
COVID Precautions

Out of an abundance of caution, and because of our affection and care for one another, we strongly urge everyone to wear a mask while in the church.

The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is being live-streamed and is available later on YouTube. Restrooms are available in the Parish House and at the Red Lion Inn.

Welcome, Bishop Fisher!

Please welcome the Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher as our Celebrant and Preacher today. Bishop Doug was consecrated in 2012 as the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Prior to becoming a bishop, he served as a parish rector and as Chaplain to the United States Military Academy at West Point. With a heart for serving others and a passion for justice, he is active in Bishops United Against Gun Violence and a champion of creation care and Beloved Community. He is an avid New York Yankees baseball fan. Born and raised in Valley Stream, Long Island, Bishop Doug is married to the Rev. Betsy Fisher (one of St. Paul's supply priests this year). They have three children and two grandchildren. The Fishers are our neighbors, as they live in Great Barrington.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June 26—3rd Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 Service Music	Hymns in the blue <i>Hymnal 1982</i>	
Prelude	<i>Cornet Voluntary</i>	William Walond	
Song of Praise	525	The Church's one foundation	<i>Aurelia</i>
Offertory Hymn	458	My song is love unknown (v. 1, 2, 7)	<i>Love Unknown</i>
Closing Hymn	559	Lead us, heavenly Father	<i>Dulce carmen</i>
Postlude		<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i>	Gordon Young

Worship Teams (If you exchange shifts with someone, please notify the Church Office by Wednesday morning at stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com)

Sunday, June 26 (One Service at 9:00 a.m.)
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher
Preacher The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher
Reader Kendra MacLeod
Usher/Greeter TBD

Sunday, July 3 (One Service, 9 a.m.)
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Libby Wade
Preacher The Rev. Libby Wade
Reader TBD
Usher/Greeter TBD

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them;

using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods*
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me,*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going

along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Parish Prayer List

- People we pray for on Sundays: Bruce and Charles
- Long-term prayer list: Piers, Katrina, Rich, Karen, Michael, Tom, Khali, George, Doug, George, David, Barbara, Christy, John, Peter & Darryl, Florence
- Those who have died: Sarah Sedgwick Ginocchio
- Our partners at Grace Church, Great Barrington, and their priest Tina Rathbone; Christ Trinity Episcopal-Lutheran Church, Sheffield, and their priest Erik Karas; the Austen Riggs community and the Riverbrook Residence;
- Victims of war, violence, abuse, persecution, and disaster at home and abroad; and those impacted by the pandemic
- Outreach Ministry of the Week: Gideon’s Garden
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Shepherd, Oxford
- Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- Birthdays: Vaunie Grauly (6/28), Mary Berle (6/30), Ginny Wilcox (6/30)
- Anniversaries: Donna & Jonathan Gray (6/28), Jake & Tamara McCandless (7/2)
- Today’s flowers are given by Elizabeth Sibolski in memory of John A. Sibolski, Jr.

“Transforming Guns into Garden Tools”
A Demonstration on Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Gardner Memorial AME Zion Church
36 Bay Street, Springfield, MA

July Sunday Worship Moves Outside at 9 a.m.

For the month of July, we will have ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:00 a.m. on St. Paul’s Lawn. Though we’ll have a few chairs set up, you can help by bringing your own lawn chair. We’ll also need help setting up at 8:15 a.m. and putting everything away after the service. Music will be provided by our Music Director Dillon Streifeneder, guitarist Doug Schmolze on July 17, and of course the birds. If you are willing to host lemonade on the lawn after the service, please let Martha Bodine know. Be a witness to the community as we enjoy fellowship with each other, cool breezes (we hope), breaking bread, and praising God for the wonders of creation. In case of inclement weather, we’ll move inside. Although the Sunday service will not be livestreamed in July, those who can’t attend in person are urged to participate in a Morning Prayer worship service on Zoom each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The Zoom link is on our website.

Sunday, July 17, 4:00 pm at St. Paul’s
Conversation Galante – Jewels of the French Baroque
A Concert presented by Crescendo
Rodrigo Tarraza, traverso; Gina Allende, viola da gamba;
Hideki Yamaya, theorbo; Christine Gevert, harpsichord

This concert recreates the experience of what was considered to be one of the highest privileges: hearing a small ensemble of highly qualified musicians in an intimate setting, performing music from the golden era of baroque chamber music in France. We are pleased that Crescendo has chosen our historic church as the site for this concert. Tickets are \$35 (general seating), \$60 (premium seating), and \$10 (youth). For tickets: <https://CrescendoMusic.ludus.com/19245>

Appalachian Trail Mini-Mission Trips

Our teams continue to grow for our two dates to be “trail angels” this summer—Tuesday, July 26 and Saturday, August 6. Thanks, also, to those who have donated toward the BIG Y gift cards that are part of “paying it forward” hospitality. There’s still room for one or two volunteers. Children and teens are welcome, as well as adults.

A Message from Our Wardens about the Profile and Search Process

We at St. Paul’s have entered the transition period to call a new priest to St. Paul’s. Interim Priest, Libby Wade, has begun to help and guide us through this process which will take at least a year. The Diocese of Western Massachusetts has prescribed a thoughtful and inclusive process for us to complete before we make that call. Our parish will go through several steps before a priest is called to St. Paul’s.

First step, will be the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). This tool will provide a picture of who we are as a church and what directions will be important for our future. The company that owns and manages the CAT has been used numerous times by the diocese and other churches. You will be asked to take an online assessment about St. Paul’s (which should take about 30 minutes.) All responses are strictly anonymous. We will be sending an email link by July 10 to complete the survey. To create the most comprehensive picture of St. Paul’s, it is important that everyone within a household complete the survey. Therefore, **please make sure that the church office (stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com) has each household’s emails.** The online survey will be open until August 17. If you need help filling it out online, we will have people available to assist you. Every person who completes the survey is adding important information to our picture of who we are as a parish!

If you would like to serve on either the Profile Committee or the Search Committee, or if you would like to nominate someone to be on a committee, please email either Jorja or Martha by the end of June. (jorjamarsden@verizon.net or marthabodine@yahoo.com)

Office Work without a Parish Administrator

In addition to Jorja Marsden’s work as Senior Warden and Libby Wade’s as Interim Priest, Jorja and Libby have temporarily taken on the administrative tasks formerly done by our parish administrator. **Jorja** is responsible for bookkeeping functions, while **Libby** is responsible for producing the Sunday worship leaflets and inserts and overseeing the creation of the *E-pistle*, our weekly e-newsletter. **Jean Chapin** continues to edit the *E-pistle*. We hope to have a new part-time parish administrator in place early this fall. hope to have a new part-time parish administrator in place early this fall.

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Priest Associate	The Rev. Jane Tillman	Organist	Dillon Streifeneder
Verger	Darryl Lafferty	E-pistle Editor	Jean Chapin
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