

## A LETTER TO OUR NEXT RECTOR

The parishioners of Christ Church Stratford have embarked on a lengthy process of study, discernment and prayer in order to find a special person to be our 33<sup>rd</sup> Rector and for that person to find us. We are filled with hope for the future and confidence in Christ's call to us as we search for a Rector who will join our parish in serving God in his neighborhood.

Located in the historic Connecticut shoreline town of Stratford, Christ Church was founded in 1707 and is the oldest Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. Stratford is located approximately 60 miles from Midtown Manhattan and approximately 150 miles from Boston. You will be within walking distance of the Metro-North train station for easy access to both of these destinations or any other locale. If you enjoy the beach you will be living within 2 miles of the Stratford beaches on Long Island Sound.

Christ Church is seeking an energetic three quarter time Rector who will help us continue our growth and bring ideas to an already active church community. Our new Rector will honor the historical value of our church, embrace our strong core of fellowship and outreach and be an inspirational speaker helping to bring the Gospel to life through his/her sermons.

We are a vibrant, diverse and welcoming congregation with a strong emphasis on worship, teaching, music and outreach. We take pride in embracing people of all walks of life and invite all to join us at God's table.

Do our celebration of Christ through worship and outreach and our challenge to grow excite you as they do us? We invite you to explore our website to learn more about us through our profile.

This profile will give you a good picture of our history, our hopes, our spiritual life together, our deep and abiding commitment to those in need, the sincerity we take in serving each other and our dreams for the future.

Just as you are discerning this call we also are discerning the best ways to be faithful stewards of God. Hopefully we will meet on the same path and agree to move forward together.

Is God calling you to mission with us? The Christ Church parish family is very excited to join in a partnership with our newfound Rector and we invite you to share with us in moving into the future with hope and joy.

In Faith and Love,  
The Parishioners of Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford, CT