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Sign of spring

Bishop Bud Cederholm enjoyed a March 8 visit to the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth after snow kept him from his scheduled trip there back in January. Referring to his well-known passion for environmental stewardship, Cederholm said after the visit: "It's not that easy being 'green,' but I loved being 'purple' in the presence of Holy Nativity children who blessed me with their gift of purple buds at a joy-filled visitation as we talked about loving Jesus and feeding Jesus' sheep."



PHOTO: Courtesy of Holy Nativity, South Weymouth

Bishop Bud Cederholm with the children of Holy Nativity, South Weymouth

NewsLinks:

"Season of change": Trinity Church in Concord is featured in this March 15 [video portrait](#) of Lenten faith.

"Growing but hard to define": The March issue of *Episcopal Life* surveys the emergent church movement within the Episcopal Church and includes in its spotlight The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. [Read it here.](#)

Not just an architectural icon: The Rev. Beth Grundy takes the lead in a March 12 *Herald News* story on building styles and uses it to say that Christ Church in Swansea serves people in 11 communities. [Read it here.](#)

Faith-based home builders: St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury joins Jewish and other Christian congregations to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Sudbury, reports the March 10 *Sudbury Town Crier*, [here.](#)

"Pulling out all the stops": Christ Church in Quincy discovers it may have the pipes to resurrect its "king of instruments."

[Read the Feb. 24 Quincy Patriot Ledger story.](#)

"Doing Without, Being With God": The Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas of Calvary Church in Danvers blogs about the journey through the holy season of Lent [here](#).

Bishops invite diocesan community to Lenten common prayer

The bishops invite the diocesan community to join in common prayer during Lent on issues of national concern that they have identified. This week's prayer, for health care, is offered by the Rev. Anoma Abeyaratne, a registered nurse and chaplain at Children's Hospital in Boston. [Download the prayers here](#).

"Katrina Collection" makes Boston stop

A barbecue's grill, part of a picture frame, a piece of an accordion, a scrap of plywood: artist and Hurricane Katrina survivor Lori K. Gordon turned these broken pieces into "Inner Music," a mixed media sculpture featured in "The Katrina Collection" that makes its way to Boston later this month.

"Five weeks after the storm, I started sifting through the rubble of my life and began creating something new from the mounds of debris that cover my property," Gordon writes in [her blog](#).

Gordon and her Katrina Collection will be featured March 27-28 at "HeArts Alive!"-- the benefit art show at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston, which is being sponsored by the diocesan Gulf Coast Partnership hurricane relief ministry. Proceeds will support the medical van ministry of [St. Anna's Church in New Orleans](#). Other artists in this diocese also have pledged work to the show.



Join Bishop Bud Cederholm at the artist reception on March 27, 6-8 p.m. The show continues on March 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

PHOTO: Courtesy of Lori K. Gordon
Inner Music

Watch a film about how the Katrina Collection came about, [here](#).

"Everything Must Change:" Evangelical Brian McLaren talks transformation

About 385 listeners, learners and seekers of change in the church--including a large contingent of young adults from various local ministry networks within and outside the Episcopal Church--gathered at Boston University on March 7 for the Diocese of Massachusetts' annual spring learning event, this year featuring author and leading evangelical Brian McLaren.



PHOTO: Tracy J. Sukraw

McLaren spoke about church not as something to join but as a story to live by so that the world might be transformed.

Through a series of three talks, McLaren urged Christian church communities to, in essence, get their story straight and then live by it as practicing disciples who in turn form other disciples and end up transforming the world.

[Read more](#)

Church celebrates 20th anniversary of Barbara Harris's consecration

Episcopalians from around New England and across the Episcopal Church filled the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston for the Feb. 28 celebration of the 20th anniversary of the consecration of Barbara C. Harris as the Anglican Communion's first female bishop.



PHOTO: Michael Naimo

Bishop Harris joined the St. Cyprian's

A morning program of video

clips from the historic 1989 consecration service, tributes and conversation was an

Gospel Choir during the singing of a favorite hymn.

occasion both to look back at a momentous change in the church and forward to how the church is being called to change today.

The afternoon liturgy was colorful and high-spirited, with three gospel choirs and a sermon by the Episcopal Church's presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori. "We've come a long way in 20 years, and we have a long way yet to go. We have seen doors unlocked, and hills climbed and the blind healed. But there are still plenty of locks and blindness and rocky roads," she said.

Find photo galleries, video clips and more coverage [here](#).

Coming up

[Mar 17, 24 & 31, Apr 7 & 14](#): Employment support group, St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, 9 a.m.

[Mar 20-21](#): Pre-Confirmation Retreat, Barbara C. Harris Center, Greenfield, NH

[Mar 20](#): "Building the Blessed Community" Film Series, All Saints Parish, Brookline, 7:30 p.m.

[Mar 21](#): Business Practices and Parish Audits Workshop, Parish of St. Paul, Newton Highlands, 9 a.m.

[Mar 21](#): Charles River Deanery Lenten Retreat, St. Dunstan's Church, Dover, 9 a.m.

[Mar 21](#): Eucharistic Visitor Training, Christ Church, Cambridge, 9 a.m.

[Mar 22 & 29](#): "Ending Poverty" Adult Forum, Trinity Church, Concord, 9 a.m.

[Mar 22](#): Price Lecture Series presents Bishop Gene Robinson, Trinity Church, Boston, 1:30 p.m.

[Mar 22](#): "Bach Birthday," St. John's Church, Gloucester, 4 p.m.

[Mar 24](#): Introduction to Centering Prayer, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Mar 26](#): Phyllis Tickle and "The Great Emergence," Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 11:30 a.m.

[Mar 27-28](#): "heArts Alive!" art show to benefit New Orleans medical van, Trinity Church, Boston

[Mar 28](#): Business Practices and Parish Audits Workshop, St. Mary's Church, Barnstable, 9 a.m.

[Mar 28](#): "Into Great Silence" film and discussion program, St. Margaret's Convent, Boston, 9:30 a.m.

[Mar 29](#): Youth Leadership Training, All Saints' Church, Chelmsford, 3 p.m.

[Mar 29](#): Magnificat Boston sings Choral Evensong, Trinity Church, Melrose, 4 p.m.

[Apr 3-4](#): Pre-Confirmation Retreat, Barbara C. Harris Center, Greenfield, NH

[Apr 4](#): "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North," Trinity Church, Concord, 2 p.m.

[Apr 6](#): Hard Times Forum, Church of the Holy Nativity, South Weymouth, 7 p.m.

[Apr 6](#): "Poetry As Prayer," Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Apr 7](#): Holy Tuesday Eucharist and Blessing of Oils, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12 p.m.

[Apr 7](#): Refreshment Day, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 9 a.m.

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

[Apr 9](#): Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12 p.m.

[Apr 10](#): Good Friday Eucharist, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12 p.m.

[Apr 10](#): "Hunger Awareness and Action for Kids - Good Friday Last Supper and Stations of the Cross," All Saints Parish, Brookline, 10 a.m.

[Apr 10](#): ECW Good Friday Service, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, 12 p.m.

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