

# **The Church of the Messiah's**

## **Good News**

**October 31, 2021**

*Welcome to the Church of the Messiah  
We are delighted to have you worshipping with us.*



*A Prayer for All Hallows Eve*

*From ghoulies and ghosties  
And long-legged beasties  
And things that go bump in the night  
Good Lord, deliver us!*

*– Traditional Scottish Prayer*

***The wheat on the altar represents  
a donation to the Falmouth Service Center  
in honor of Bobby Colburn's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
given by the Altar Guild.***

### ***Church of the Messiah***

#### ***Mission Statement***

*The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community*

- Committed to serving God by serving neighbors near and far;*
- Affirming the dignity of every human being;*
- Believing we are called to be stewards of creation.*

*- adopted by the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah on February 10, 2015.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME: A Word from the Rector and Wardens**

As an Episcopal parish, our intention is to welcome any and all who come into our midst whether physically or virtually. We are delighted to have you here. Welcome!

**ZOOM AND LIVE-STREAMING INFORMATION**

**Our Sunday worship service will be live-streamed at 9 AM via Zoom.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO DOWNLOAD ZOOM:**

1) Go to this link: <https://zoom.us/download> and follow the directions to download Zoom. Depending on what type of device you are using, the link will take you to the Zoom website or the App Store if you are on a mobile device. Zoom is **free**, and **there is no need to sign up or create an account**. All you need is the software/app installed on your device.

2) Then join us for Sunday services at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/632447285> We suggest you plan on getting to our virtual church at 9:45am to give yourself plenty of time to get settled. You can go ahead and test this link now ahead of time to make sure that everything is working. Because virtual church hasn't actually started yet, you will end up looking at a screen that may show a live video of you if you have a camera. On Sunday at 8:45am when you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE and LATEST UPDATE ON  
REGATHERING IN-PERSON SERVICE SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAYS at 9 AM**

*Since mid-summer, our services have been held in-person in the church at 9 AM. MASKS must be worn by any person over 2 years of age who worships inside the church, whether or not he or she has been vaccinated. Please follow the directions of the ushers regarding entry, seating and exiting procedures*

*As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts updated our COVID 19 protocol. In addition to requiring everyone (above age 2) to wear masks when inside, the distance between people outside one's family or "pod" must be 6 feet. Please adhere to this when gathering for worship and in receiving communion*

*For proper ventilation, we must keep our front and side door open during services. Now that the weather has cooled off, PLEASE WEAR YOUR COAT (and hat and gloves, if necessary) throughout the service.*

*As noted above, we continue to have the Sunday services online via Zoom for those who are unable to attend in-person.*

Thank you very much. – The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, abuse, dementia, cancer, emotional distress, are suffering from or ministering to those with the COVID-19 here and around the world. We pray for all who are unemployed or homeless, are refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs and for those in the armed forces. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate and for the people of Afghanistan, and Haiti.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Robert, Michael, Katherine, Axel, Miyoko, Richard, Emily, Alan, Bob, John, Boyd, Carol, Kathryn, Fredrica, Pam, Jim, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah and John.

We also pray for all teachers, students and school and university administrators.

### **NEXT SUNDAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is All Saints' Sunday, when we remember those who have died – especially during the past twelve months. Please send an email to Nancy McDonald at [messiahfisher@comcast.net](mailto:messiahfisher@comcast.net) if you have a specific person whom you wish to be remembered during the service.

### **THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET IS BACK!**

The AGM will be open for shopping November 12 through November 21. Due to concerns and restrictions surrounding Covid-19 protocols, the AGM committee decided to hold this year's market online, as we did last year. Visit the AGM at [alternativegiftmarketcapecod.org](http://alternativegiftmarketcapecod.org); the 2021 shopping list will be available for preview as of November 6, with selection beginning November 12.

The AGM shopping list includes 20 organizations new to the market, all of which have been carefully vetted by the committee. These organizations were selected for two main reasons: they are small with correspondingly small budgets that include little to no funds for advertising, and they meet critical needs locally, nationally, and globally.

