

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**July 24, 2022**

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



“[the Church]  
“is very messy  
but also  
very lovable.”  
Through it all,  
we pilgrims,  
diverse in so many ways,  
continue to find our life together...  
in common prayer.”

Canon C.K. Robertson,  
quoting Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in  
*The Book of Common Prayer:*  
*A Spiritual Treasure Chest*, 2013, p. xxiii

***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**

The Vestry met on July 18th and discussed a wide variety of topics. The only firm action we took was to renew Storm’s contract for another month through August 31st.

Items discussed included the following: how to reduce the paper consumed and copier costs associated with the weekly bulletin; the proposal from a parishioner to have one service at 9:30 on summer Sundays (consideration deferred until next spring); the sluggish start to execution of our strategic plan; our inability to get contractors to give us cost estimates to renovate the rectory; our YTD financial performance (donations are running well behind last year); overhauling our website; a progress report from the bylaws review committee; and the recent malfunction of our AV system in the Woods Hole Room.

If you have any input on any of these subjects, please contact one of the wardens or any member of the vestry.

**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.

**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, George, Barbara and Bobby.

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday (July 27, 2022), in Canterbury, in the United Kingdom, bishops from 165 countries around the world will gather for the 15<sup>th</sup> Lambeth Conference of the bishops of the Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is a part. As a global church, structurally four things bind the Communion together. Firstly, the Archbishop of Canterbury. The first Archbishop of Canterbury was appointed back in 597, but seen, not as a Pope, but the ‘first amongst equals’ in the episcopate. The current Archbishop, Justin Welby, is numbered as 105<sup>th</sup> in the line of succession. Secondly, the Lambeth Conference developed when, through immigration and colonization, Anglican Churches began to develop in countries outside Britain, and therefore needed a way of being in relationship, whilst recognizing autonomy over national churches. The foundation for this relationship, as a Communion of churches or provinces, was a ‘Quadrilateral,’ developed in Chicago in 1886, and adopted by the first Lambeth Conference in 1888, which outlines four core features of the faith that are accepted as core understandings. You can see these on pages 876-8 in your Book of Common Prayer, under Historical Documents.

Since 1888, the Lambeth Conference has met roughly every decade, to consider resolutions and concerns of the worldwide Communion, at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. In addition to these are the ‘Anglican Consultative Council’ which meets approximately every three years, and is the only Communion ‘instrument’ that includes clergy and laity, as well as bishops, and the ‘Primates Meeting,’ which is a meeting of the Presiding Bishops or Archbishops of the Anglican Communion provinces. Beyond these ‘structural instruments,’ or bodies, the Communion is said to be held together by “bonds of affection,” which often become significantly frayed with differences of practice in the autonomous provinces, such as the ordination of women, and the equal access to the rite of marriage of persons, regardless of their sexual orientation, in some provinces but not in others.

This Lambeth Conference is taking as its theme ‘God’s Church for God’s World.’ It is focusing on some major questions for the Communion, which are significant questions for each parish also.

- What will the legacy of this event be [ten years from now]?
- What will the Church do to build hope, tackle injustice, and share the Good News of the Christian faith?
- What will it mean to be God’s Church for God’s World for the next generation?

To consider these questions, the 600+ bishop, and many [but not all] of their spouses meeting separately, will worship and pray together, study the Bible together (I Peter), listen to plenaries, and consider, instead of resolutions, ‘Lambeth Calls’ to a considered opinion on the key topics:

- Mission and Evangelism
- Safe Church
- Anglican Identity
- Reconciliation
- Human Dignity
- The Environment and Sustainable Development
- Christian Unity
- Interfaith Relations
- Discipleship
- Science and Faith

The Lambeth prayers which are contributed to from all over the globe, cover Hope, Proclaiming the Good News, Pandemic Response, People, the Planet, Peace, Politics & Justice, and Poverty.

As we as the Church of the Messiah, in our Strategic Plan, and our life together consider what the Church congregation may look like in ten years, how we are building hope, tacking injustice, and sharing the good news of the faith, and what this will mean for the next generation, you may like to companion the Lambeth Conference as they consider these issues. Resources are available:

[www.lambethconference.org/resources](http://www.lambethconference.org/resources)

You may be interested in choosing a particular topic such as ‘Faith and Science,’ or choose something like ‘Ministry in a Conflicted World.’ There are videos, and commentaries for all the topics that the bishops will consider in depth. You may want to pray some of the prayers from around the world and see how that changes your perspective on Church and World.

Archbishop Tutu once described the Anglican Communion as a ‘messy but lovable unity.’ As we know, ‘the Messiah is in the Mess,’ and even in times of division and disagreement, we look to faithfully live out what we know to be the call of God and Good News of Christ in our lives.

Please pray, this coming Tuesday, and for the twelve days following, for the Archbishops of Canterbury, the bishops of the Communion, and especially for Alan and Gayle, our Bishops. Please pray for the bishops’ spouses, especially for those who are not invited because they are in same-gender marriages. Please pray for those who have chosen not to attend the Lambeth Conference, because they are choosing to be out of Communion with churches such as The Episcopal Church. May in what they say and what they do, Christ’s love be the present and guiding force.

Please know that I pray for you, that in our small part of the world, we may wrestle and find our answers to the major questions outlined above, and those that are seen as equally pressing in our life of faith.

Peace

*Storm+*

Bridge Priest



## **Noontunes Summer Concert Series**

**Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:15pm**

Jeanne Prendergast, soprano  
and Mark Lawlor, organ

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:15pm**

Schola Cantorum

**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>

Based on the recommendations of the Regathering Oversight Committee, on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Effective Sunday, July 17, masks will no longer be required at the 8:30 AM 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.
- 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](http://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.



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# July 2022 - September 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Jul 24</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</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 &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>Aug 1</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>5:00pm WHHM Annual 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 &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>5:00pm Vestry mtg. 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>
<p>14</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (Stone)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (Stone)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Dress Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist 7:30pm WHCC Concert (Stone Church)</p>
<p>21</p> <p>FALMOUTH ROAD RACE 4:00pm WHCC Concert (Stone Church )</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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### 2022 Vestry

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>

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

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