



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

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Dear Church Family,

As the year 2023 continues to unfold, we continue praying and thanking God for the collaboration between St Mark's Episcopal Church in Dorchester and St Bartholomew's in Cambridge.

The Jewish people sang Psalm 133 to express their joy coming together for worship at the Temple, where God promised to meet them. The Psalm imparts blessing and life to God's people. And it proclaims oneness in faith. We pray for abundance and unity.

"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." *Mattie Stepanek.*

I am excited to introduce our annual theme "**You're Invited, You're Welcome, we will Connect, we will Grow together**". This theme is a reminder that all are welcome in our church community, regardless of background or circumstance. We believe that every person has a unique contribution to make, and when we come together in unity, we can achieve anything.

This year, we will be focusing on fostering deeper connections with one another as we seek to grow in our faith. We will be organizing various activities and events that will enable us to get to know each other better and build strong relationships. This theme encourages us to reach out, invite others, and connect with one another in meaningful ways.

I invite you all to join us as we embark on this journey of growth and community. I believe that together, we can create a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, loved, and supported. Please use the fliers attached to invite at least 4 people to church this year. Practice **THE SALT** strategy. **S**tart conversations, **A**sk questions, **L**isten more, and **T**ell the Good News of our Salvation.

As you Invite, Welcome and Connect, feel free to reach out to me.

Wishing you all a blessed year ahead!

Yours in Christ,

ZVK

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