

THE WAVE AUGUST 2021

St. Peter's Episcopal Church-on-the-Canal - Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

Before I began Interim Ministry in the Diocese, Bishop Gates asked me to go through an intentional training program. In April of 2020, just after the COVID shutdown, I started my Zoom classes for 2 weeks. This was followed up with 5 monthly “check in” sessions and some “field work” exercises.

The intentional training focuses upon five areas a congregation can review as it prepares during the interim for a new Rector. The areas are: narrative (history), mission, leadership, connections, and future.

I am excited to be working in these areas at St. Peter's. This parish has a rich and fascinating history, including strong renewal and stability under the leadership of the retired Rector, Sue Lederhouse.

The parish profile clearly states our mission: “to proclaim the Gospel...to worship God...to inspire in all persons a love for Christ...” This happens as “we strive to be a welcoming family for spiritual growth...”

As we move to what some call the “new normal” let us keep before us this mission – proclaim, worship, inspire.

Enjoy the second half of summer during the weeks ahead.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Bob Malm

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The July Vestry Meeting was held on July 12, 2021:

- There were some questions regarding the financial reports - but Alan was able to address them.
- We are only \$1,000. behind in pledges for the year.
- The people looking for space for an adult care program have withdrawn their request to come to St. Peter's. Our space is too limited, both in physical space and time space.
- AA had to go elsewhere as our space is too small and it was hard for them to raise the money needed for the rent
- We are considering participating in Canal Day in September. We would like to do "donation" parking and maybe Jams and Jellies.
- We have received a new coffee pot for the kitchen.
- The lawnmower and dishwasher are in need of repair.
- Bourne Substance Free committee is meeting 7/18.
- St. Peter's Day was a huge success, and the concert was wonderful.
- We are looking into having weekly bulletins available for services.
- We have had 2 baptism recently.
- Bible Study has approximately 10 people attending.
- Search committee continues to seek candidates.
- Paper Pantry hopes to resume in September.
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The August Vestry Meeting will be held on August 16, 2021

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

HELP WANTED!

St. Peter's is up and running but we need additional people for some of the ministries.

Altar Guild - this is approximately a once a month commitment. Set up for Sunday services on Saturday, reset the altar between services and then clean up. There is more of a commitment during Lent and Christmas time. There will be training and pairing up until you are sure of yourself.

Acolytes - you will be assisting on the altar during services. Most of us could almost help now as we've seen the acolytes every Sunday on the altar. There will be training, of course.

Ushers - all you need to do is be pleasant, greet everyone coming into St. Peter's with a smile! This is a really fun ministry - and the people coming in are happy to see you!

Please contact **Celeste Hankey** if you would like to participate in any of these ministries. I look forward to my phone or email being flooded!

celestehankey@gmail.com or 617-710-5346

ST. PETER'S AND THE CANAL DAY!

This year, Bourne will be holding Canal Day on Saturday, September 18th. This event generates a lot of activity for our small village of Buzzards Bay. It would be great if we could use this opportunity to increase our visibility with the surrounding communities and those folks who may be visiting for the day. We will be offering **Parking By Donation** for the day as well as **Selling Jams and Jellies** and **St. Peter's Bottled Water**. We would also like to open the doors of St. Peter's to those who would like to come in and **Learn about our Parish and it's History**.

I know you're asking, "How can I help?"

Please consider these opportunities...

- HELPING to make and/or sell JAMS AND JELLIES
- SELLING bottles of WATER
- SIGNING UP for a shift to collect donations for those who are PARKING
- REMAINING in the church to GREET VISITORS, AND TELL OF OUR HISTORY

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in the coming weeks as we firm up our plans for the day, and prayerfully consider how you might wish help out Canal Day!
Blessings,

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee
patmijo@comcast.net
508-685-5582

Thank you.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Charles Ellis

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE!

Hello all! We hope that you are managing to stay cool during this stretch of hot and humid weather. Members of the Search Committee met with Doug Harper, our Search Consultant last week. It was great to assemble after so long. Our discussion circled around what we might be able to do to increase interest amongst prospective candidates. After contacting our Diocesan Consultant as well, it turns out that there really isn't much we can do except to wait and pray. There are several churches in the area searching as well. As we are able to offer only a part-time position, it may take longer to find that one special Rector. We thank you for loving, supporting and praying for our beloved St. Peter's and ask each one of you to continue your prayers.

Yours In Christ,

Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, Patti Metcalf

Thank you for your continued prayers.

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search of a new clerical leader, empower each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share open and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinion of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family, that guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission of discovering the one you have called to serve with us as our rector. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours In Christ,

Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, and Patti Metcalf

WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please notify Robin Higgins via email at ptown.robin@yahoo.com with any **changes** to your email address **OR** if you have not been receiving the weekly email news and would like to do so in the future. We promise not to bombard you with emails! Robin Higgins

SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Our group met for the first time since February 2020, on Monday July 19th. We had a discussion on current trends involving Opioid and Narcotic use both locally and nationally. Locally, Police and ambulance crews are still dealing with the consequences of addiction and over-dose victims on a daily basis. Nationally, over 93,000 people have died in the past year alone from opioid related problems.

We reviewed the past actions that our group has taken to assist in the efforts to curb these problems, and took a brief look at where we would like to focus our efforts in the year ahead. Narcan training and replenishing our church supply will be among our first endeavors. We will also check in with the Bourne Area Substance Free Coalition to see how we can continue to support their efforts.

We will meet again in September, at a date to be determined. We would love to have anyone, who shares our interest in supporting those victims and families who are struggling with these related issues, to PLEASE join us. For more information about the group and our activities please contact any of our members. We would love to have others join us in this quest.

Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jim and Jane Lima, Jim and Celeste Hankey, Donna Beers and Larry Higgins

Here are some resources that are available for those who may need help at this time:

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-327-5050

Learn to Cope www.learn2cope.org

AA Zoom 425-436-6360
Access Number
n 422932

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and preserving love. AMEN

Larry Higgins

WE CAN SEND "THE WAVE" TO YOUR COMPUTER

We make THE WAVE available electronically to anyone who would prefer to receive it via e-mail. This enables us to save money on both paper and postage. When you send your e-mail address, along with your name and mailing address (for clarification) to susanhebb@comcast.net, she will add your name to a list, and you will receive the next month's newsletter by that means; subsequently your name would be removed from the print mailing list.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146, or Priscilla Ellis at 508-563-7786.

If you would like to join the Emergency Prayer Chain and commit to praying for those in need, please contact one of the individuals listed above and specify if you would like to receive information by email or by phone.

Individuals will remain on the Prayer Chain for 2 weeks unless updated. All requests will be treated confidentially and only shared with those on the Prayer Chain. Please let us know if you would also like to add the prayer request to the Sunday bulletin.

AUGUST 2021

1	Sunday	
2	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
8	Sunday	
9	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
15	Sunday	
16	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
16	Monday 7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
20	Friday	Newsletter Deadline
22	Sunday	
23	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
29	Sunday	
30	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church -on-the-Canal
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