



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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I am about to do a new thing; do you not perceive it? -Isaiah 43:19

The prophet Isaiah alerts us to God's action in the world and presence in our lives, even today. With a rich and storied past, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is ready to set out toward an exciting future. The opportunity to call a new rector beckons. This moment offers a new beginning for asking "what we do next?" and comes at an interesting *and* challenging time for many mainline churches in the United States, including St. Matthew's.

Since the days of COVID-19, much of what we assumed was "normal" for communities like Wilton and our neighbors had to be reimagined. So many things were changing. Assumptions about the way things were supposed to work had to be surrendered--let go. In place of what was, churches like St. Matthew's need to adapt, discerning what new thing God is doing in this time. This is what the prophet Isaiah predicted. This discernment—becoming aware of the ways of God continues to unfold at St. Matthew's—is still to be worked out in full detail. What we do next is so important for answering God's question posed by Isaiah today.

For this very reason, I am excited to invite you to continue your commitment to God's work here at St. Matthew's, especially by your pledge of financial support to this church. I assume that you are excited to see what God has in store for St. Matthew's, to glean what new programs, ministries, endeavors St. Matthew's will undertake in the name of Jesus and for the sake of the Gospel based here at 36 New Canaan Road in Wilton. Let us continue to build upon St. Matthew's history. There is so much more that shall unfold in the life and ministry of this wonderful church as we, together, step up in love and support its future. Thank you and bless you!

Faithfully,

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