

# THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



## Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

There is Zoom Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Centering Prayer on Wednesday afternoons. Richard Rohr Meditation discussions are on Saturday mornings. Contact the office for a Zoom invitation.

## From Our Pastor

Dear Trinity community members,

In June, we are taking time to remember some special people who have contributed to the life of our parish for many years.

On June 5, Pentecost Sunday, we will have a brief but heartfelt memorial service for **Roger Dickinson** immediately following the 9:30 service. Roger died about one year ago but, because of Covid, his extended family did not want to hold a memorial service. So, we are having it now.

On Tuesday, June 7 at 10 o'clock, we are remembering **Jane Helen Ross**. She died recently, halfway through her 96th year. Jane Helen, her daughter Cheryl Chadsey, and several of her grandchildren have been integral members of our parish for many years. We invite you all to join us in remembering and honoring her life.

On Monday, June 13, we will be remembering **Anne Cameron**, a long-time member of Trinity who died recently in her 101st year of life. There will be a brief interment service in the memorial garden for family only at 11 o'clock. At 11:30, everyone is invited to a 'celebration of life' reception in the Parish Hall.

I never knew Anne, but I have been told by several people that she was 'a real character' who brought a zest for life to parish activities while she was here. I have also been told that she and Jane Helen often engaged in "firm differences of opinion" on many topics, and that the sparks would fly in many directions when they had conversations about their different opinions. I can't imagine that. Can you?

So, please come and celebrate the lives of these three people who invested so much of their lives in this beloved community of faith. If you cannot make it in person, please offer your prayer of thanksgiving for each person at the appointed day and hour.

Remember and give thanks to God for blessing us with a community of faith and faith-filled people.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Tom



## Sunday Services

JUNE 5

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Rev. Thomas Furrer, celebrant and preacher

*Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9*

*Psalms 104:24-34, 35b*

*Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21*

*John 14:8-17, (25-27)*

JUNE 12

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, celebrant and preacher

*Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

*Psalms 8*

*Romans 5:1-5*

*John 16:12-15*

JUNE 19

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Thomas Furrer, celebrant and preacher

*1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a*

*Psalms 42 and 43*

*Galatians 3:23-29*

*Luke 8:26-39*

JUNE 26

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Thomas Furrer, celebrant and preacher

*2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*

*Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20*

*Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

*Luke 9:51-62*

## Introducing Bishop-Elect Jeffrey Mello

The Rev. Jeffrey Mello, rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline, Massachusetts, was elected on May 21 as the 16th bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, pending the required consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and standing committees of the Episcopal Church.



Bishop-elect Mello was elected on the sixth ballot out of a slate of five nominees and will succeed Bishop Ian Douglas, who announced his retirement just over one year ago.

Mello addressed the convention via a projected Zoom video call saying, "I am humbled and I am honored that you have chosen me to be your 16th bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. With my whole heart, my whole mind, and my whole body I accept your election and invitation to serve as your next bishop diocesan...I cannot wait to be with you, grow with you, to join you in the work that lays ahead."

The consecration is scheduled to take place October 15, 2022, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

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## Building Improvements

*By Warren Blessing*

Each year we have tried to choose a couple of improvements that enhance our building. These can be due to safety, personal comfort, preservation, appearance or function. Your leadership has identified some suggested items. We would like your ideas to be included as well.

Ideas we have identified are items such as: carpet replacement or cleaning, repair windows in Seabury Room, exterior doors to be refinished, new Trinity Parrish sign out front, stain glass window restoration, roof work, fulfill needs to support streaming of services, a/c for Seabury Room, bring kitchen up to functional level, ADA plan (disabilities), new safe in sacristy.

All of these suggestions made to date will need to be discussed, prioritized, cost determined and a couple will be chosen.

So today, if you have seen something else that you feel needs to be suggested and evaluated, please let me know now. You can as well provide me a comment on what you think is the most needed. My contact information is 860-742-3253 or [ctvalleywc@yahoo.com](mailto:ctvalleywc@yahoo.com)

## A Season of Change and Re-building

By Rebecca Scruton, on behalf of the wardens and vestry

A new season for beginning to connect with each other and to reach out to each other has begun here at Trinity.

