

**The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
October 2, 2022**

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

*The Cape Cod Marathon is being held this Sunday, October 2, 2022.
Please be mindful of runners coming up Church St. from the beach,
beginning around 9:30 AM. Thank you.*

Composed During A Storm

One who was suffering tumult in his soul,
Yet failed to seek the sure relief of prayer,
Went forth--his course surrendering to the care
Of the fierce wind, while mid-day lightnings prowled
Insidiously, untimely thunders growled;
While trees, dim-seen, in frenzied numbers, tear
The lingering remnant of their yellow hair,
And shivering wolves, surprised with darkness, howl
As if the sun were not. He raised his eye
Soul-smitten; for, that instant, did appear
Large space ('mid dreadful clouds) of purest sky,
An azure disc--shield of Tranquillity;
Invisible, unlooked-for, minister
Of providential goodness ever nigh!

William Wordsworth

*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!

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, Miyoko, Helen, Dicky, Bobby, Lydia, David, Nancy, Meriweather and Susan.

We pray for the soul of Joseph Martyna, and for Connie, Jonathan, Wendy, Romey and all who grieve his death and celebrate his life.

We pray also for the soul of Duncan Aspinwall, his sons and their families, and all who grieve his death and celebrate his life.

Dear Parishioners,

In our house we have three yellow and blue bags, and a blue backpack. Our hope is that we never have to use them. They took time and money to prepare, but we would like not to need them. They are our 'GO BAGS' – our Disaster Response emergency evacuation bags, that include most of the supplies we would need if we have to grab one in an emergency and evacuate. Over the years we have added to and refined the contents of the bags. They now include charging cords, and solar charging packs for cellphones, medication that we would all need, and the kind of supplies we might need if there was no power, such as the one battery operated, hand crank radio for updates. Each has a special straw or filter if access to clean water is not available. Dog poop bags are in the backpack for the dog, but are also conveniently in each person's bag as well.

Periodically we refresh the three bottles of water, and check expiration dates on the snack bars, freeze dried food, cranberries, and medication. We often do this during September as it is 'Disaster Preparedness Month,' or when we see a disaster hitting another part of the country, which reminds us to check our own preparedness. We have a family plan, which has to be updated depending who is where, which now includes me at Woods Hole a fair amount of time. The plan is tailored to the type of disaster and whether we will be able to travel or need to shelter in place.

This week Hurricane Ian is devastating parts of Florida, and has wiped out all power in Cuba. Not only winds gusts over 150 m.p.h., but storm surge of several feet are submerging cars, basements, floors of houses and businesses, and even a fire station. There was a point the Governor said that if residents hadn't evacuated it was too late, and that Emergency Services could not be deployed during the hurricane to help. This was a reality that we saw with Hurricane Sandy, and the horrific realities of Hurricane Katrina. Like vaccination in the face of a pandemic, evacuation is a life-saving choice.

We know all too well in our community, how wind, waves, storm surge, and cut off access to resources can create huge vulnerabilities. We also know from the Woodwell Climate Center, and WHOI that ‘Extreme Weather Events’ will likely become greatly intensified with the Climate Crisis.

What preparedness measures have you taken? Are they adequate and up-to-date?

Where is your ‘GO BAG’?

What is your family plan (and does it include your kids and pets)? Do your kids know it?

If you need help answering these questions or beginning preparedness, the following links may help.

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-09/build-a-kit.gif>

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-09/protect-family-and-property.gif>

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-09/teaching-youth.gif>

The other kind of preparedness is spiritual and pastoral, where we reach out to neighbors. As you may know, better than me, in the Church of the Messiah, we have predesignated neighborhood groups that formalize this - veritable ‘Vegetable patches’ of those planted near one another. If you don’t know what disaster response patch you are in, check in with me, or Dicky Allison, our Disaster Response Coordinator (who is away for two weeks). Each group should know who are the other members, and whose life and property is most vulnerable in the face of a disaster. Practicing contacting each other, and how you would do so, if there were no power or cell service is important. As Dicky reminds us, **“Prior Prevention Prevents Pitiful Poor Performance.”**

Peace

Storm+

Bridge Priest

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

Work is nearing completion on a revised set of bylaws for the church. (Our bylaws were last modified in 1985.) Susan Morse has chaired the committee consisting of Joan Holden and Mary Fran Buckley. The bylaws will be reviewed and approved by the vestry and then presented to the congregation for approval at our annual meeting in January.

This week we issued a Request for Proposal to 14 local contractors to complete the required renovations to the rectory, including new windows, doors, siding, trim, insulation, kitchen and paint. We plan to apply for two loans, one from the Diocese’s Stokes Fund and the other from Cape Cod 5 under the Mass Save program, to cover the costs. We will also be launching a new capital campaign to cover the payments on the loans. More details on that in the coming months.