The 20 represent a diverse range of organizations addressing a wide range of critical needs. Examples of this diversity are two local organizations, A Baby Center (a program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches that offers parents essential infant care products) and Tommy's Place (a Falmouth-based family vacation home for children fighting cancer). Other organizations the committee chose support and/or protect Afghan immigrants and refugees, clean water initiatives, at-risk children, and climate change--just to highlight a few of the organizations' missions. The Alternative Gift Market occurs yearly around Veterans' Day; for that reason, the committee this year, as in past years, selected two organizations that support our veterans.

With such a wide range of worthwhile non-profit organizations, there is something here that supports just about every interest and passion. Please consider, as part of your holiday giving, making donations to the outstanding non-profits that are working to better the lives of people and the life of our planet--here on Cape Cod, in the United States, and in countries around the world. Your donation can be gifts given in honor of family members or friends, or simply "gifts to the world."

*Mary Fran Buckley and Sandy Rogers, Alternative Gift Market committee members*

*Resources to help us look inside ourselves and respond to systemic racism and violence as the people of God...*

**LEARN**

Explore the online presence of the Equal Justice Initiative (eji.org), founded by public interest attorney and *Just Mercy* author, Bryan Stevenson. EJI believes we need a new era of truth and justice that starts with confronting our history of racial injustice and the dehumanizing myth of racial hierarchy. In the section on Racial Justice (<https://eji.org/racial-justice/>), gain new insights from EJI's descriptions of enslavement, racial terror lynching, segregation, presumption of guilt and mass incarceration. Or consider some of the issues in depth through reports and videos on the site.

**PRAY**

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ACT**

Visit The Episcopal Public Policy Network (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/>) website, and join the grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to "strive for justice and peace" through the active ministry of public policy advocacy. Become an ally and an advocate.

*Note: Many thanks to Barbara Billings for compiling this list of resources on racial justice resources. DMW*

**CELEBRATING GOD’S CREATION: Caring for this corner of the earth**

***WAYS TO SAVE THE PLANET – Simple Things Can Make a Difference***

Anyone can create a welcoming haven for local wildlife. Turning your yard, balcony container, garden, schoolyard, work landscape, or roadside greenspace into a Certified Wildlife Habitat® is fun, easy, and can make a lasting difference for wildlife.

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Certify.aspx>



*~Brittany and the Environmental Committee*

### **FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE**

The church office is now open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Whenever it is closed, we monitor the mail, voicemail and email on a regular basis. Please continue to send financial contributions by mail to the Church of the Messiah, 16 Church Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

Also, a reminder that contributions may now be made **online** through Vanco Payment Solutions. These can be scheduled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. If you wish to donate now, please go to the church website: [www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org](http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org) and click on the *Donate Now* tab on the upper right of the page.

Third, we also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information on any of the above, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

### **BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The Parish Lists are only for church members and church business. They are not to be shared by anyone at any time beyond the church community.* If you do not have a current parish list, please contact Nancy McDonald who will be happy to mail you a copy (through the US Mail.) - *Thanks very much, Deborah*

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY**

O God, Giver of all good gifts,  
We thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors.  
May our hearts be kind and generous.  
May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination.  
And may our lives and the lives of all who join us, continue to be renewed by  
Your love and the power of the Spirit. Amen.



Please like us on Facebook



# October 2021 - December 2021

November 2021							December 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
14	8	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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28	22	23	24	25	26	27	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	29	30											

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Oct 31</b> Halloween (United States) 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>Nov 1</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>3</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>4</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>5</b> 11:00am Mem. Serv. & Burial	<b>6</b> 11:00am Burial & Reception
<b>7</b> Daylight Savings Ends 9:00am All Saint's Sunday, Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>8</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	<b>9</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>10</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 PM 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>15</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM 10:00am Outreach 3:00pm W H Meditation	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>17</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental	<b>18</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 2:30pm Burial
<b>21</b> ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>22</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	<b>23</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>24</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>25</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>29</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>Dec 1</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am Renaissance Fair (WH Community Hall & Fire Station)
<b>5</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>6</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	<b>7</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>8</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>9</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>

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### 2021 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Nancy Rea	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Don Aukamp	2022	Paul Graney	2022
Charles Mann	2023	Peg Nicholson	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024

### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Denise Jay	Deanery Representative

### Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper &amp; Financial Recorder</i>
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