

The Church of the Messiah's

Good News

April 17, 2022

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



Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

- *John of Damascus (8th century) tr. John Mason Neale
(1818-1866) Hymn text 199 in The Hymnal 1982.*

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 10 AM Sunday worship service will be live-streamed 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 9:45 AM 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 9:45AM when you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary.

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS as of April 1st

Based on the recommendations of the Regathering Oversight Committee, on Monday, March 14th the vestry voted the following COVID protocols based on the latest diocesan directive sent to clergy and lay leaders on March 7, 2022. The directive allows for local discretion.

- Masks are to be worn for indoor worship.
- A quadrant of seating has been set aside for people wishing or needing to maintain physical distancing. Others are invited to sit there as long as the physical distancing procedure is followed.
- With the exception of the seating set aside for people wishing or needing to maintain physical distancing, kneelers have been placed on the floor.
- Hymnals and Prayer Books have been placed back into the pew racks, even though services will continue to be printed.
- Offering plates are being passed by the ushers.
- Communion is offered in both kinds: the larger chalice for those who wish to drink from the common cup, and a small chalice for those who wish to receive communion by intinction. We are using unwrapped communion wafers.
- Hosts are needed to prepare the coffee and tea which will be served in the Woods Hole Room after the 10 o'clock service. The room is to be properly ventilated – with windows and the door to the balcony open. Masks are to be worn to the degree they do not interfere with consuming beverages. Purell will be available.
- Weather permitting, coffee hour will be held outside on the patio.
- It is hoped that this gradual relaxation of protocols will demonstrate our continued commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of all members and visitors to the church, offer options based on people's comfort levels; and, increase opportunities to connect with one another and get to know new members and visitors.

Thank you for your continuing support.

– The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

EASTER SERVICES

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST AND MUSIC

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, CHOIR AND MUSIC

*CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT
FOLLOWING THE
10 AM SERVICE*

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 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. We pray for all who serve in the diplomatic corps and in the armed and peacekeeping forces.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Robert, Miyoko, Emily, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah, Johnny, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Bob, Debby, Sandra, Helen, Ted and Dicky.

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

The Vestry met last night for the final time with our Rector. In addition to much regular business, we passed a Resolution of Appreciation for her service, presented her with a specially commissioned watercolor painting of the two churches by Karen Rinaldo and then enjoyed a lovely, festive reception organized by Susan Morse and Patti Dibella.

We have learned in conversations with the Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell that there is a scarcity of Interim Priests in the diocese, so it is looking increasingly likely that we will have a Bridge Priest serving us for the summer months. There are five churches on the Cape alone currently searching for a new Rector. We are just about finished assembling our search committee, so we hope to begin our search process as early in May as possible.

Meanwhile, we look forward to celebrating Deborah's ministry with her and Bishop Alan Gates at a very special service on Sunday, May 1st, at 10am, followed by a festive reception in the Woods Hole Room being organized by Sandy Rodgers and her committee.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

Many thanks to Mary Anne Mann who has worked extremely hard to research the history of the Church of the Messiah here in Woods Hole. Her research and subsequent essay are part of a response each parish has been urged to do as a means of further understanding the complex history of our diocese, especially with regards to Enslaved People and Indigenous People. Her essay was emailed earlier this week and is available on our parish website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org. Along with other parish histories, eventually this essay will be available through the Community of Practice website through the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts: www.diomass.org. Hard copies are available at church.

EASTER OFFERING RECIPIENTS

As a means of responding to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine as well as local ongoing needs, our entire Easter offering will be equally divided among the following: Ukrainian relief efforts through Episcopal Relief and Development and World Central Kitchen; and the Falmouth Service Center.

SAVE THE DATE – CANDIDATES NIGHT, Wednesday, April 27th, 7 PM

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth and FCTV will co-present Candidates Night for the local May elections on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Hermann Room of the main library. The program will also be broadcast live and rebroadcast on FCTV 13. Seating is limited, first come, first seated. Democracy begins on the home front. For additional information and to submit questions in advance please visit our website at www.lwvf.org.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

As the number of grave plots available for sale in the cemetery dwindles, the Cemetery Committee is tasked with researching and presenting options for the future. Consequently, the last piece of land in the cemetery is being prepared so that it will be suitable for burials. Plans for columbaria are also in the works, with siting, size, and configuration currently being determined.

The large shed in the cemetery needs repairs and improvements. At the committee's latest meeting, we discussed repairs such as painting, gutters, and cleaning. We would also like to have electrical service extended to the building so that it can be used as a workshop.

PATHWAYS UPDATE

As previously reported, working with the Pathways Committee (Paul Graney, Charles Mann, Susan Morse, Terry Soares, Jean Taft, The Rev. Deborah Warner, *ex officio*), landscape architect Tom Lee has designed a plan for walks and pathways to link the Stone Church and the PCC and also provide a direct route from the street to the patio entrance to the Woods Hole Room, effectively unifying our campus. In keeping with the expanded use of the side entrance to the Stone Church, Tom has worked hard to create a clean, uncluttered entrance design that emphasizes the beauty of the west face of the Church. It includes both stone steps and a gently inclined walkway for handicapped access, both connecting to walkways to the PCC. Following Tom's presentation on March 14th, the Vestry approved the overall design. Terry continues to work with Grafton Briggs to develop preliminary cost estimates, with selection of materials to be determined once costs are known. The construction decision will hinge upon the relationship of the cost to the funds set aside for this project, mostly raised as part of the Capital Campaign, donor-designated for pathways.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERY MAY ALSO BE MADE ONLINE

Contributions may 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 and click on the *Donate* tab on the upper right of the Home page and follow the top link.

Donations to the Cemetery Annual Appeal and Perpetual Care Fund may also be made online, via PayPal. Click on the *Donate* tab and follow the bottom link to PayPal. Please indicate if you wish to donate to the Annual Appeal or the Perpetual Care Fund.

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.

What Brings Us *Together*



Andrew Jonathan Welch
Guest Conductor



Krista River
Mezzo-Soprano

Featuring Gwyneth Walker's
A Heart in Hiding

Saturday
April 30, 2022
4:00 pm

Sunday
May 1, 2022
3:00 pm



John Wesley United Methodist Church
270 Gifford Street, Falmouth MA

The Chorale requires that audience members wear a mask covering nose and mouth.

Tickets

In Advance: \$25
At the Door: \$30
Students: \$5

For more information about how to purchase tickets visit FalmouthChorale.org or call (774) 392-2383



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This concert is sponsored in part by grants from the Cape Cod Melody Tent and Mass Cultural Council.



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April 2022 - May 2022

April 2022							May 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 17 EASTER 8:00am Holy Eucharist with music 10:00am Festival Eucharist (In-person)	18 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	19 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am Mem. Serv. & Reception 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	22	23
24 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	25 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	26 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	27 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	29	30 Bishop Gates visit
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8 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	9 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	10 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm WHWC Scholarship Tea (WH Room/PCC)	11 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	12 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	13	14
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2022 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Peg Nicholson	<i>Warden</i>
Michael Kasparian	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2023	Patti Dibella	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024
Denise Jay	2025	Paul Graney	2025

Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Jean Taft	Deanery Representative, Convention alternate

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 & Financial Recorder</i>
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