



Dean Park, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

TRINITY MATTERS - JULY, 2017

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS MONTH!!

Sunday, July 2

9 am, Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Meredyth Ward, Celebrant

In 2015, Bishop Fisher appointed Rev. Meredyth to serve as Urban Missioner for Worcester. She works in the Main South area of the city engaging those whose needs are great. She leads the “Laundry Love” ministry which, among other things, welcomes everyone to gather monthly at a Worcester laundromat for free laundry, fellowship, and spiritual connection.

Sunday, July 9

9 am, Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Alfred Zadig, Sr., Celebrant

Welcome back to Fr. Al! This will be his fourth time he has visited Trinity as Celebrant in 2017.

Fr. Al retired from Grace Church Oxford a year ago and has been a priest for 55 years. For 30 years, in addition to parish ministry, he was also the director of an ecumenical mental health center for clergy and members of religious orders.

Sunday, July 16

10 am, Joint Worship and Pot Luck Brunch – Note Time!

We join Pastor Andrew Heisen and our friends from Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church at Dean Park, the North Pavilion. See more details on page 5 of this issue.

Sunday, July 23

9 am, Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Warren E. Hicks, Celebrant

Fr. Warren is Executive Director and Pastor of the Worcester Fellowship. Many of us at Trinity have been involved in making sandwiches and delivering lunches to Worcester Fellowship on Worcester Common.

Worcester Fellowship is a ‘church without walls’ providing lunch, worship, Bible Study, and weekday programs to those who are currently experiencing homelessness.

Fr. Warren previously served as rector of St. Luke’s Church in Worcester.

Lay-led Morning Prayer with Trinity's Senior Warden Catherine Foster

BISHOP'S VISITATION

During the service he also offered his blessing to individuals for their life and ministries. Almost all who attended came forward for his blessing. He also commissioned members of the Vestry and Eucharistic Visitors. Following the service, Bishop Doug joined us at Coffee Hour and then met with the Vestry for about an hour offering words of support and encouragement as well as exploring resources available to Trinity during this year of development. All in all, his visit was supportive, encouraging and helpful and we thank him for his visit.

Sunday, July 16

10 am Joint worship with Mt. Olivet at Dean Park, followed by pot luck brunch

Friday, July 21* – The Parish Office is Closed Today

Saturday, July 22 - Mary Magdalene

Sunday, July 23

9 am Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Warren Hicks, Celebrant

Tuesday, July 25 – St. James

Friday, July 29 *

The Parish Office is Closed Today

Sunday, July 30

9 am Morning Prayer led by Catherine Foster

** The parish office is closed for 'vacation day Fridays' until September.*

IN OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Congratulations to:

Dan Morgado, on his retirement; his last day in the office as Town Manager is Friday, July 7.

Sherry Alarie, Catherine Foster, Allen Jarrell, and Linda Taylor who have officially been licensed by the Diocese to serve as Eucharistic Visitors

VESTRY CORNER

The Trinity Vestry met on June 8, 2017. Here are the condensed highlights of that meeting:

Warden Report – Catherine

- Shrewsbury Vacation Bible School, to be hosted by Wellspring at Trinity from Jul 31 – Aug 4, has been postponed.
- Catherine discussed the need to clean up the play area and Labyrinth and will need help on this project when planned.
- Trinity received the Fire Inspection Certificate, although the ventilation system over the gas stove in the kitchen was cited for repair, which is already in the works.
- Water found on the lower level floor after recent heavy rains raised concern. We'll be keeping an eye on this in case repairs are necessary.

Update on Mutual Ministries - Carolann

- Mount Olivet has invited us to participate with them in the Spirit of Shrewsbury in September. Carolann will get more information which is needed before a decision can be made.

- Mount Olivet has invited Trinity to worship with them on July 16th outdoors at Dean Park and to share a pot-luck brunch following the service.

Treasurer Report – Jeff

- Y-T-D Income and Expenses are on target, although “Current Year Pledges” for May are down.
- The Treasurer may combine the two different software programs we use to just one for convenience and ease of operation.
- The Vestry voted to purchase a Fax/Printer for the parish office for \$69.

New Business

- Catherine presented the list of Eucharistic Visitors for approval. Sherry Alarie, Catherine Foster, Allan Jarrell, Linda Taylor, Pam Marshall and Jen Morin are on the current list.
- Based on the competitive pricing in the community, the Vestry voted an increase in fees to rent the Trinity facilities.
- The Vestry approved the display of the Pride Flag in front of the church as a symbol of our community with all people without regard for or judgement of their sexual orientation.
- The Bishop will be here on June 18 to “Celebrate and Preach, and to Bless the Vestry and the People.” A coffee hour will take place after the worship service, followed by a brief visit with the Vestry.

