



St. Paul's Ministry Booklet 2020-21

We are pleased to provide you this Ministry Booklet. Inside, you will find many of the ways the community works together to support the mission and work of St. Paul's. We encourage you to consider in which of these ministries you might feel called to participate. If you would like more information on a particular ministry, please contact the parish office at office@stpaulsbrookline.org or 617-566-4953.

As you will see, we are a vigorous and vital parish with activities for diverse interests and gifts. We invite you to join us in doing God's work at St. Paul's, in the community and in the world!

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Worship

Acolytes

Acolytes serve as altar assistants to the presiding clergy during Sunday services at both services. Depending on age, acolytes serve as torchbearers, servers and crucifers. Everyone in second grade or above is welcome (including adults!).

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild takes pride in preparing the altar for our services and caring for the linen and Communion vessels. Some members also enjoy laundering and pressing the linens as well as polishing the brass and silver pieces to a glowing shine. The Altar Guild also works closely alongside the Flowers Coordinator to enhance the worship space with Christmas poinsettias and Easter flowers on those special holidays.

Chalice Bearers

Chalice Bearers administer the wine during Holy Communion.

Lectors

Lectors read the scripture lessons and intercessory prayers at our worship services.

Greeters

As our name suggests, Greeters welcome us to worship each Sunday and facilitate newcomers finding their way around St. Paul's, including getting to coffee hour! At coffee hour, greeters chat with newcomers, introduce them to one of the clergy, and to other parishioners. Greeters also help organize the twice yearly Newcomers' Brunch.

Ushers

Ushers welcome people to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, distribute service leaflets, collect and present the offering, and guide the congregation during Holy Communion. Ushers of all ages are welcome. Friends and family are invited to serve together.

Music

-- Choir

Members of the choir help lead the congregation in singing hymns as well as other service music. Beyond this fundamental mission, the choir offers anthems, motets, and other choral works to nourish and sustain our individual and collective spiritual journeys.

-- Joyful Voice

Members of Joyful Voice volunteer their musical gifts to each other and the congregation in services on a monthly basis. They help lead congregational singing and also sing anthems from a variety of musical traditions.

Healing Ministers

Teams of two Healing Ministers serve at every 10:00 a.m. service during the Communion. Working together, they say a prayer and anoint with oil anyone desiring healing. The ministry is powerful and moving.

Pastoral Care

Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic Visitors are trained to bring Holy Communion to members of the community who are unable to be with us on Sunday mornings, whether short or long-term. Licensing is granted by the Diocese after a training.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team aims to coordinate parish outreach to members who are home-bound, sick or have other needs which our community can help to meet. Our services can include food, music, birthday cards, errand-running or simply an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on.

Stewardship

Fall Appeal

The Stewardship Committee has historically overseen our annual Stewardship Appeal each fall. Recently, the committee has expressed a desire to broaden the conversation of the Committee to include all the many ways we practice stewardship at St. Paul's.

Taste of St. Paul's

Taste of St. Paul's is a food tasting dinner and silent auction that is held in the spring every other year. The event is based on a series of international themed food stations where ticketed participants can sample foods and bid on silent auction items. Food served at the stations or items for

the silent auction are donated by parishioners and local businesses. The goal is to raise \$10,000; the church typically exceeds this goal. The next event is scheduled to happen this spring.

Yard Sale

The first Saturday each September, St. Paul's hosts a yard sale that dates to 1912! It is a yard sale like you've never seen.

Faith in Action

Be an Angel

Each December, St. Paul's partners with the Brookline Community Mental Health Center to provide gifts to families at Christmas.

B-SAFE

St. Paul's provides meals to this summer camp program in Roxbury, in partnership with St. Augustine's and St. Martins. On the Friday of our partner week, we sponsor a field trip for the children and counselors and join in the fun!

Food Pantry

The Brookline Food Pantry, housed at St. Paul's Church, provides free food to Brookline low income families and individuals who need additional food that they cannot afford to buy.

Ministry Outside the Parish

The Ministry Outside the Parish (M.O.P.) Committee has the responsibility of involving St. Paul's in the community beyond our church walls. Each year, the parish sets aside 10% of its income for work in the world. M.O.P. seeks and evaluates proposals from religious, educational, health care, and other organizations and distributes grants to these organization. M.O.P. also organizes a series of speakers, representing recipient organizations, on Sunday mornings at church.

Immigration

The New Sanctuary movement is active in the Boston area. Undocumented people can seek sanctuary in churches to avoid being deported by immigration officials. St. Paul's has formed a discussion group so that through education and discussion we can find out more about St. Paul's involvement, either as a community or individuals.

