

Gifts

We seek a Rector who is:

- a nurturing teacher who can interact effectively with all ages, especially young people
- a preacher able to deliver a meaningful, joyful, and inspirational worship experience based on the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer
- an open-minded, collaborative leader who fosters development of lay ministry among the church membership
- an active participant in the surrounding communities through parish outreach and volunteerism
- a goal-oriented person who possesses strong administrative skills



The Episcopal Diocese is home to 72,000 people in 194 congregations in cities and towns across eastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the islands. Our congregations make up our diocese, and our diocese is part of the wider Episcopal Church, which in turn is part of a larger, global community of Anglican Christians.



Mission Strategy

Inviting: We will bear witness to God's reconciling love across boundaries of race and class, generation and language.

Forming: We will work, study, pray and give for our lifelong conversion in Christ.

Sending: We will send one another in the power of the Spirit into the ministries of our daily lives.

Serving: We will show forth the just reign of God in advocacy and action.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



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Who We Are

The Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes, values, and respects all people and wants them to feel at home as a part of the family of God. Our church community and our Christian faith provide a base for outreach and individual growth. Involvement at our church is a way of life. This brings us all together both physically and spiritually. The personal involvement and caring environment instill a confidence to share our ministries with one another and the community.

Reading is a small, suburban town with a population of 23,700 centered around a traditional main street. It is located 12 miles north of Boston at the intersection of Interstates 93 and 95 with easy access to public transportation.



The Church of the Good Shepherd, which started meeting in 1913, has occupied the present space since 1920. Parishioners come mostly from Reading and North Reading, with a few parishioners from neighboring towns. We are involved in various community service projects, including our feeding ministry and our thrift shop, the Bargain Box, whose proceeds help fund the church and charitable causes.



Goals

As we move forward with our new Rector, our goals are to:

- maintain traditional liturgy while being able to respond to the joys and challenges of today's world
- find ways to invite parishioners to identify and share their gifts



- expand and enhance community outreach and opportunities for fellowship
- increase visibility within the surrounding communities by:
 - maintaining current and attractive website
 - improving public relationships - by reaching out via flyers, newspaper articles, developing press releases, and through other local media outlets
 - providing flyers about the church in the Bargain Box, the Food Pantry, and the Mission of Deeds
 - developing and implementing a strategic plan for parish growth, focusing on hospitality, welcoming and incorporating new parishioners

“Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.” Psalm 100:2