

**The Church of the Messiah's  
Good News  
September 11, 2022**

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

Commemorating 9/11:  
A poem written by an Episcopal priest,  
then a chaplain at Beth Israel Hospital in lower Manhattan,  
later an FDNY chaplain from 2003-2018.  
Read with care.

*Terce*

Clear early morning, checking email, voicemail,  
making a list for the day on call.  
The news of the first, then the second.  
Forget staff meeting and go across First Avenue  
to see with my own eyes the smoke from the towers  
and then to the Emergency Room.  
Mood of adrenaline and positive testosterone:  
determination and resolve that everything will be done.

Shock, particulate inhalation, reliving of trauma,  
hearing thuds as the bodies hit the ground; the blackness  
that descended for five minutes and  
left all present searching for air.

Trauma freshly lived, noise, concern  
tears from the survivors; sobs and fear of being  
left alone in a place where the lights went out  
before the building fell, retriggered by a power surge.  
The uncertainty of the living, families' terror  
and prayers that all might be safe.  
Calling one's loves, hoping to hear their voice  
and dreading their not answering.

A surge of people, ash caked and wet  
Disaster, V., and a number, on their chart  
noise intensifying, chaos controlled and diverted  
Operating rooms cleared for survivors, beds  
opened up for them, plans made, teams mobilized—  
at 12:30 the flow of admissions trickles to an end.

It takes a while to realize that these are the survivors.  
There aren't any more.

Stephen R. Harding, *A Book of Hours for the World Trade Center*  
(Glasgow: Glasgow City Council, 2006), 10.

*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 also for the soul of Mary Bell, and for her family and all who grieve her death and celebrate her life.



**MUSIC NEWS: Choir and Chime Choir has started!**

During this latest heat wave it's hard to believe that autumn is rapidly approaching! 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 **Wednesday, 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!

## NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

As Storm mentioned in last week's Good News and in church last Sunday, we are planning a Homecoming Picnic after the 10am service on Sunday, September 18th. We want to welcome back families and children, those who have been away or otherwise engaged during the summer and welcome all in our midst to come and celebrate the autumnal equinox and just being with each other.

We will have sandwiches, lemonade and fruit. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church for bringing salads and desserts. We also hope to play some outdoor games.

Please RSVP to [peg.nicholson@gmail.com](mailto:peg.nicholson@gmail.com) by Wed, 9/14, if you plan to attend so we know how much food to get.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our next vestry meeting is Monday, Sep 19th, at 5pm in the PCC.

Dear Parishioners,

This year is the 21st anniversary of the terror attacks on 9/11. When we think of 21, we often think of big parties that celebrate the mark stone of adulthood (okay, with four more years on your parents' health insurance.) For most 21 year-olds 9/11 is a day that they might have learnt about at school, commemorated as an historical event, but not much more than that. However, there is a whole group of 21 year-olds whose mother was pregnant with them on 9/11, and who had another parent in the World Trade Center, or in the Pentagon, or on one of the planes, that embody this history in a very different way.

In our household, 9/11 refers both to the day, and the nine months that followed it in the recovery effort at Ground Zero. It refers to the events but also the ethos, what it was to live into a post 9/11 world. 9/11 for us has faces, some of victims, some of survivors, some of recovery workers, some of those now deceased after suffering a 9/11 related illness.

When witnessing a crisis, we often tell children, "Look for the rescuers." In looking for first responders and seeing them in action, we can feel less helpless and overwhelmed, and can therefore be more able to make a response ourselves.

After 9/11, many people would line the roads coming out of Ground Zero with signs thanking the FDNY, PAPD, NYPD, and steel- and construction-workers, who were working on 'the Pile' and later 'the Pit' to recover human remains, much the same way people would bang pots and make noise at the change of shift early on in the COVID response, to thank health professionals. However, I did not meet one firefighter that saw themselves as a 'hero,' and most seemed to thoroughly dislike the word. The way they framed it was that they were "*doing their duty.*" This included their duty to bring the fallen home.

There are many in our community who "do their duty" in ways that get unseen by others. Many of these are those who put their lives on the line, or are there in life or death moments. These are also often people who do their duty in communities where they can no longer afford to live. I recently witnessed the local police, fire, and EMS 'doing their duty,' when a van fully crossed the center line on Woods Hole Road and hit the car immediately in front of me, in what was a near head on collision, narrowly averted. The local first responders dealt with grace, respect, care, and efficiency with the African American family who were heading back to New York, and the occupants of the van, also. I trust that this was also the case for those at Falmouth Hospital that received them.