The next vestry meeting is Monday, October 10th, at 5pm.

A NEW YEAR FOR OUTREACH

The first meeting of the Outreach Committee this year will be held on **Thursday, October 6th**, at 10 am at the PCC. Many of you indicated an interest in joining the committee and we hope you will be able to come to the meeting. We will be planning for the 2022-23 year and welcome all ideas from interested men and women.

This first meeting is on a Thursday but we are open to changing the day and time of the meeting to suit the convenience of the members. We want and need the participation of everyone in the church. Please join us! Contact Carol Casey (508-299-8330/mccrwc@hotmail.com) with any questions or comments.

HOSPITALITY

Coffee Hour has begun again and the kitchen is being re-organized, sorting through duplicates, etc. Several personal aprons were discovered in the closet and put on the counter. If you think you left an apron here pre-pandemic, please check and take it home. There are red CoM aprons available in the closet. Thank you!



MUSIC NEWS: Choir and Chime Choir has started!

Autumn is rapidly approaching and choir rehearsals resumed on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm**. After a long break, we are resuming our hand chime choir which also started on **September 7th at 7:00pm**.

We are always welcoming new members! If you are interested in singing and/or ringing with us, please speak to Brittany. All experience levels welcome!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY, October 10th, Christ Church in Plymouth

Join us for a powerful celebration of Indigenous lives, stories, food, and experiences. After bearing witness to personal and tribal stories shared by our guests, enjoy a midday menu of all-locally sourced, native-inspired recipes and share across the table and across cultures. Then, in a service of mourning and reconciliation, Bishops of both Massachusetts dioceses will respond to what was heard in the shared stories. You won't want to miss this event as we recognize and celebrate Indigenous people of Massachusetts and beyond and take this groundbreaking step as a church and as people.

Registration link for social media:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejc90hz1d16c469f&llr=s4blzzbab>

Find flier and promotional graphic here: <https://www.diomass.org/event/2022-indigenous-peoples-day-gathering>

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has returned their surveys distributed by the Search Committee. The information gathered in the surveys will be used to help us discern what the Church of Messiah will be looking for in a new rector. The surveys have been distributed to the seasonal congregation, the choir and hand chimes group, as well as attendees at the 8:30 and 10:00 services.

The survey can be obtained in several ways:

- A link to the survey will be posted in the Good News, that will allow you to print a copy
- Copies will be available in the back of the Church and distributed after the 8:30 and 10:00 services
- Copies will be available in the Church office

Members of the Search Committee will be available on Sunday, Oct 2nd and Sunday, October 11th, after the 10:00 service to meet with you to discuss their thoughts or questions about the survey or process. We will meet in the Conference Room at the PCC and will be available until 11:45.

The Search Committee will have the following ways to gather responses:

- Meeting times for small group discussions will be scheduled for the various groups listed above and the schedule will be listed in the Good News
- Search Committee members will reach out by email or phone if there is a schedule conflict with meeting times or for those who want to discuss the survey one-on-one
- The surveys can be dropped off or mailed to the Church office, 16 Church St., Woods Hole, 02543
- The surveys may be left in the Survey Collection box in the back of the Church

Please return your survey by October 15, 2022.

You are welcome to contact any member of the search committee with questions or comments. Your input is important and we are ready to answer your questions.

The Search committee members contact information is listed below:

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| • Debbie Dougherty | 774-487-0570 | ddough1999@gmail.com |
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Thank you for your thoughts and input as we continue the search process.

WOODS HOLE INSIGHT MEDITATION COMMUNITY

The Woods Hole Insight Meditation Community meets every Monday from 3 – 4 PM. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 30 minutes of sitting with brief instructions, a 10-minute break for questions and a closing 10 Loving Kindness meditation. Our leaders include people who are experienced meditators and have done some teaching. Due to COVID, the group has been meeting online and recently introduced an in-person masked option. Further information can be found on our website:

www.woodsholeinsightmeditationcommunity.com.

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.



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October 2022 - November 2022

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Oct 2 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual) | 3 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 1:30pm Memorial Service (Stone) | 4 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 5 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime | 6 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 7 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 8 2:00pm Celebration of Life (WH Room) |
| 9 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual) | 10 Columbus Day (Office Closed) 5:00pm Vestry mtg. (WH Room) | 11 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am WHWC 5:00pm Search Comm. | 12 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime | 13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 14 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 15 3:00pm Burial & Reception |
| 16 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual) | 17 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 18 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 19 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime | 20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 22 4:00pm Memorial Service |
| 23 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual) | 24 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 25 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am WHWC BOD 5:00pm Search Comm. | 26 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime | 27 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 29 4:00pm Memorial Service |
| 30 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual) | 31 Halloween (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | Nov 1 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 2 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime | 3 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 4 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open | 5 4:00pm Memorial Service |
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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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