

Dear Christ Church Family,

Ron, the wardens and vestry are excited to announce that we will hold listening sessions in October to hear from our church community on ways we can shape the future of Christ Church Pittsford. Church life has changed dramatically in the past few years. The disruption of COVID has had a significant impact on the faith community, but it was not the only disruption. Church communities are faced with changing demographics, decreasing memberships and fewer people attending weekly services. While we are fortunate at Christ Church to have a strong and resilient parish, we also need to seek new ways for reengaging our congregation, especially for families.

At our listening sessions, we hope to explore topics such as, how we can expand our Christ Church experience beyond Sundays and to determine how to connect with our parishioners in their day to day lives. We look forward to hearing our parishioners' thoughts on how we can better connect with our greater community, meet the needs of our members across the lifespan, increase volunteerism and attract younger families by providing an enriching experience for their children. We know our parishioners will have wonderful, bold ideas on ways we can reimagine our church-life experience!

The listening sessions will be kept to 10-12 people, to ensure those participating have an opportunity to share in the discussions. There will be a variety of times offered for both in-person or virtual sessions. We will add additional sessions if we find they are needed. Once our small group sessions are completed, we will also offer the option to speak one-on-one with a warden or vestry member if that is preferred. The small group sessions will be led by trained facilitators (members of the congregation) who will use a semi-structured interview guide to lead discussions in each group. We will continue to update the parish over the summer and in September.

**If you have questions and/or would like to participate either as a group facilitator or in the planning process, please contact Ron or any member of the planning committee: Hilary Guthrie, Jeremy Brown, Natalie Mai-Dixon, or Daryl Sharp.** We look forward to engaging all in these important conversations as we join in shaping the future of Christ Church Pittsford!

Yours in Christ,

Ron Young, co-wardens Bill Smith and Hilary Guthrie and vestry members:  
Patty-Sampson Bouchard, Jeremy Brown, Mary Ann Chiella, Natalie Mai-Dixon, Mark Dwyer, Jane Gorsline, Alan Jonason, Eileen Kalbfus, Daryl Sharp.