

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

April 2013

All are welcome at the table of the Lord!

Sunday Service: 10:30AM    Parking: Wheelock College parking lot next to the rectory

## Saturday, May 11th Spring Auction and Dinner

*Eric Gedstad and Neil Perry,  
2013 Event Co-Chairs*

Efforts are well underway way for our Eleventh Annual Spring Auction and Dinner to be held on Saturday, May 11th, 2013.

Have you RSVPd yet? Have you invited friends and neighbors?

This event is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners and it is also a great way to introduce family, friends, and neighbors to our Church community.

The evening begins at 5:30pm with a Silent Auction accompanied by wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner is at 7pm followed by a Live Auction led by the lively Daniel Ian Smith at 8pm. Lisa Shaw has generously agreed to be our Chef de Cuisine again this year.

Aside from all the fun, this event is the most important fundraiser of the year for the Church, raising as much as \$30,000 each year. This is a very significant source of income for our church. It is critical that this evening be a success.

In addition to attending the event and inviting guests you can also support its success by donating items for the silent and live auctions. Please consider this and contact us right away if you would like to discuss a donation. Thanks, and we hope to see you on May 11!



## Words from Rector Joel M. Ives

Marathon Monday had been a great day until everything went horribly wrong. My son sold lemonade and cookies on Beacon Street and we saw many parish families joyfully watching the runners. But suddenly there were helicopters and police running, and runners stopping and word of the explosion. I serve as an On Call Chaplain at Tufts Medical Center in Chinatown. It's usually pretty easy work; do a few overnights, give the occasional Last Rites, cover a shift now and then. In training we were told that in case of disaster, cell phones might not work and to just 'get to the hospital a.s.a.p. So when it all went wrong on Monday, I put on my priest

clothes and hospital i.d. and pedaled my bike through police blocks as fast as I could due south east through the Fenway away toward Washington Street. Besides ambulances, I was about the fastest thing moving in the near gridlock. The Emergency Ward at Tufts was jammed with stretchers, families and police with rifles and physicians; A family caught my eye. One of the members had just crossed the finish line when the explosion occurred as their family members cheered nearby very close to the detonation. Some of the family and friends were being treated here, but one badly injured young family member was taken by ambulance to another hospital..but no one had any idea where. Due to the huge number of injured, hospitals were not yet able to sort out who had whom. The parent's desperation for their child's location and safety in midst of this seething waiting area moved me deeply. I thought of Mary's words at the empty tomb on Easter Day "Where have you taken him?" I stayed with them a long time praying to myself and then (remembering a job I'd had years ago as a telemarketer) began feverishly dialing and texting every hospital chaplain in Boston I could think of. "Do you all have this patient? Can you help me? Who can?" A lead Chaplain at Boston Childrens Hospital (who utilizes a parking space at Church of Our Saviour as part of our Mission Outreach Program) immediately put me in touch with another chaplain at Childrens and so on. within a half hour, I had a call back; yes, the patient was at Children's and in surgery. I notified the

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family, but before I could make arrangements to get them over to Longwood, an announcement came; we needed to evacuate the Emergency room because of a bomb concern, and so we wheeled all the patients into the large sunny atrium. All the beds were then lined up in neat rows in a lobby where visitors usually ate coffee and donuts. Surreal. I'd been through drills and codes for such things but none of us had ever actually done it. It was fascinating how all of our systems and electronics help up to a point but that in the day of disaster, it can all eventually come down to simple person to person contact and prayer, being with others, moving them to safety and saying nothing more than "It's going to be okay" even if we don't know that to be true. Because ultimately we must remember that are always okay no matter what. After all, we have assurance from Christ himself that those who believe in Him will never perish. Yes Our bodies will all eventually die someday (and, certainly,

we have a preference that it be peaceful) But we who inhabit our bodies will live forever and be forever in God's care. So it is that even in times of great trial and tragedy we have power to live faithfully and selflessly. Eventually the bomb concerns resolved and things calmed returned to normal. I never saw that family again, probably never will, (that comes with a chaplain's job) Over the years, I've talked with parishioners about similar such tragedies that occur in our lives over the years. Sailors who were on a vessel hit by a kamikaze bomber, parishioners who were at the scene of horrific fires the day after. Those of us who have baked food or visited a family in crisis or just silently held someone's hand. All of us, when we do what we can, usually in small ways like my small contribution on Monday, we represent the rest of the parish in bringing the love of God to others in the day of the trouble. And that's more than enough.



