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SEEKING A PART-TIME PRIEST IN CHARGE

As our current, and much-loved priests in charge retire this December, we are excited about the prospect of finding their successor. We describe ourselves as “Episcopal, Evangelical, and Ecumenical,” with a longstanding mission to the city of New Haven, CT, Yale University and surrounding colleges. (See Parish Profile below).

In addition to serving our parish with the responsibilities and duties of a priest – planning for and leading worship services, celebrating the Eucharist, convening Vestry meetings, acting as liaison with the Diocese – we are looking for a leader who:

- Has a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and serves with the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Faithfully ministers the word and sacraments from the Book of Common Prayer, and is committed to biblically faithful teaching and preaching.
- Leads with a collaborative style, comfortable sharing responsibilities with gifted laypeople and our Pastoral Associate and able to motivate and empower them to extend the efforts of the church in service to Christ and His gospel mission.
- Provides pastoral care for those in need of counsel and support together with our Pastoral Associate, and can help to supervise our church staff (Sexton, Office Administrator).
- Effectively works with our Diocese and Bishops to maintain our status as a ‘church in good standing.’

Although our congregation of 60-75 parishioners is not able to afford a full-time priest at this point but a priest who is available *up to half-time*, we recognize the vital contribution that our clergy bring to all the life and labors of our church.

This is an exciting time of growth and opportunity for St. John’s, with a congregation eager to know Christ and to serve Him and His mission. If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, please contact our wardens:

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Parish Profile

Founded in 1852 and moving into its lovely stone building in 1895, St. John's sits in the residential East Rock neighborhood of New Haven just blocks from the Yale University campus. Over the years our church has been a beacon of historic Christian faith to the broader community.

We characterize ourselves as "Episcopal, Evangelical, and Ecumenical." As an Episcopal parish we are a church in good standing with a very supportive diocese, celebrating our Anglican heritage and spirituality using the Book of Common Prayer for our worship services. As a congregation of evangelical faith, we uphold the authority of Scripture for all of life and seek to proclaim Jesus Christ and His unique, saving Gospel through the witness of our lives and words. We practice and commend a "generous orthodoxy" rooted in traditional, biblical faith. We welcome everyone to our services and activities, and all baptized Christians are invited to partake of the Eucharist.

Our congregation is diverse in many ways. We have parishioners from older members to young families with children ranging from infants to teens. (We offer Children's Chapel each Sunday and have a growing teens and young adults ministry.) Because of our proximity to Yale and other area universities, we have a large contingency of graduate students and some professors, as well as people from countries around the world. And most of our core congregants work in various professions in the greater New Haven area.

As noted above, a particular distinction of St. John's is the significant number of leaders, including many with professional ministry training. As we like to say, we have a 'deep bench' when it comes to lay giftedness (in the last year alone over 25 different parishioners preached at our services). Aspiring to be an every-member ministry church, nearly everyone is involved in service within the church as well as outreach to our local community. We have a full vestry with two Wardens, several different committees and ministry teams, and a part-time Pastoral Associate who helps with everything from Sunday services to ministry coordination, pastoral care, supervising our Sexton and Office Administrator, and overseeing much of the care for our building and grounds

We have identified three main priorities for this season of our church: Community-building, Outreach, and Leadership Development. As a congregation we want to 'go deeper theologically' through small groups, special events (such as an annual lecture series), and healing prayer, ever eager to nurture our unity as believers both locally and with the global Christian church. Our outreach efforts include our Racial Justice Fellowship, various creation care initiatives (with our own 'pollinator garden!'), and

work among the many refugees and immigrants who are resettled in New Haven. We continually seek ways to partner with other churches and organizations, desiring to more effectively bear witness to Christ among the many different communities who live in our area.

Because we serve a significant number of students who are here for shorter seasons, we aim to inspire, involve, and equip members who will carry forward our mission locally during their time here and become effective leaders for the church and society in the future. (We have seen several of our parishioners go on to ordained ministry, and currently are supervising two postulants from our congregation who are pursuing that calling.)

Lastly, our beautiful building has expanded with the addition of an undercroft that now includes ample space for children's nursery, game room, library, and Sunday school classrooms. In addition, we have a lovely sanctuary with splendid stained-glass windows, a prayer chapel, and a parish hall where we host our weekly fellowship times and a variety of other church family events and outreach gatherings. Our gardens have become a neighborhood hangout, complete with new playground equipment frequently used by young families, as well as a place for us to practice creation care.



Greater New Haven is a cultural, artistic, and educational hub with many opportunities for professional and personal growth. There is also a wide variety of residential neighborhoods that are suitable for singles, couples, and families, with many different kinds of schools available.