

THE WAVE SEPTEMBER 2021

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

“For All the Saints” is the name of a beloved hymn appointed for All Saints’ Day (287). It was written by William Walsham How, a late 19th century Bishop in the Church of England. In 1906, Bishop How’s words were combined with music written by Ralph Vaughan Williams and the hymn became widely popular.

“For All the Saints” is also a reference to St. Paul’s collection for the Church in Jerusalem. We know from Paul’s letters, especially 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, and 2 Corinthians 8,9, that Paul made this a priority for several years, linking the generosity of the churches made up of mostly Gentiles to the famine stricken Jerusalem Church of Jewish converts.

“For All the Saints” will be our theme for the 2022 stewardship campaign. September begins the season of Saints. We celebrate seven major feast days leading up to All Saints’ on November 1. There are also many commemorations of “lesser” saints including Francis, Thomas Cranmer, and Ignatius.

Our 2022 pledge campaign will kick off on Sunday, September 26, as we celebrate St. Michael and all Angels. A parish-wide mailing will include a 2022 pledge card, hopefully to be returned in church on the 26th.

I have come to know many of the “saints” who have supported St. Peter’s for decades. This faithful witness inspires us all to do our part and share in the generous ministry of St. Peter’s.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The August Vestry Meeting was held on August 16, 2021:

Pledges are above budget for July.

We received an anonymous donation of \$5.000.

We received a donation to pay for the new coffee pot.

A committee will be formed to search for a replacement for Kathy Letzeisen, who is retiring.

The choir is resuming September 12th; the first meeting will be on September 5th.

A dog training school is being built on St. Margaret's Street. We received an invitation to hear their plans. Mark Taylor had been going to hearing and felt that we did not need to attend.

Having received a directive from the Diocese, we have to wear masks in church, with no prayer books for hymnals and we will have to space the seating.

Len Hathon is trying to reach Mass. Maritime Academy, regarding the snow plowing this winter.

The Stewardship campaign will start in September.

At this time, there is nothing new from the Search Committee, but we are hoping that as the pandemic subsides, more rectors will be interested in moving.

The Paper Pantry and the Drug Free Committee have not met yet; but hopefully will be able to do so soon.

The Bourne Substance Free committee met in July and will meet again in September.

We are hoping to have "donation parking" and jams and jellies for Canal Day on September 18.

The next Vestry Meeting will be held on September 20, 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,

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee
patmijo@comcast.net 508-685-5582

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to: Jaquelin Taylor

Happy Anniversary to: Robert and Nancy Sherwood
Jack and Nancy Kennedy
Jim and Jane Lema
Leonard and Monica Kilmer
Charlie and Priscilla Ellis

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE!

As the summer winds down and many of us begin our fall routines of work and school or perhaps things are staying status quo for you. Due to the Delta variant and new COVID illnesses increasing we will need to take more precautions while attending church but we are blessed to be able to continue to worship together. It seems that it also may result in a longer wait for a new Rector. Have faith and keep praying!

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.robins@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.

SEPTEMBER 2021

5	Sunday	
6	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
12	Sunday	
13	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
18	Saturday	Canal Day!
19	Sunday	
20	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
20	Monday 7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
24	Friday	Newsletter Deadline
26	Sunday	
27	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 Staff

Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector
Lisa Platanitis, Music Director and Choir Director
Liesl Crehan, Pianist and Organist
Kathy Letzeisen, Parish Secretary
Susan Hebb, Newsletter Editor

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