Old Business

- Sherry Alarie reported a successful week for Trinity at IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network), although more help is needed to keep this initiative alive and active.
- The Worship Service Time Survey will be delivered the week of June 11; deadline for returns is June 23.
- An already active summer schedule along with members’ vacation plans, etc., prompted the Vestry to postpone renting the dumpster for cleanup and furniture/rubbish removal until fall.
- The Vestry decided we probably should participate in the ‘Spirit of Shrewsbury’ and will need a committee to examine options and budget impact.

Parish Direction

- The Vestry adopted an ‘Effective Vestry Meeting Format’ to ensure all of our meetings stay informative, constructive and efficient. The Vestry meets at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month if any parishioners wish to attend.
- The Vestry discussed the liturgical ministries in play on Sunday mornings and how some are not as successful as others, which may require that written norms and additional training be added to improve outcomes. Vestry plans to explore further.
- Fr. Ron expressed his desire to get to know and interact with Trinity’s membership. His intention is to ‘check-in’ with everyone from time to time and asked for the Vestry’s help in getting to know us. We also suggested that he might use some time on Sunday mornings during the sermon to engage with the congregation as he has done on a couple of occasions, so far.
- Supply priests are confirmed for some of the Sundays during July: Rev. Meredyth Ward (7/2), Rev. Warren Hicks (7/23), possible joint worship with Mount Olivet at Dean Park (7/16). July 9 and 30 are still open as of this writing.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackson, Vestry Clerk

THE YEAR OF DEVELOPMENT: APRIL 30, 2017 TO APRIL 30, 2018

The first Twelve Minute Parish Meeting of Trinity Church was held on June 25, 2017, in place of the sermon at the 9:00 O'clock liturgy. The meeting was opened by Catherine Foster, Senior Warden, with Carolann Tebbetts, Junior Warden, as timekeeper. Fr. Ron Crocker, Priest-in-Charge, facilitated the meeting.

The idea of holding the Twelve Minute Parish Meeting during the liturgy came from suggestions at a Vestry meeting that this would be a convenient time to facilitate a conversation between parish leadership and the congregation about what is happening during our year of development.

Our goal for this year of development is for Trinity Church to be a sustainable, missional, Episcopal parish in Shrewsbury. This is in keeping with our mission statement.

Fr Ron's role as Priest-in-Charge is to work with Vestry and other lay leaders to maintain worship and preaching, pastoral calling on the sick and shut-ins, general administration of the congregation, teaching the congregation, evangelism and outreach.

Fr Ron spoke about what we have accomplished so far.

- We have engaged a Priest-in-Charge for 20 hours per week who holds regular office hours to help coordinate program.
- He has regular meeting with Wardens and staff
- He has helped train Eucharistic Visitors who begin service this summer.
- The Vestry has finished an opinion survey on the time of services for this coming year.

Next steps our Vestry has discussed include

- Evaluating current ministries
- Establish standards for Vestry and Guilds
- Find ways to engage the wider community.

Members were asked to share their greatest hope for the year and their greatest concern for the year. Greatest hopes for the year included increase membership, embrace change, and get our name out in the community. Someone said, "I want to win Power Ball." This was humorously followed by how Trinity would use the ten percent given to the parish.

Greatest concerns were that, as a lay led and lay managed community which now has a part time priest, we would become too comfortable with this model, move away from our lay led model; we won't embrace new ways of doing things, and we may not look to the future but maintain the status quo and not reach out beyond our walls. Financial concerns included increasing the number of families pledging as this is one indicator of whether people are with us in our mission.

The meeting took 14 minutes and we were all invited to continue the conversation during Coffee Hour and at Vestry Meetings.

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## JOINT WORSHIP WITH MT. OLIVET, JULY 16

Pastor Andrew and our friends from Mt. Olivet will hold their first "FELLOWSHIP TABLE" of the summer on Sunday, July 16 at 10 am (**Note the Time!**), at Dean Park, North Pavilion – and we're invited!. Worship

will be followed by a pot luck brunch. Trinity is responsible for providing beverages for everyone for the event – but you can certainly bring an additional treat or two to share if you wish!

Mt. Olivet will be providing chairs and will be loading them into vehicles at 9:15 that morning. If you are willing and able to help, any assistance will be appreciated! If you prefer to bring your own lawn chairs, please do so.

Mt. Olivet has reserved the pavilion into the afternoon so feel free to relax and stay a while, enjoy the beautiful surroundings and the fellowship.

