachusetts religious leaders cited](#) in a New York campaign for legalization of same-sex marriage in that state.

**Bringing 'ubuntu' to the State House:** "What St. Stephen's means to me is hope and opportunity," Shanasia Bennett, 17, tells the *South End News* in this [April 30 story](#) about young afterschool artists bringing their vision to the State House. The youth are part of programs at St. Stephen's Church in Boston's South End and the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin in Roxbury (the Lenox Street location mentioned in the story).

**Blooming in Barnstable:** Enjoy the daffodils blooming in the garden at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable [here](#), and read about the parish's disaster relief ministry house-building trip to Slidell, La.

## Home builders and hope bearers in Biloxi

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Every spring break since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, Diocesan Youth Council members have been making their way to Mississippi, where a volunteer worker camp becomes their home away from home, the Church of the Redeemer their church family and hurricane survivors, still rebuilding homes and lives, their neighbors in need.

This year, April 18-24, they went to celebrate as well as work.

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PHOTO: Courtesy of the Diocesan Youth Council

*Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi breaks ground: Diocesan Youth Council members from Massachusetts helped celebrate the occasion and are pictured here with retired bishop A.C. "Chip" Marble (center left) and the Rev. Harold Roberts, Redeemer's rector.*

## Cape and islands Episcopal churches welcome you this summer

Cape Cod and island churches shift into high gear during the summer months as their numbers swell with seasonal members and visitors, all looking for ways to both pray and play. In fact, many visitors time their vacations around favorite church festivals, auctions and fairs, according to correspondent Lynn Van Dine from St. Christopher's Church in Chatham, who reports that the lobster roll dinners, art sales and fairs are as much a part of families' traditions as swimming at a favorite beach or picnicking in a particular park.



PHOTO: Courtesy of Christ Church, Plymouth

*Cape and South Shore Episcopalians will gather for their fourth annual June Jubilee bike/walk/Rollerblade-athon on June 28 to raise money for mission projects in East Africa.*

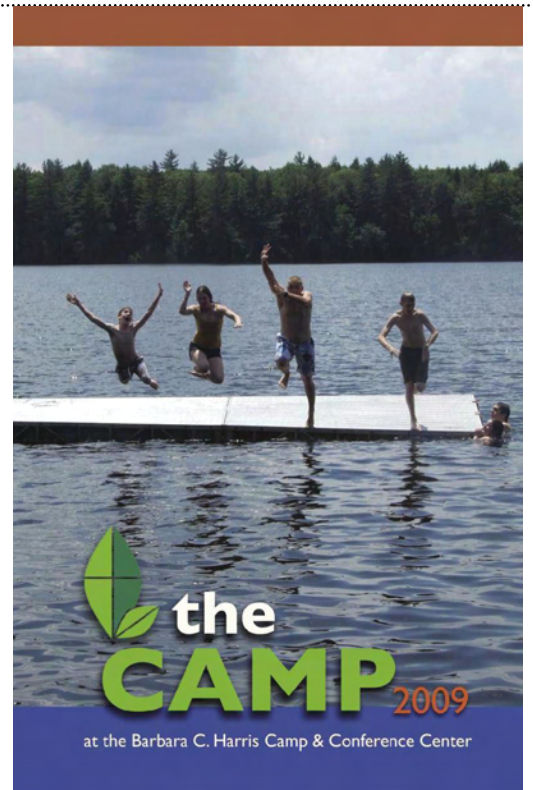
[Here's a look at some of the season's highlights.](#)

## Full house at Family Camp

Family Camp, the diocese's annual June weekend of intergenerational summer camp fun, is full. To the rafters. Attendance has doubled to 130 since Family Camp's inception five years ago. "We're limited only by cabin and lodge space and we've hit that limit," said Amy Cook, diocesan Resource Center director and one of Family Camp's planners.

Early sign-ups may have something to do with families foregoing more expensive summer travel plans this summer--this year's Family Camp theme is "Living More With Less"--but Cook said she believes its fundamental components are what make it popular: Families of all kinds are welcome.

There is a lot of intergenerational fun time. "And every year we offer time and ways for families to discuss spiritual things together and practice holy habits," Cook said.



Given the demand, it might be possible to offer another family camp weekend later in the year, she said. E-mail her at [acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org) to express interest, or to be added to the e-mail list for advance notice of next summer's Family Camp.