## **Mother's Day Walk for Peace**

*A message from Bishop Shaw*

I have asked Joel your rector and several other rectors in the Boston area to walk with me in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, benefiting the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, this Mother's Day, May 12; I have asked them to arrange for a substitute priest for that Sunday and to bring along 15 of their parishioners to walk with them. Our contingent will share Eucharist together that day. It is important to bring our presence to events that support a vision of peace and healing. Last September, you remember, violence struck at the heart of our diocesan community when 19-year-old Jorge Fuentes was murdered while walking his dog in the early evening outside his home in Dorchester. He was an exuberant, remarkable young man and a natural leader, adored by the children he mentored at St. Stephen's and St. Mary's in Boston and respected by his peers. Many of you knew him because he grew up and worked in the B-SAFE summer and B-READY after-school programs and the Barbara C. Harris Camp of our church. So please, consider walking with me in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, benefiting the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, this Mother's Day, May 12; our contingent will share Eucharist together that day. Join and share word of similar events that may be happening in your communities. It is important to bring our presence to events that support a vision of peace and healing. Learn more and sign up for updates at [www.diomass.org/b-peace](http://www.diomass.org/b-peace). P. S. Bishop Shaw will be making his Annual Visitation to Church of Our Saviour on Sunday, June 23rd.

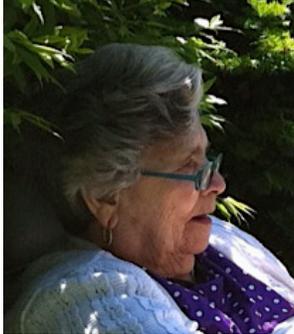
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## The Sixth Vestry Bio

### Louisa Cogswell

Louisa Cogswell is a new member of our Vestry. Her Bio arrived too late for the last newsletter.



Louisa is a cradle Episcopalian and proud of it. As a young child she went to Sunday school at Trinity Church in Boston. It became too challenging for her mother to get 3 kids to Boston every Sunday morning, so eventually they switched to All Saints' in Belmont which was very close to their home.

Louisa went to Saint Mary's in the Mountains – an Episcopal prep school in northern New Hampshire (since renamed to The White Mountain School) – where she sang in the choir. She then went to Simmons College and taught Sunday School during her time there.

Louisa moved around a bit during her professional career. She spent time in Exeter, NH where she taught Kindergarten and managed a Girl Scout troop. She also lived in Trenton, NJ for a while where she was the Director of two Day Nurseries.

Eventually Louisa returned to Massachusetts and All Saints' in Belmont where she sang in the choir with Joan Young. Louisa came to COOS after a new priest arrived and made some unpopular changes, causing many people to leave. Louisa loves it here at COOS and is honored to serve on the Vestry.

## Music

*Joshua Anand Slater, Director of Music*



Many thanks from the music department to all our supporters through this busy and hectic Lent and Easter season. With the new organ dedicated - blizzards notwithstanding - and Holy Week and Easter complete, our thoughts turn to sunshine! Upcoming events include Rogation Day festivities, and a concert featuring works of Mendelssohn at the end of May. Then we'll sit on the porch, soak up the sun, and relax into summer services in the cloister.



## **An Easter Thank You from the Altar Guild**

*Joan Young, Directress*

Thank you to all of you who contributed for the flowers that adorned our church on Easter Day. Because of your generosity Halani was able to work her magic with the Altar arrangements and other beautiful displays. Our lovely pew end floral pieces were designed and made by Barbara Ludeke.

On the Saturday before Easter a group of fourteen gathered to clean, polish and decorate. Our brass polishing team under the direction of David Lawrence had the brass shining so brightly one would need sunglasses to look at it! Helping David were Debra Wasiowicz, Ginger Lawrence, Cathy Giles and Jennifer Cushing. We were grateful for the willing hands of Caleb Stewart, Bob Young, Alice Bray, Helen Benford, Maude Terry, Judy Sojack, Cathy Giles and Jennifer Cushing who dusted, vacuumed and helped with the Saturday Vigil set up.

This all took a bit longer with fewer people than usual but we accomplished a lot with good spirit and fellowship and I thank you one and all!

Church office Hours, Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday 8 to 3pm  
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### **Clergy**

The Reverend Joel M. Ives, Rector  
The Reverend David Eckel,  
Sunday Associate

### **Music**

Joshua Slater, Director of Music,  
and Organist.

### **Staff**

Marsha Searle, Parish Administrator  
Edward T. Whitney, Assistant Treasurer  
Amanda Swinchoski,  
Sunday School Coordinator

### **2013 Vestry**

Eunice P. Howe, Grand Warden  
Douglas Skillins, Sr. Warden  
Eric Gedstad, Jr. Warden

### **Members of Vestry**

Paul Healy, Treasurer  
Isaac Garcia-Dale, Clerk  
Louisa Cogswell, Catherine Creecy,  
Frederick Grant, Dianne Haley,  
Abbott Lawrence, Thomas Matlack,  
Cathy McCarty, Jim Michmerhuizen,  
Courtney Patrick, David Reeder,  
Michael Robbins, Joan Young

### **Delegates to Diocesan Convention**

Lisa Shaw, Timothy Harwood



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