

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
July 10, 2022



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

A Triathlete's Prayer

(and metaphor for the rest of us)

O God,

You have taught us to compete

with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Give me good courage to run this race to the finish.

Be with me when I am in the water and on land,

so that I may feel your presence in all things-

-in wind and in weather,

in the beauty and magnificence of nature,

in the passing scene,

and in the health and vigor of my body

straining to meet this challenge.

May I compete in this race in a way that brings honor

to you, myself, and those with whom I compete.

When I finish the race may I do so humbly

and should I not finish

may I accept it with equal grace

knowing that I have done my best.

Amen.

[author unknown]

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 Bridge Priest and the 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!

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

Effective Sunday, July 17, masks will no longer be required at the 8:30 service due to our ability to remain physically distant from one another. Anyone who prefers to wear a mask may of course continue to do so.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

During these hot and often hectic months, we invite you to pause and take advantage of one of the numerous benches while you are walking in the church grounds and the cemetery. You can enjoy looking at the sweeping view from the bench near the back of the PCC down across the Vale. You can view Little Harbor or look down across the Pasture to the Whitney barn from the benches near the large parking lot and in the Pasture.

From the PCC to the rise near the large parking lot to the Nims section or the Memorial & Herb Gardens areas, there are many places to rest your body and your spirit.

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Dear Parishioners,

As of July 1, I am officially on Sabbatical as a professor. Many people think a sabbatical is vacation, and professors, priests, and others who have such a reality, have gratuitous time off. The actuality is that it is research leave, with a break from classes, committees, and advising, so to focus on significant pieces of research or writing that are not able to be achieved with other competing academic demands. It is intended to be a time when the academic may catch up with current movements in the field, and also 'recharge their batteries.' to return to teaching afresh. For me, one of the greatest blessings is that it gives thinking time, a space when I can tune in and draw together wisps of thought, insight, questions, musings, contradictions, paradoxes, and brainstorming, that are all part of the creative process that goes into forming a solid piece of research or writing.

This sabbatical I have two projects I am hoping to bring to fruition - one on Pastoral Formation, and another on the Climate Crisis. I am particularly interested in lessons from COVID 19 for Congregations coping with the Climate Crisis. How does coping with one global disaster that has affected the lives of billions, assist us in mitigation, preparedness, response (and recovery?) of another major global event that has disastrous implications?

This past week, I picked up a folder the Rev. Deb Warner had left for clergy who follow her, regarding neighborhood groups in the Church of the Messiah's congregation. It noted the benefit of these groups in times of disaster. Just scanning it, I could see the commitment to preparedness and response, through connection and care for each other. I know also that being a part of a community that has had an historic and continuing role to play in education about anthropogenic (human-caused) Climate Change, and continuing research and development, particularly in the field of 'Ocean-based Climate Solutions,' impacts us as a faith community, both on a collective and personal level. This gives us an appreciation for the realities of Climate Change that other congregations may not have. Although the Church of the Messiah is a small community, you have shown through your engagement in the first phase of the Process of Reparations,

recommended by the Racial justice Committee of the Diocese, in 'interrogating' and rewriting our history with the full realities of slavery and consciousness of the first peoples in mind, that we can be amongst the first leaders in facing into uncomfortable and inconvenient truths with courage, commitment, and resiliency. As with racial justice, the challenge is to move from 'the What,' to the 'So What,' to the 'Now What'. I firmly believe this little congregation can continue to model critical thinking and compassionate action for others in life-giving ways.

Although each of you may not be in a position to have a formal Sabbatical, whether you are employed, retired, parenting, seeking, I encourage you to carve some '**Sabbatical Time**' each week to **think on the bigger questions and challenges facing our world at this time**. You may only be able to set aside one sabbatical hour a week, or you may be able to give half a day, but anytime is a bonus. Then I encourage you to 1) externalize, 2) personalize, and 3) theologize. You could write a 'big question' on a whiteboard in your house, and leave a marker for others to contribute. You could make a date to have coffee and talk about your musings with a friend, colleague, or another congregation member. You could take these questions into your prayer life or do some reading of theologians working on these realities. Such thought, connection, and compassionate concern lays the ground for action.

I will leave a page of newsprint (or a whiteboard) near the door of the Rector's study, that when you are in the Parish and Community Center, you may add a question, thought, concern, to the space to be considered by others. Each of your concerns may impact what we pray for and how we act. As you continue to consider your place in the strategic plan of the congregation, look for connections and places where thought and action can come together with others, as we seek to be the Body of Christ in Woods Hole, facing into complicated realities with courage and compassion.