Registration for youth summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is still open, and financial aid is available. Go to [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org) for details.

### **Council's assessment policy and rate deliberations continue**

The Diocesan Council devoted its April 30 meeting to diocesan assessment matters, voting to set the 2010 assessment revenue target and a general assessment formula structure but tabling and referring to committee the question of whether or not to eliminate the current cap on congregations' year-to-year assessment increases.

[Read more.](#)

### **Until the dust settles. . .**

We'd include a photo, but it wouldn't be a pretty one: The buildings at 138 Tremont Street in Boston which house the diocesan and cathedral staffs will be undergoing renovations this summer to replace and upgrade the heating and air conditioning systems.

Beginning June 8 and continuing through Labor Day, staff members will be working four-day weeks, Tuesday through Friday, as there will be minimal air conditioning and reduced bathroom access during construction. Staff members will be relocated from the main office building to the adjacent Clark Building, and the Resource Center will be closed for the summer. Some staff members will work from home; others will be in Anaheim, Calif., for the Episcopal Church's General Convention, July 6-18. The reception desk will remain in its usual place to help visitors find temporarily relocated staff members. Telephone extensions will not change. Because meeting space will be limited, groups are being asked to make arrangements to meet elsewhere.

"We may have to declare 'heat days' if it gets uncomfortably hot," the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary, said in an announcement about the project. "Please stay in touch and realize that it may be business as usual, but it's not under usual circumstances."

### **Save this date**

Diocesan Resource Day takes place on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Bentley College in Waltham. Details will be posted on the events calendar at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) as they become available.

## Coming up

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[May 16](#): "Jubilee Celebrates Africa," St. Peter's Church, Weston, 6:30 p.m.

[May 17](#): Trial feast day for Sts. Andronicus and Junia

[May 17](#): All Saints Parish in Brookline honors Marian Wright Edelman, 10:30 a.m.

[May 17](#): "The Holy Land - Peace" Forum, Grace Church, New Bedford, 11:15 a.m.

[May 17](#): Organ recital featuring Gretchen Longwell, St. John's Church, Gloucester, 4 p.m.

[May 17, 24 & 31](#): "Nightsong," St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, 7 p.m.

[May 19 & 26, June 2 & 9](#): Employment support group, St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, 9 a.m.

[May 19 & 26](#): "Between Jobs" course, St. Mark's Church, Burlington, 9 a.m.

[May 19](#): Spring meeting for retired clergy and spouses, St. David's Church, South Yarmouth, 11 a.m.

[May 19](#): Transitions Group, Grace Church, Newton, 7:30 p.m.

[May 20](#): Green Gathering, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 6 p.m.

[May 21](#): Clergy Safe Church Refresher Day, Christ Church, Quincy, 8:45 a.m.

[May 21](#): Nonviolence Community of Practice, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 6 p.m.

[May 21](#): Charles River Deanery Ascension Day Picnic, Trinity Church, Newton Centre, 6:30 p.m.

[May 26](#): Introduction to Centering Prayer, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[May 26](#): Open meeting with General Convention deputies, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 7 p.m.

[May 28](#): Diocesan Council, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 5:30 p.m.

[May 29-30](#): Antiracism Training, Trinity Church, Boston

[May 30](#): "Godly Play" Core Training, All Saints' Church, Belmont, 9 a.m.

[May 30](#): Commissioning Service for Parish Healing Ministry Teams, Cathedral Church of St Paul, Boston, 4:30 p.m.

[May 31](#): Pentecost Choral Evensong, Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, 5 p.m.

[June 6](#): Deacons Ordinations, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 10:30 a.m.

[Jun 9](#): Episcopal City Mission Annual Meeting, George Sherman Union, Boston University, 5 p.m.

[Jun 9](#): Refreshment Day, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 9 a.m.

[Jun 9](#): Introduction to Centering Prayer, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Jun 11](#): Feast of Corpus Christi, Church of the Advent, Boston, 6:30 p.m.

[Jun 11](#): Poetry As Prayer, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Jun 12-14](#): "Wilderness: Scriptural, Contemporary, Personal": Silent Weekend Retreat, Sisters of St. Margaret, Duxbury

[Jun 14](#): Youth leaders training, All Saints' Church, Chelmsford, 3 p.m.

[Jun 15:](#) St. John's Church, Sandwich Golf Tournament, New Seabury Country Club, 10:30 a.m.

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