

THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

A service of Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Online, there is 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.

Transition Time

On November 1 the vestry will be meeting with Bishop Jeff and Amber regarding the next steps for us as we move forward in our endeavor to be God's church and God's people in Wethersfield and wherever we are led. Pray for our time together.

Trust the wait.
Embrace the uncertainty.
Enjoy the beauty of becoming.
-Mandy Hale

Gratitude, gratitude, and more gratitude for all who have participated in leading the Sunday Morning Prayer services. Thank you for leading us into the presence of our Lord in such meaningful and worshipful ways. And thanks to all who have been part of the worshiping community. For it is in and through our communal worship of our Lord that God comes in mysterious, powerful and life-sustaining ways.

Thank you all for traveling together as we become our new self.

Fall Bible Study

A Bible Study facilitated by Rebecca Scruton will begin November 3 at 10 am in the Seabury Room. We will initially look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Then the group will discern what we want to study in the future. All are welcome. Bring your Bible, notepaper and a writing implement.

Please contact Maryann Drennan in the Parish Office if you plan to attend and indicate whether you will need transportation.

Soup to Go

Ginger Smith will be selling homemade soups, breads, cookies and mac & cheese on November 13 in the Parish Hall from 9 'til noon. All proceeds will be used to provide food for the children at Copprome Orphanage in Honduras. Email Ginger for more information at ginger43@cox.net.



The Return of the Prodigal Son, 1669, Rembrandt

Sunday Services

NOVEMBER 6

[*Job 19:23-27a*](#)

[*Psalms 17:1-9*](#)

[*2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*](#)

[*Luke 20:27-38*](#)

NOVEMBER 13

[*Malachi 4:1-2a*](#)

[*Psalms 98*](#)

[*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*](#)

[*Luke 21:5-19*](#)

NOVEMBER 20

[*Jeremiah 23:1-6*](#)

[*Psalms 46*](#)

[*Colossians 1:11-20*](#)

[*Luke 23:33-43*](#)

NOVEMBER 27

[*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*](#)

[*Psalms 100*](#)

[*Philippians 4:4-9*](#)

[*John 6:25-35*](#)

More November Dates to Remember

- All Saint's Day is November 1 and will be celebrated Sunday, November 6. This is a wonderful time to ponder the saints that have preceded us, those who have passed into God's glory, and those with whom we are able to share life now.
- November 20 is Christ the King Sunday "...and He shall reign forever and ever." Our hope!
- Thanksgiving Day is November 24 and a day set aside to give thanks. At the end of each day from the 1st through the 24th, perhaps writing down a 'gratitude' from that day will provide each of us the basis of our prayers and praises to be shared on Thanksgiving Day.
- November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent. Prepare the way of and for the Lord's coming—daily, at Christmas and in the age to come.

Please pray for each other that the month of November will be filled with remembrance, gratitude, hope and anticipation. And don't forget to pray for the Vestry Nominating Committee as vestry members are being sought through discernment and prayers.

Rota for November

WORSHIP LEADERS

Nov. 6 - The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, celebrant and preacher

Nov. 13 - The Rev. Shaw Mudge, celebrant and preacher

Nov. 20 - Bruce, Morning Prayer leader; Peter, homilist

Nov. 27 - The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, celebrant and preacher

ALTAR GUILD

Nov. 6 - Melanie, Nan

Nov. 13 - Carol, Marty

Nov. 20 - Helen, Jennifer

Nov. 27 - Joyce, Kathy

READERS

Nov. 6 - Sheila, Hubertus, Don

Nov. 13 - Cheryl, Kathy, Carol

Nov. 20 - Tim, Sarah, Rose

Nov. 27 - Judy, Peter, Ginger

Technology at Trinity

By Warren Blessing

Technology seems to be changing everything we do, including how we participate in our Sunday services and how we communicate with each other and to those not part of Trinity Parish. Two forms of connecting are in keeping with this post pandemic season and the use of technology in communication.

The first includes our having a website that is very representative of who we are. In our discussions with the diocesan staff about finding

new clergy, we have been reminded of the importance of our website and the ability for others to view and hear our services.

In the world in which we're living, all new clergy and potential parishioners may view us first online and then study what we do and who we are. It's important that we make a sound first impression.

At this time, thanks to Joan Joseph, we have a very up-to-date website that has all of our information regarding programs, services, contacts, photos of activities, prayers, recorded sermons and ways to connect with the Diocese and the greater Anglican Communion. If you haven't looked lately, please do and do so regularly.

We feel the pressure of being left behind when it comes to the recording or streaming of our services. We need some volunteer assistance to learn how to help with some of the basics for recording/live-streaming a service. We will not be using a complex system. None of us are experts. What we need are two or three people who are willing to learn the ropes. So please give this some thought and let me know if you feel so called.

Book Club Gathering

The next meeting of the Evening Book Club will be December 13. We will meet at 5:45 at the home of Carol Jones for pizza & discussion of *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn. Based on a true story, *The Diamond Eye* is a haunting novel of heroism born of desperation, of a mother who became a soldier, of a woman who found her place in the world. The story is set in WWII Russia although the actual area involved is the Ukraine, providing incredible insight into the Russian/Ukrainian mindset. Contact Joan Joseph at golfst4@aol.com for details.

Hands on Hartford

This month, Hands on Hartford invites you to a Virtual Open House with their Co-director of Housing, Stephanie Boyce, and Renato Salomao, Manager of Homeless Prevention and Outreach. You'll hear about their outreach program for people experiencing homelessness and how they're working to connect folks to services and permanent housing. The Virtual Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, from noon - 1 pm on Zoom. You can register by clicking [here](#) or you can contact Kate Shafer for more information at 860-706-1505 or kshafer@handsonhartford.org.

Community Dinners

Many have helped with Hands on Hartford programs including Community Dinners and the Food Pantry. There is room for more people to help with prepping and serving meals. If you would like to participate, or if you'd like to be on the Community Meals email list, please let Lynda or Warren Blessing know by emailing ctvalleywc@yahoo.com.



Paul in Prison, 1627, Rembrandt

Parish Leadership

VESTRY

Warren Blessing, Co-Warden
Susanna 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

STAFF

Maryann Drennen, Administrator
Tuesday-Thursday, 9-2
860-529-6825
Dorothy LaBelle, Music Director

Business Report

Pledge Status (through September)

Total Pledge	\$ 119,139
Received	\$ 105,758

Income/Expenses (thru September)

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 124,022	\$ 138,737
Expenses	\$ 128,606	\$ 144,129

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Please consider a donation to our flower fund. Trinity Altar Guild will accept any amount you choose to give. We suggest a donation of \$50. Leaflet print deadline is December 15.

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Please indicate (M) Memorial (T) Thanksgiving

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_



Please mail your check and form to Trinity Parish at 300 Main Street, deliver to the Parish Office, or place it in the Offertory Plate on Sunday. On the check memo line, please indicate "Flower Fund."



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