

Parish of the Good Shepherd

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Ministry Description- Priest Associate

The Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban, is a healthy and vibrant parish known for its use of Prayer Book liturgy, thoughtful preaching, excellent music, and outstanding Christian Education for all ages. Worship, Christian Ed., Music, and Outreach make up the four pillars of Good Shepherd, with each playing an important role in the life of the Parish. Waban is one of the villages of Newton, located on the Green Line, and home to a diverse, upwardly mobile population. Good Shepherd is like Waban in many ways. It is a village church that also draws from around Metro West Boston. Some families walk to church, while others drive half an hour. Like Waban, children and youth are important and make up a representative part of the parish; like Waban, people live busy lives and parishioners engage in many activities that compete for their time; and like Waban, Good Shepherd strives for excellence in all that it does.

We are seeking a Priest Associate who will assist the Rector and ministry staff by preaching, teaching, leading services of worship, and offering pastoral care. The ideal candidate would also support the various Outreach ministries that good Shepherd sustains. We have been engaged in conversations with neighboring Episcopal parishes regarding future models of collaboration.

The ideal candidate should be a priest (or deacon, to be ordained a priest) in good standing in the Episcopal Church, with an appreciation of (or willingness to learn) the High Church tradition of Anglicanism. The ideal candidate will be a strong preacher and desirous of this task. Ideal candidates might be those pursuing careers in chaplaincy, academia, and /or advocacy, as well as family caregivers or retired persons.

This is a stipendiary position, paid evenly on a monthly basis. The Priest Associate will serve approximately two Sundays each month, and through mutual agreement in Holy Week and Easter, Advent and Christmas, and other principal feasts. There is a seasonal nature to the position, and attention is given to: a) Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and other principal feasts of the church calendar; and, b) dates when the rector and/ or other ministry staff must be away from the parish.

To apply, please e-mail the Rector, the Rev'd Dr. Jay Weldon: rector@goodshepherdnewton.org.

In accordance with diocesan and Episcopal Church principles, this congregation will not discriminate on grounds of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability.^[1] The Priest Associate is a permanent position and is not time-limited. In the event of the death, termination, or resignation of the Rector, employment is expected to continue under the direction of the Bishop, Interim Rector, or Senior Warden.

^[1] [Since the 2001 report to Convention, the Compensation and Benefits Committee has included this statement to reflect the concerns of both the Diocese of Massachusetts and Episcopal Church as reflected in a variety of resolutions presented in their respective conventions.]