

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**October 23, 2022**

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



**Pied Beauty**

Glory be to God for dappled things -  
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced - fold, fallow, and plough;  
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
[God] fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise [God].

*Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose, Penguin Classics, 1985.*

***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 and Ann.

Dear Parishioners,

This past week, after staying overnight at the Rectory, I dropped my son off at school in Falmouth, and came back along the coast road by the Shining Sea bikeway, with Falmouth native , Katharine Lee Bates's line wafting through my consciousness – "from sea to shining sea," as the morning sunlight glinted off the waters. When I turned a corner on Nobska Road, in a wooded area heading toward the lighthouse, a beam of sunlight struck through the canopy, and dappled a tree with autumnal colours, red and yellow in the light. Hopkins could not fail to come to mind – "Glory be to God for dappled things."

I grew up in a sub-tropical climate with citrus fruit, feijoas, persimmons, and grapes in the back yard. However, I love living in a climate where we experience the change in seasons and are exposed to seasonal beauty which covers and uncovers different aspects of landscape, color, smell, shape, and relationship to the world around us, that draws us in and out of ourselves. This has an impact on our mood and wellbeing, but also our spirituality, and maybe even our character. What does this seasonal shift both demand of us and gift to us, as we adapt to change around us? Do we manifest a seasonal spirituality that is also adaptive to change and can even welcome it, as it draws new things out in ourselves?

What are the changes of Fall offering to your spiritual life, and our life together as a congregational community? What is being shed and grieved, and what new aspects are emerging? What is being uncovered in a way where we get to see things anew? Where is your own beauty and resilience emerging in this process?

As we move toward the end of the Church Year (Advent I arriving on November 27), and the end of the Calendar and Fiscal Year, I invite you to welcome the seasonal changes, as we prepare for the year ahead. Rather than seeing change as something to be resisted, we can look to embrace it adaptively, acknowledging realities, and visioning in hopeful and hope-filled ways. Let us praise God, in our midst, for the dappled and the difficult, for the sweet and the strange, as we begin to let go this passing year, and look to a new season, with beauty and blessings.

Peace

*Storm+*

Bridge Priest

### **NEWS FROM THE WARDENS**

We are pleased to report that Storm has agreed to stay on with us through the end of the year if needed. We truly appreciate her willingness to keep extending her bridge position with us. We are hoping there might be an Interim Priest available within the next few months.

The vestry is extremely busy grappling with a very full bucket of projects and issues. Among them are the need for parking, access from the bike path, restarting the Love First program, stabilizing our finances, the search process, getting bids to renovate the rectory and revising our bylaws. More on these in the coming weeks.

### **FALL CLEAN-UP**

Please join us on Sunday November 6th, after the 10:00 service for the Church of Messiah Fall Clean-up.

**For the outside:** We will be working on raking leaves, cutting back perennials, weeding beds and dead-heading old hydrangea blooms.

**There is inside work to be done in the Church as well:** polishing wood, dusting and tidying up the sacristy. Wear your work clothes to Church and bring pruners, rakes and trowels. A few extra tarps and shovels would also be useful.

**For inside work** we will provide rags and cleaning supplies. Bring a small vacuum or shop vac if you would like to help with vacuuming.

Work should take us until about 12:30 when we will serve a lite lunch of soup, salad, bread and dessert upstairs in the PCC. Questions? contact Paul Graney [graneypaul@gmail.com](mailto:graneypaul@gmail.com), Arden Edwards [ardenedwards353@gmail.com](mailto:ardenedwards353@gmail.com) (for inside work) and Terry Soares [mtscapcod@gmail.com](mailto:mtscapcod@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

The committee has not resumed meetings yet this fall, but there is an informative webinar series to join as we prepare our gardens for winter and think about next spring.

#### **All About Pollinators, from The Association to Preserve Cape Cod**

Learn about pollinators from the experts in this weekly series on Fridays at 10 a.m., courtesy of The Ohio State University. For a recording of last Friday's webinar with Doug Tallamy and to register for future webinars (it's free), follow this link and choose the Recordings tab.

[https://u.osu.edu/pollinators101/texts-readings-papers-and-resources/?blm\\_aid=579211265](https://u.osu.edu/pollinators101/texts-readings-papers-and-resources/?blm_aid=579211265)

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Cemetery Committee continues to be busy looking into options and locations for additional burial sites on our grounds. The "Triangle" is actively being prepared as an area suitable for casket burials.

Columbaria are still under consideration for a spot along the cemetery perimeter road, across the road from the Barn. This location is being surveyed by Holmes & McGrath, and landscape architect Tom Lee will be preparing a landscaping plan for the site when the survey is complete.

## 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 Search committee members contact information is listed below:

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Thank you for your thoughts and input as we continue the search process.

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### 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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# October 2022 - December 2022

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<b>30</b> 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	<b>31</b> Halloween (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>Nov 1</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime	<b>3</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>13</b> 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	<b>14</b> Veteran's Day (Office Closed) 5:00pm Vestry mtg. (WH Room)	<b>15</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am WHWC BOD Mtg.	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime	<b>17</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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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>
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