## **19<sup>th</sup> Annual TWIM (Trinity Women in Maine) Weekend!**

November 10-12 at the Anchorage by the Sea in Ogunquit, Maine

Come join us for fellowship and relaxation at this much anticipated ladies-only weekend.

Cost per participant:

Port Room Lower \$177

Upper Studio Room \$231

Lower Studio Room \$212

Assumes double occupancy for 2 nights and includes Maine lodging tax and 'the kitty' for Friday night supper, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and other surprises. Prices for triples and singles on request.

Reservations and deposits are due by September 1.



Contact Catherine Foster at [crfoster99@verizon.net](mailto:crfoster99@verizon.net) or Carolann Tebbetts at [tebbetts@aol.com](mailto:tebbetts@aol.com) and make your reservation today!

We're not your average Church Ladies!

## **NOTES WORTH NOTING!**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Are you working on a Prayer Shawl this summer? Time to finish it up!

Our next Ingathering of Prayer Shawls for blessing will be September 17. Blessed shawls will be brought to those in need of special prayers by our Pastoral Care Team.

**Summer Financials** – A gentle reminder to check your quarterly statement and keep your pledge current this summer! Trinity will be here for you when you come back from your summer adventures.

## **HIS MONTH – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

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| Chase Landry       | 7/2  |
| Dave Metcalf       | 7/2  |
| Adrian Lee         | 7/5  |
| Barbara Metcalf    | 7/9  |
| Donna Crocker      | 7/11 |
| Marc Tebbetts      | 7/13 |
| Sarah Witkowski    | 7/15 |
| Chris Estrop       | 7/16 |
| Ron Alarie         | 7/17 |
| Ryan Polhemus      | 7/17 |
| Elizabeth Deastlov | 7/20 |
| Thomas Perry       | 7/20 |
| Stephen Prior      | 7/20 |
| Dina Nichols       | 7/21 |
| Jennifer Morin     | 7/28 |
| Bridget Reposa     | 7/28 |
| Adele Hayes        | 7/30 |
| Joan Cox           | 7/31 |
| Scott Witkowski    | 7/31 |

## **And HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:**

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| Rick & Suzanne Foley  | 7/17/1981 |
| Telly & Lauren Mitsis | 7/27/2002 |



Please inform the parish office if any birthday or anniversary information needs correction – or if your special dates need to be added!

### **MEMBERS NEEDED TO JOIN MOWING TEAM**

Dick Miller is recruiting mowers to keep the Trinity lawn mown during the growing season. Just as we have a strong team of snow clearers in the winter, with enough volunteers, each person would only have to mow once a month. Plus, mowers have the fun of driving Trinity's riding mower. Please contact Dick if you think you can help. [dick@townisp.com](mailto:dick@townisp.com)

### **OUTREACH**

**July 2 is COINS FOR IHN SUNDAY. Please be generous and please remember, your donations are welcome at any time.**

**We continue to support MARIE'S MISSTION through donations of diapers and other items for the very young! This is in cooperation with St. Michael's, Worcester. Your donations are delivered to St. Michael's as the basket in our narthex fills.**

**IHN THANK YOU: Trinity has received a letter of thanks from IHN Director, Joanne Alley, for our continued support, ongoing commitment, and recent donations. Last year IHN provided housing, meals, and case management/referral services to 17 families comprised of 29 adults and 43 children. Thank you for sharing!**

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Your Wardens and Vestry hope you enjoy the beauty of the summer days and nights, the blessing of relaxation with family and friends, and the warmth of God's love in the sunshine in this fleeting season. We look forward to your presence and hearing of your adventures when you return.



Serving in July

DATE/TIME	Lector(s)	EM	Ushers	Altar Guild
July 2	Diane Caron Ron Alarie	Jen Morin	Alarie	Anne Morse Diane Caron
July 9	Catherine Foster Linda Taylor	Allyn Taylor	Taylor	Linda Taylor
July 16	None scheduled. - Service with Mt. Olivet at Dean Park.			
July 23	Elaine Brouillette Allen Jarrell	Leigh O'Connor	Medlinskas	Nancy Goodwin
July 30	Linda Taylor Dina Nichols	Allyn Taylor	Taylor	Linda Taylor Linda Jackson

** Schedules updated as of June 28, 2017*

Note: Schedules are distributed quarterly, in advance of serving dates; these schedules also appear (without contact information) on the Trinity website – www.trinityshrewsbury.org. Schedules month to month, (see above) appear in the monthly newsletter. Reminders/updates are sent by e-mail a couple of days prior to every Sunday as part of the weekly Trinity E-Update. And if you ever have a question about when you are scheduled to serve, you can always contact the parish office.

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Worship with us at 9 am on Sundays

Summer Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am-1:30 pm or as arranged