

Our New Rector

Christ Church Dover is seeking a new rector whose life is centered on following the teachings of Christ, one who will love and care for this church and its people as we discern how and where God is calling us. Christ Church is an intergenerational community that is intentional about growing our community for sustainable membership into the future. We seek leadership that can embrace change, envision the future, and respond accordingly to ensure the vibrancy of our church.

Our new priest will be an understanding pastor, an inspirational preacher, a leader and teacher. The person called to Christ Church Dover will be prepared to guide a congregation already on a journey of faith. That person will be knowledgeable about Episcopal church doctrine, practice and principles; communication skills are invaluable. Our members are grounded in the Liturgy and Sacraments; we appreciate that from regular worship we are sent out to serve. The candidate must have a strong spiritual background.

We will seek a compassionate shepherd who will inspire our members to act so as well. Our ministries seek Christ in every human being and prayerfully reach out wherever we hear God's call. From the pulpit, through Bible study, book study and through interactions with one another and external organizations and ministries, we are learning how we become instruments of healing and well-being in the world. The new pastor will be a counselor who can engage parishioners with empathy, compassion and humor as they seek to deepen their faith in God.

An applicant should be an able administrator, prepared to encourage leadership among others and supportive of staff and volunteers, one who is ready to embrace change, and one who can build and maintain a positive relationship with the congregation. He or she is expected to partner with the Vestry, forming a strong relationship.

Christ Church Dover's new rector should have an appreciation for the variety of sacred music available. From traditional and gospel hymns to contemporary styles, our congregation finds joy and the enrichment of worship in our music. The early Sunday service accommodates those who prefer to worship without music.

Our new leader should comprehend the challenges of maintaining old buildings. Our church is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. We are used to an annual stewardship drive; however, leadership involves encouraging ongoing support. Our Vestry hosts regular "town hall" meetings to report to the congregation and to receive its feedback.

The faith journey we are on looks for every way God is calling us to follow Christ. While that has been known to carry us into controversial territory at times, we try to remain good disciples, to speak in love and respect, and to listen for God's voice. Our new rector will help us explore that there can be discomfort when trying to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Christ Church is intentional about growing our membership into the future. We seek leadership that can embrace change, sustainability and growth, envision the future, and work with staff and parishioners to communicate that vision in today's multimedia environment. As we go forward, we want to discover new opportunities and organize activities that help us reach our goal of building God's kingdom.