



Trinity Episcopal Church

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Striving to know, embrace, and share Christ

in a loving community . . . come join us!

Trinity Wrentham is a spiritual home for our sixty-six families. We have a weekly attendance of about thirty-five in person and ten on Zoom. We were pleased to have ninety-five in attendance and nine on Zoom for Easter Sunday 2023.

Parishioners regard Trinity as a family that is an extension of their own families, a place to come for a sense of weekly peace, serenity, refectation, and music.

We feel most connected during our services, parish life events, and working on and contributing to our programs and ministries, especially outreach.

All are welcome at Trinity and invited to be part of our church family whatever age, race, ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, immigration status, and whatever gender identity or sexual orientation.

Our parishioners come from Wrentham, Plainville, Norfolk, Foxboro, Franklin, North Attleboro, and other surrounding towns.

All of our activities and ministries are guided by our effort to know, embrace, and share Christ in a loving community. This charge is close to our heart and all that we undertake.

How We Work Together

In the Spring of 2021 we launched our Teams approach to church leadership.

Adult parishioners choose to participate as a member of one of our three teams: Spiritual Life, Parish Life, and Resource Management. The teams meet once a month, but sub-committees meet on an as-needed basis. The teams are responsible for most of the activities of the church, in collaboration with the vestry. We believe that our team approach provides support for a Priest-in-charge with limited hours.

Spiritual Life Team

Sunday Services

- Our Sunday service of the Holy Eucharist is at 11am, and we offer the service streamed live on Zoom for those who cannot be present in person. We are a middle-of-the-road church following Rite II of the Book of Common Prayer. We are flexible concerning inclusive language in the Prayers of the People and our liturgy.
- We have a high level of parishioner participation in our Sunday Services . The Spiritual Life Team is responsible for scheduling the Altar Guild, Lay Readers, Healing Station, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, and Zoom Masters.
- We have a healing station at every service for those who would like prayers for themselves or others.
- We have gluten-free hosts available at every service.
- In response to the pandemic, we have transitioned to serving consecrated wine in individual disposable cups.
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers deliver Communion to our homebound and copies of the service and announcements are delivered to those without computer/printer access.

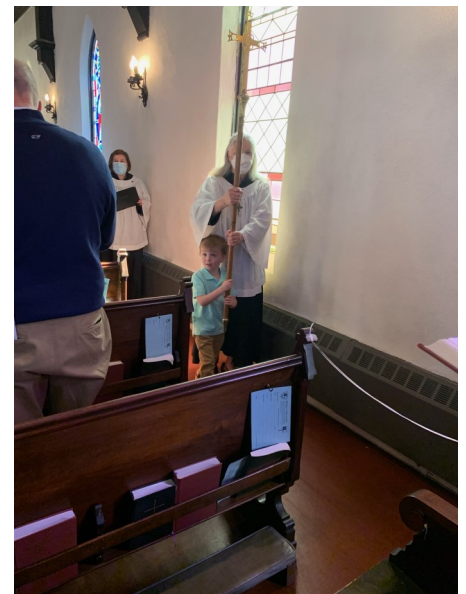
Special Services & Lay Led Services

Our spiritual Life Team works with our bridge priest to supply creative services for other religious holidays. We have offered a variety of special and seasonal services live and on Zoom.

- Advent Quiet Days
- Ways of the Cross
- Ash Wednesday Service
- Monthly Healing Services
- Periodic Bible Study Sessions

Music

- Our 1825 Goodrich pipe organ is beautifully played by a professional organist at each Sunday service.
- In the past we've had a very active choir. We are in the process of reinstating our choir and will be rehearsing with the choir of St. Marks, Foxboro.



Education

- Sunday School is offered for those ages 3-5 on the first Sunday of each month.
- As we grow in numbers, we plan to expand Sunday School Offerings.
- For adult education, we conduct seasonal Bible Study Series.
- We enjoy our an annual women's retreat.

Parish Life

Outreach

Trinity is a church of outreach and it is outreach where many of our parishioners feel most connected. We “give of ourselves financially and personally”. Our active outreach committee leads our congregations in many projects. They have “boundless dedication, energy, and good ideas”.

- Busy Bags: Comfort bags for children who accompany their parents to the courthouse across the street. These contain a book, stuffed animal, crayons, stickers, and coloring sheets.
- Birthday-in-a-Bag: bags are donated to Wrentham and Plainville Food Pantries
- Operation Backpack: we donate fully stocked backpacks to needy students in the 15 towns served by the Hockomock YMCA
- One Family: A collaborative program at All Saints, Attleboro
Activities include: Monthly Paper Towel Collection and Easter Baskets.
- We award an annual college scholarship
- At Christmas we donate items to Medway Family Shelter
And Santa Foundation of Franklin
- Pajamas to local elementary schools for pajama days
- Project 2069: Trinity started the Nationally known ministry in 2017 to highlight and remove the stigma of addiction.
- We raise funds to contribute to organizations that combat addiction.
- We provide financial and other assistance to families impacted by addiction.



Parish Life

Parish Activities

The Parish Life Team organizes social activities that enhance our fellowship.