Mission Sundays

Once a month, the entire congregation gathers to provide outreach and ministry together. Projects include care packages for parishioners away at college or in the military, making and serving sandwiches with the homeless ministry on the Boston Common, and doing the Walk For Hunger as a team.

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry Group at St. Paul's meets frequently to discuss ways in which we can serve people in prison. One of our primary goals is to educate people about mass incarceration and the injustices faced by prisoners in the United States; we currently have a lending library of relevant books available to parishioners and are working on a website. We have also conducted drives to collect items for holiday gift bags for the men incarcerated in Bridgewater State Hospital and to fill book requests in support of the Prison Book Program.

Property

Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets to discuss and plan capital needs of the parish buildings. Twice yearly Parish Work Days are scheduled for light maintenance (and pizza!).

Gardens

This group of “green thumbs” plans, plants, and prunes the many gardens on the grounds of St. Paul's. Help us continue to beautify our grounds!

Green Team

The Green Team helps St. Paul's think intentionally about our stewardship of the environment and to assist us in finding new ways to protect our natural resources and lower our carbon footprint.

Children and Youth

Church School

Grades Pre-K through High School gather for Christian Education every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class

Youth Group

Young People in High School gather monthly for fun, fellowship and formation.

Adult Formation

Adult Education Forums

Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays from September through June for discussions with the Rector and guest speakers. See the weekly calendar for more information.

Lenten House Church Series

Every Friday in Lent, we meet in parishioners' homes for a shared meal and discussion.

Scripture Group

Once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday, a group of parishioners gather to read and discuss the upcoming week's readings. Each meeting ends with the brief service of Compline.

Antiracism Learning Group

The Antiracism Learning Group meets monthly after worship to work toward greater understanding of the effects of racism in our lives and particularly to learn together to be better allies to one another in this necessary work.

Fellowship

Hospitality

The mission of the Hospitality Committee is to coordinate Coffee Hour each week and to plan and implement social events pertaining to the church at large.

Parish Retreat

Each year, St. Paul's plans a Parish Fall retreat. Each year's retreat has a theme, and the majority of time is spent in fellowship, rest, and relaxation. Everyone in the parish is encouraged to participate. A planning committee is formed in the late spring for the following Fall retreat.

Knitting Group

Knitters of every skill level get together once a month to knit prayer shawls and anything else they might be working on. Our only agenda is the pleasure of each other's company, and our needles and yarn. Any and all are welcome.

Newcomers

Do you have a gift for making people feel welcome? We invite you to join a newly forming "welcoming ministry". The work of the ministry includes making our building and materials inviting to newcomers, greeting visitors and organizing activities to invite newcomers deeper into the life of the parish.

Sunday Lunch Bunch (SLB)

The Sunday Lunch Bunch (SLB) is an opportunity for individuals, couples, or those without families in the area, to connect with others in the St. Paul's community over a shared meal. On the fourth Sunday of the month we gather after coffee hour and walk, "T," or carpool to a local eatery for lunch/brunch and some good conversation. Come join us.

Elected Leadership

Vestry

The Vestry is the lay leadership body of the parish. A Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Clerk and nine members-at-large meet monthly to discuss the mission and vision of the parish and to oversee matters of finance and policy.

Representatives to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Churches in our area gather four times a year to discuss shared ministry and to get to know our brother and sister Episcopalians. Once a year, representatives from the

entire Diocese gather to discuss the life and ministry of the Diocese, elect Diocesan leadership, and consider resolutions presented to Convention. We elect our representatives to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention at the Annual Meeting in January.

Congregational Support

Archives

Parishioners involved in this ministry help record St. Paul's history by collecting, organizing, and maintaining parish records, documents, and photographs.

Budget and Finance

This Committee meets to plan the Annual Budget in order to present it to the vestry for approval. It works throughout the year to discuss the parish's investments and budget planning.

Communications

If you have a knack or interest in writing or publishing in print, on the web or using social media, this is the group for you! Communications provides support for our website, outreach and visibility materials, and keeping our social media sites current.

Office Volunteers

Volunteers support the Parish Administrator by helping out in the parish office, supporting parish-wide communication in many forms (print, mail, online databases, etc). An hour a week or a month is greatly appreciated!

Personnel Working Group

Parishioners serve as a council advice to the Rector and Vestry on matters of policy, procedure and other Human Resource matters.

Find Us Online

Website: www.stpaulsbrookline.org
Facebook: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline
Instagram: @stpaulsbrookline #stpaulsbrookline
Realm (Online Picture Directory): onrealm.org/stpaulsec

Staff

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Vestry Officers and Members

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Members: Clara Batchelor, Mary Hundert, Leahanne Sarlo, Mike Scheffler, Glenn Schultzberg, Piper Trelstad, Janet Rankin, Linda Williams, Sharlene Wing



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