



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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An invitation to candidates for the position of part time Rector at Saint Paul's

The pages that follow show some of God's light which we see in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. We hope that you will come to see why it is a place where the Holy Spirit lives, and help us to develop new opportunities to minister to God's people in our community.

There are numerous reasons to consider Saint Paul's, as we are a parish that looks both outward and inward for spirituality and ministry.

Within our parish we offer two services on Sunday, featuring Holy Communion Rites I and II. We offer Bible study groups during the week, as well as Wednesday evening Eucharist, Holy Week Services, outdoor services during the spring and fall, and our annual "Blue Christmas" service, the Hospice tree of life. We also have an exceptional Guitar Choir that provides us with beautiful music.

Saint Paul's ministers to God's people in numerous ways. Each month we collect food for project PIN, our local food pantry. At Thanksgiving, we were able to donate funds which purchased turkeys for more than 80 families. The funds for purchasing the turkeys came not only from donations of our parishioners, but also from two of our major fund raisers, our annual craft fair and spaghetti supper. All funds raised from these events are disbursed directly into the community.

For more than 5 years, Saint Paul's has hosted a group known as the "Bike and Build," a group of bicyclists who travel the country building homes in coordination with Habitat for Humanity. We provide them with a place to stay as well as dinner and breakfast before they continue their journey. We also share our space with some community organizations including various twelve step programs and scouting groups, which utilize our facilities for their meetings.

Another way we share God's love with our community is through our annual backpack drive. For the last three years, we have worked with local school districts to supply students in need with fully stocked backpacks well supplied for the first day of school.

We hope that the following pages will give you a more complete idea of our small but mighty parish located in the quiet corner of Connecticut. We are a parish with strong lay leadership looking for a priest who will help us grow in our understanding of scripture and ministry within our community.

We ask that you prayerfully consider Saint Paul's as you search for the new ministry to which God is calling you. We look forward to hearing from you as the Holy Spirit guides us during this time of transition.

Sincerely,

Alisha Knox & Nora Walden
Recruitment Committee Co-Chairs