Peace,

Storm+

Bridge Priest

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are excited to begin our work for calling our next Rector to the Church of the Messiah.

Our committee members are:

Julia Alling and Frank Gormley - co-chairs.

Denise Jay - Clerk.

Debbie Dougherty - Committee Chaplain.

Members - Jim Galloway, Steve Wagner, John Vose, Mary Fran Buckley and Terry Soares.

The Committee initially met with Kelly O'Donnell from the Diocese, who reviewed the process for initiating and conducting the search for a new Rector. The Diocese has many resources available to our group and already provided materials and guidelines for us to follow. It was acknowledged that the search process will likely take one year to find a new Rector.

Our first group meeting included stating the Charge of the search Committee, shared responsibilities and group practices. We also discussed what we felt each member's skills were that they would bring to the group as well as meeting frequency. It was decided that we would be meeting initially every two weeks and then monthly as we moved into the Fall.

Our second meeting was on June 6th and focused on establishing communication guidelines, starting a Church profile, discussions on surveys to the Parish to gather information and to initiate the Appreciative Inquiry which will establish what is important to the Parish in a Rector. Updates to our Parish website will be done. We will be updating the Parish on our progress through regular notices in the Good News after every new meeting.

The Search Committee met with the Vestry at their monthly meeting on June 14th and shared our progress, draft timeline and next steps. This past week, a meeting was held on July 5th.

We are excited to start the search process and will be scheduling focus groups and gatherings to hear thoughts from the Parish. It is important for our committee to have input from the Parish! Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee with your thoughts, comments and ideas as we seek a new 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 COVID-19 here and around the world. We pray for all who are unemployed or homeless. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate. Along with so many around the world, we pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from Russia's invasion. Finally, 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, Sarah, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Bob, Debby, Sandra, Helen, Dicky.



Noontunes Summer Concert Series

Wednesday, July 13th, 12:15pm
Jeanne Prendergast, soprano
and Mark Lawlor, organ

Wednesday, July 20th, 12:15pm
Schola Cantorum

Wednesday, July 27th, 12:15pm
Sarah Bach, soprano
and Emily Murphy, piano

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*A free-will offering will be collected
to support the church music program*

ZOOM INFORMATION

Our 10 AM Sunday worship service will continue to be virtual 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. When you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary until the service begins.

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. (*See News from the Wardens on pg. 2*)
- 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.
- 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.

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

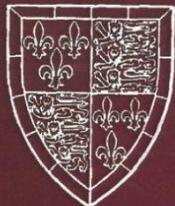
Contributions may be made **online** through Vanco Payment Solutions. These can be scheduled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. If you wish to donate now, please go to the church website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org and click on the *Donate* tab on the upper right of 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.

CONCERT AT SAINT BARNABAS, Saturday, July 16, 7:00 pm

Saint Barnabas is arranging housing for members of the choir. If you are interested in providing housing for 2 nights that weekend, please contact the Saint Barnabas office. 508-548-3863



The Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge
Saint Barnabas's Episcopal Church, Falmouth
Saturday, July 16, 7pm



Tickets \$25

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www.cambridgechoir.co.uk



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July 2022 - August 2022

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| <p>Jul 10</p> <p>TRIATHLON - No 8:30 AM Service</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>11</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p> | <p>13</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>12:15pm Noontunes Concert (Stone)</p> | <p>14</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>15</p> <p>3:00pm Internment</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>4:00pm Lecture &</p> | <p>18</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p> <p>5:00pm Vestry mtg.</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>12:15pm Noontunes Concert (Stone)</p> | <p>21</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>12:15pm Noontunes Concert (Stone)</p> | <p>28</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>Aug 1</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>5:00pm WHHM Annual</p> <p>7:30pm WHCC</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>4</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>8</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p> <p>5:00pm Vestry mtg.</p> <p>6:00pm Children's</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p> | <p>10</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>11</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
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2022 Vestry

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| The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain | <i>Bridge Priest</i> |
| Peg Nicholson | <i>Warden</i> |
| Michael Kasparian | <i>Warden</i> |
| Winifred Dick | <i>Clerk</i> |
| John Holden | <i>Treasurer</i> |

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

Deanery Representatives

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

Staff

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| The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain | <i>Bridge Priest</i> |
| Brittany Lord | <i>Music Director, Organist</i> |
| Nancy McDonald | <i>Parish Administrator</i> |
| Jennifer Kelly | <i>Bookkeeper & Financial Recorder</i> |
| Bruce Bagley | <i>Church Sexton</i> |
| Doug Amon | <i>Cemetery Sexton</i> |

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