- Parish Suppers
- Picnic and Service at Sweatt Beach
- Trivia Night
- Holiday Parties

Community Activities

- We participate in a number of community events such as Wrentham Day.
- Two AA groups meet in our hall weekly.
- Boy Scout Troop
- Girl Scout Troops



Trivia Night



Senior Luncheon

Caring For Each Other

- Senior Luncheon: Monthly fellowship for those who consider themselves a senior
- Coffee hour with fellowship after Sunday Services.
- Meals Ministry: meals for those who are ill or grieving
- Funeral Collations provided for parishioners.

Parish Life

• Fundraisers

- Annual Christmas Fair
- Summer Yard Sale
- Used Clothing Sale



Resource Management

Buildings

Our Church

Trinity is located in Wrentham Center on the hill overlooking the Historic town commons. It was built in 1872, with additions and major renovations in 1928, 1955, 1963, 1985, 1999, and 2015. We are in the process of repairing our steeple and addressing other exterior repairs.

Our Resource Management team, along with our sexton, make sure that the church, its grounds, and the rectory are well-maintained, and visitors often comment on this.



The Rectory

The rectory, which was built in 1956, is located on the church grounds. The upstairs has three bedrooms with large closets and a full bathroom. The first floor has a den/office, half bath, kitchen, dining area and living room with a fireplace. There is a large basement with laundry area and screened porch off the back for privacy and a one-car garage and personal driveway.



Grounds

Our driveway and parking areas have recently been rebuilt and repaved. Our gardens and grounds have been lovingly maintained by parishioners.

Cemetery

Trinity has its own cemetery on the grounds. Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops have helped with Spring and Fall Clean-ups.

Resource Management

Finances

In 2022 we had over \$130,000 in operating income \$93,000 of which came from pledges or regular givers. Special gifts, space rental, and fundraisers make up the bulk of the remaining operating income. For 2023, we have to date 44 pledges totaling over \$100,000 and anticipate another \$32,000 from plate offerings, fundraisers, hall rental, and interest income. Our anticipated expenses for 2023 is \$136,311. If these numbers remain true, we can easily make up any deficit with funds from our reserve and restricted accounts. These figures reflect our one quarter portion of a priest-in-charge salary. Trinity has restricted funds and investment accounts in excess of \$275,000. We have only one outstanding loan from the diocese for renovations done in 2015 in the amount of approximately \$53,000. Our 2023 assessment is \$7,068.

Our Community

The King Philip communities of Wrentham, Norfolk, and Plainville are small suburban towns including many rural areas with a comfortable home-town feel. With quality school systems and easy commute to Providence and Boston, these towns are attractive to many newcomers.

Brief History

The first Episcopal service in Wrentham was held in Cook's Hall in July of 1863 and was conducted by Reverend Dr. Babcock of Dedham. In December of the same year, the Christmas Fair was created to raise funds to benefit the church. The annual tradition continues to this day.

On June 6, 1864, our church name, Trinity, was received. A few months later on December 7, 1864. Reverend Allen became the first rector of Trinity. In addition to services, Trinity also established its Sunday School, which was first organized on December 11, 1864.

The Trinity community was eventually able to purchase land to build the church. In June of 1872, Trinity was completed and held the first church service in the new church on June 30, 1872. A bell was put into place in Trinity Church's tower and it was rung for the first time on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1876.

Trinity was officially consecrated on January 2, 1879 by Right Reverend B.H.Paddock, Bishop of Massachusetts.

Renovations in 1928 added an altar rail and electricity to the church. In 1955 the altar guild was started, along with construction of a rectory, which was completed in 1956. The Pop Ewing Educational Wing was added to the church in 1963. Major renovations to the wing were done in 1985. The 1990's saw the reglazing of our beautiful stained glass windows and major repairs to our steeple. The 2015 renovations involved the kitchen, parish hall, and offices.

Trinity is always moving forward. Our use of technologies like Zoom during the Pandemic has become an ongoing resource for offering meetings, Sunday services, and special events on a regular basis.

Our Search

Trinity is currently in collaboration with St. Marks, Foxboro. We share a Bridge Priest, the Rev. Lauren Lukason, with them. We are able to support one-quarter time Priest-in-Charge. Many parishioners feel the need for someone who can balance the needs of two churches. We seek a positive leader who will support and welcome our team approach. We are looking for relevant, inspiring sermons that are non-judgemental. Trinity needs “ support, consoling in time of grief, a good listener, and someone who can guide us through turbulent times.”

Our Goals for the Future

“No concerns, God is in charge.”

“What we do, keep doing right.”

- Keep our own identity while working in collaboration with St. Marks, Foxboro, sharing activities, projects, and ministries for the benefit of both congregations.
- Stability in leadership and finances
- Sustainability
- To grow our congregation, especially young families
The congregation whole-heartedly welcomes children of all ages and
“looks forward to babies crying and young children fidgeting in the pews.”
- Sunday School for all age children
- Continue our outreach serving the Lord
- Grief Support and Pastoral Care

2023 Leadership

Co-wardens

Wayne Burt

Diane Pelrine

Brian Dyke, Treasurer

Bill Tansi, Clerk

Vestry

Barbara Romans

Ed Meixner

Susan Nelson

Jim Derick

Verna Holst

Anne McKee

Mark Boudway

Sherri Holleran

Brad Davidson

Search Committee

Diane Pelrine, chair

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