We have the opportunity to re-define who we are, what we are and explore new ways of 'being church'. This can be an exciting time while also being a time of living into the unknown, living by grace and with joy. A time of listening, of stretching, 'trying on new ways'. This is a time when we can deepen our journey with God and each other, learning to love God more deeply and openly and loving each other and our neighbors more magnanimously!

For our first steps the conversation has begun on how to create systems to help us re-connect with each other, to grow in our faith and to facilitate our reaching out to those outside our community.

Our Finance Committee has had a re-birth under the leadership of Charles Melchreit and is moving forward in its formation and living out its mission.

Our Mission and Outreach Committee over these past years has had a very fruitful ministry. However, with our forward movement in exploring new ways of being church, (under co-chairs Sarah Butters and Connie Harasymiw) new ways are being explored for supporting outreach and mission.

Our Building Committee under the leadership of Warren Blessing has worked tirelessly to maintain and upgrade our very old building. Many of their projects have been done behind the scenes and often in response to emergency situations. They are now being more proactive rather than reactive in dealing with the maintenance of the buildings.

Additionally, the following areas of ministry need to be made new: Christian formation, worship, lay eucharistic visitors, lay eucharistic ministers, lay preachers, pastoral team, worship leaders, Altar Guild, newcomer welcome, social events, coffee hour, hospitality, publicity, grounds upkeep and beautification, and making our sanctuary live-stream and recording capable. Believe it or not, these are just the beginning of the list of opportunities that will become available. None of these are "do it alone" projects. We need each other in these endeavors as co-workers and encouragers.

As we look at the opportunities, we trust that each of you will sense an excitement that Trinity is growing and is continuing to grow into the Church that God wants us to be.

If we are to continue this growth we need to recognize that each of us is here for a purpose—God's purpose. We read in Romans, chapter 12 the following:

*In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. All of these gifts are given to us for the building up of Christ's body, the Church.*

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### Parish Leadership

#### PASTOR

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#### STAFF

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#### VESTRY

Warren Blessing, Co-Warden  
Susannah Brown  
Sarah Butters  
Peter Dewberry  
Don Ghostlaw  
Robert Heath, Treasurer  
Melanie Hepburn, Clerk  
Carol Jones  
Charles Melchreit  
Garth Myers, Co-Warden  
Rebecca Scruton, Co-Warden



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So dear friends, brothers and sisters, I invite each one of you to seriously pray about God's call in your life here at Trinity. For what purpose has God gifted you with your unique gifts to use here?

We ask for your input, your dreams and desires. Further conversation and communication will be occurring asking for your participation in the ministry of Trinity Parish.

I quote Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians:

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

May the peace of the Lord be with you...always.

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## Pentecost Sunday is June 5

On Sunday, June 5, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday when we remember and celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church after Jesus ascended into Heaven. We celebrate Pentecost as "the birthday of the Church" because beginning that day, the great missionary enterprise began and has not stopped since that day.

If anyone can speak or read a language other than English, we invite you to lend your voice to the multi-lingual reading of the book of Acts. Please let Father Tom know if you wish to participate. Also, at the time of the Lord's Prayer, we will invite everyone to pray it in the language of your choice. Both of these multi-lingual expressions are a way of remembering the "gift of tongues" given by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. People from many different language groups heard the apostles proclaiming the Gospel in their own native language.

And last but not least, we invite everyone to *wear red* clothing on Pentecost. This is to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit falling on the disciples — and continuing to fall on us today.



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## Refugee Resettlement Update

We're ready and eager to receive a refugee family. Refugee agencies receive arrivals at the discretion of the State Department and there has been a delay in arrivals lately. Please continue to pray for all refugees and that we'll receive a family soon. In the meantime, you can read about our efforts in refugee resettlement in the most recent issue of *Wethersfield Life*.

## Evening Book Club

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 for its annual planning meeting. Check for details in the September Belfry. Happy reading this summer!

## Thank You!

Marc Yves Regis of Camp Hispaniola extends his thanks to everyone for so generously donating toothpaste, deodorant, and other personal care items for his campers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

## Business Report

*Pledge Status (through April)*

Total Pledge	\$ 52,951
Received	\$ 52,690

*Income/Expenses (through March)*

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 62,350	\$ 61,661
Expenses	\$ 67,554	\$ 64,057