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## CALVARY CHURCH — Who We Are

Calvary Church, in historic Danvers, MA., welcomes God's people unconditionally and without judgment or reservation. All will find a place at our communion table -- wherever they are in our Lord's journey.

We are blessed with a vibrant, engaged and caring congregation that celebrates a diversity of ages, experiences, orientations, and socio-economic background. Together, through Sunday services, our outreach and in-reach programs, and through our children's and adult Christian education, we share the work, commitment and joy that come from a deep love for our church and for each other.

Calvary's greatest asset is its people. Our lay leadership is fully involved in some 26 ministries that run the gamut from children and youth to hospitality, outreach, pastoral care, worship, music, prayer shawl knitting, as well as the daily operation of the parish.


Community outreach is an essential aspect of Calvary. We assist disadvantaged families in the area by working through a local social worker to provide children's clothing and household goods. Our "Outreach Room" is well stocked with clothing sorted by size and gender, which is regularly distributed to families in need. On Saturdays, we provide breakfasts for the Salem Shelter for the Homeless. One of our young people established the on-going "Lemons to Love" campaign that raises funds for children with HIV/AIDS in Africa and, the annual Giving Tree is a Calvary Christmas tradition that provides parishioners with the opportunity to contribute gifts for disadvantaged children. Calvary's signature community offering is the annual Blessing of the Animals at Endicott Park in Danvers, which regularly draws hundreds of people and their pets.

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We invite you to Calvary Church, where we pray together, love and support one another, respect the dignity of every human being, and work in community to help foster social justice, freedom and peace.



  
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
*The Power of Faith, the Joy of Community*

### Calvary Welcomes all ...

Who are joyful and thankful;  
Who mourn and need comfort,  
Who are weary and need rest,  
Who are friendless and  
seek friendship,  
Who pray and those who do not,  
but should;  
To all who sin and need salvation.  
And to all who love  
or wish to love —  
Our doors are open wide  
in the name of Christ.

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# A Search for a New Rector

## OUR CHURCH, OUR HISTORY, OUR TOWN

On June 29, 1857, the first service of the Calvary Episcopal Church of Danvers was held in Bank Hall on the third floor of Danvers National Bank. By spring 1858, the first full-time rector was hired and the present site, on the corner of Holten and Cherry Street, was purchased.

The first bell rang out on Advent Sunday in 1860. The original church had pews and furniture of handsome black walnut and was carpeted throughout.

By the 1940s, Danvers and Calvary Church grew so rapidly that the present parish hall with chapel, meeting rooms and classrooms were built. Parishioners raised funds by holding suppers, fairs, and musical productions.

In the early 1960s, the population of Danvers increased yet again and Calvary required a new sanctuary. In 1962, Calvary embarked on a fund-raising campaign for the new church and construction began in October 1964, with the first service held there in September 1965.

Today, Calvary is composed of a complex of interconnected structures that includes the Sanctuary, two function halls and the Chapel. It also provides space to Stepping Stones, our acclaimed five-day, non-denominational preschool.

Throughout its history, members and rectors have made Calvary Church a special place of worship.

## THE TOWN OF DANVERS

Our parish is located in the historic town of Danvers, a thriving community of more than 25,000 residents located on the north shore, some 17 miles north of Boston. The once small colonial farming community today is a vigorous suburban municipality which is proud of its broad range of town services. its library, and its school system.

## A RECTOR WHO CAN!

Our new rector will have a broad range of responsibilities in a church that hums with a wide variety of lay-led initiatives and activities that occur throughout the week.

### Calvary's rector will:

**OFFICIATE AT SERVICES** — we have two services each Sunday — one at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. From mid-June through August, one 9 a.m. service is held.

**PREACH AND TEACH** — the word of God, and direct the liturgical life of our church. The rector will also work with our music

director to encourage the best music to enhance our services, and will oversee the volunteers who staff the children's ministry and youth group.

**MENTOR** — our young people and help cultivate the gifts of all parishioners, helping us to use them in our many ministries.

**ADMINISTER** — help us with church governance, identifying and dealing with challenges, and overseeing a staff of three part-time employees: the parish administrator, the music director/organist, and the sexton. The rector will also sit on the board of Stepping Stones, Calvary's preschool.

**GUIDE** — actively facilitate and provide counsel to key committees that are focused on the church and all aspects of its governance.

**LEAD** — gently, wisely, and with understanding and compassion, ensuring that we continue to pray together, love and support one another, and work together in community to help foster social justice, freedom, and peace.

At Calvary, parishioners care deeply about the future of their church. Together, we have a shared vision for a growing, hospitable church that is welcome and accepting of all who wish to join us in a rich and meaningful spiritual journey.

## A PRIEST WITH SPECIAL GIFTS

Calvary is a progressive, pastoral sized church that seeks a rector to function as the hub of its parish life and activity. For most of us, Calvary plays a significant role in our daily lives. We seek a pastor who can spiritually lead us, inspire us, and engage us.

### The priest we seek will have a gift of ministry in:

**WORSHIP** — All Sunday services include the Eucharist. We look for a priest who can preach with warmth and insight and illuminate our hearts as well as our minds. We seek a teacher and counselor who is able to convey the rich lessons of scripture so that even our young people can find a connection.

**PASTORAL CARE** — We seek a pastor who is as comfortable with newborns as with the elderly, who is kind, patient, and responsive to the needs of parishioners who are ill or hospitalized or who are in personal crisis. We pray for a gentle, Christ-centered pastor who shares in our joys at baptisms, weddings and confirmations, and who serves as the presence of Christ for us in times of trouble, and bereavement.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH LEADERSHIP, CHRISTIAN FORMATION** — We pray for a pastoral leader who can teach, engage, encourage, inspire and influence all of our congregation, including our young people, toward a fulfilling Christian spiritual life .

**COMMUNITY VISIBILITY** — We look for a pastor who can be in the community-at-large and reflect the uniqueness of Calvary and the Episcopal Church; we pray for a pastor who can demonstrate the love of God to the world.

## COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

Calvary is committed to meet the Diocese of Massachusetts' guidelines for clergy compensation and benefits.