As we think of all who died, and those who gave their lives to rescue, search, protect, and recover others on 9/11 and the months (and years) the followed, perhaps we can continue the lessons offered up as we face into the latter third of this year. We can continue our gratitude for those in our community who serve, especially those who are serving in this current disaster. “Thank you for your service,” is not only something we may say to a veteran, but is often welcome in the face of a tired nurse, a quick responding EMT, a police officer who has go from the side of a road race, into a situation of domestic violence prevention or mental health crisis, a fire fighter who judiciously puts other’s lives before their own safety. As we remember those who died so suddenly and without warning, may we be grateful for our loved ones around us, and share that well. “Have I told you today that I love you?” And as we hear stories of Houses of Worship that opened their doors and their hearts that day and those that followed, may we prepare to respond as a community when we are needed to do our duty to love and serve in the name of Christ.

As you remember this day,  
be gentle with yourself,  
may God hold you,  
in love,  
always.

Peace,  
*Storm+*  
Bridge Priest

**THE 300 COMMITTEE TO PRESENT A SPECIAL TALK**  
**(offered virtually on this date only)**

**The Language is the Land**



**presented by jessie little doe baird**  
**of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**

**Wednesday, September 14**  
**7:00 PM**

**This exciting presentation will look at how we understand our relationship with the land, including the ways the language displays Wampanoag understanding of the planet, the creation of beings here, and how the language can inform the history of flora and fauna.**

Many of you attended the film and discussion in the Parish & Community Center last weekend and this is the perfect follow-up. Follow the link to the 300 Committee website for more information and to register for the talk.

**[300committee.org](http://300committee.org)**

Click on News & Events in the upper right, then scroll down to Recent Posts in the lower right.

**HOME COMING PICNIC, Sunday, September 18th**

Have you missed seeing people?

Are you a kid and/or have been absent for a while?

Have you forgotten people are missing you?

Want to gather with those from the other services and Zoom and  
celebrate the COM Community?

**Come and gather**

In-person & On-Zoom

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

Church Of the Messiah

**Homecoming Sunday**

**Gathering**

After the 10am service

Patio Picnic or well ventilated PCC Pot Luck

(weather dependent)

**Bring salad or dessert; bring a blanket; bring your favorite game.**

# *Courante*

*baroque music ensemble*



*presents*

## *The World's a Stage*

*instrumental music from baroque theater*

featuring works by Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre, George Frideric Handel, Henry Purcell,  
Jean-Baptiste Lully, Alessandro Scarlatti and Jean-Philippe Rameau

*Brittany Lord, harpsichord; David Gable, violin;  
Molly Johnston, viola da gamba; Jan Elliott, recorder*

**Sunday, September 18, 2022 3:00pm**

**Church of the Messiah**

**22 Church Street, Woods Hole, MA**

**\$20 suggested donation**

**Children free**

More information at: 508-237-2278, [mstmolly@gmail.com](mailto:mstmolly@gmail.com), or [courantcapecod.com](http://courantcapecod.com)

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Church of the Messiah Search Committee continues to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The September meetings will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

The committee is actively scheduling survey meetings with the congregation.

The Search Committee includes parishioners Julia Alling, Mary Fran Buckley, Debbie Dougherty, Jim Galloway, Frank Gormley, Denise Jay, Terry Soares, John Vose, and Steve Wagner.

Please direct your questions and/or concerns to any one of these committee members; your questions will be presented to the entire committee at our next meeting. The committee will then provide you with a response.

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS**

It may still be hot and sometimes humid, but now we are entering meteorological autumn and changes are on the way. And we can even think of winter and spring to follow in spite of the summer heat. Over the summer, Dee and Don Aukamp planted a batch of donated daffodil bulbs along one of the cemetery stone walls. They have planted numerous bulbs in recent years throughout the cemetery. Dee reports that there are new trees planted at the back of the Nims section, which is the section beyond the cemetery ring road at the base of the hill.

### **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.

### **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](http://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](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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# September 2022 - October 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## Church of the Messiah

### 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>
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