



Emmanuel Newsletter
January 16, 2022
Emmanuel Church,
West Roxbury, MA

Dear Friends,

A few updates. Many of you have asked about clergy coverage during our search for a new priest. Due to COVID and several who are no longer available during the winter months, there are fewer Supply Priests available. Those who are still available book up quickly. We continue our efforts.

Emmanuel has a long history of using Morning Prayer as a lay alternative to supply clergy when necessary. The often-overlooked advantage of our use of Morning Prayer is that it has been a primary way for the laity to be THE service. Using the Book of Common Prayer, it has been organized, cut, and pasted, copied and presented by the Laity. Sometimes it is run by one person and sometimes it is a team effort.

One thing you should take away from this is that every one of us, is welcome to participate in the MP service. You can participate as a reader, a leader, or as a supporter of YOUR lay ministry. So please consider joining us this Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, and support YOUR Lay Ministry.

In other related information: Esther Kwok, our former organist, has agreed to be our organist for the remaining January services (excluding Jan 30). She joined us this past Sunday and hearing the hymns during MP made it so much more beautiful. Although there are only three hymns to be played/sung it only adds to the beauty. The Vestry is exploring continued coverage with Esther.

Let me take this moment to thank Andy Castiglione, not only for his many years as our organist and choir master, but in offering to contact Esther on our behalf. Thank you, Andy!

On a closing note, Emmanuel leadership is in regular contact with Canon Carol Gallagher and Gail Murphy, our consultant, at the Diocese. Our determination to provide weekly services for our fellow worshipers has not gone unnoticed! Sometimes the Diocese, the clergy, and even parishioners confuse small with disinterested, or inept. Emmanuel is neither. Generally speaking, we are devout and committed in our faith. We get the privilege of worshipping together at Emmanuel.....and the Diocese has noticed.

Remember to mark **Jan 30, 2022** at 10am in your calendar as the date for Annual Meeting. It will be via Zoom. It will obviously be shorter and HUGELY important for you to participate in.

Thank You
Terri and Ken Co-Wardens

ANNUAL MEETING



Emmanuel Church's Annual Meeting will take place **Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom**. All are welcome. Additional information will be coming soon!



Join us Sundays at 10:00 am in-person at Emmanuel Church. You can download the service via our website. Masking and social distancing is required.

PRAYER LIST



Please keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Brant; Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Hal IV, Anne, Patricia, and Kafi. Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.