

## Working with Rev. Nancy on the Advent Vestry

Over my twenty something years at Church of the Advent I had been approached by several wardens to run for the Vestry. Unfortunately, my job, and family obligations, precluded me from having the time to devote to a vestry position. In early January 2018 George James approached me once again to allow my name to be put forward for a vestry position, and as I was in retirement and my family situation had settled down, I agreed to pay back to Advent for the many blessings it had provided me over the years.

At the first vestry meeting it became apparent that Rev. Nancy allowed the vestry to manage the business side of the church and deferred to the expertise of the vestry members in their respective areas of duty, allowing her to focus on the areas of worship, pastoral care, education and evangelism, all areas that are clearly near and dear to her heart. This has continued over the four years I have served on the vestry. Rev. Nancy tends to take a low-profile approach to running Advent and is happy to listen to any input a person may wish to give.

Over the four years I have been on the vestry it has been an absolute pleasure to work with Rev. Nancy and I am always in awe of her integrity, religious knowledge, general knowledge, and ability to collaborate with people of all walks of life, and amazing appetite for work. During the last two years Rev. Nancy has learned how to operate and record services to be streamed over our website and on YouTube, and to collaborate with Jay Hummel to produce excellent live streamed services that are getting hundreds of watchers. These number at least five per week and assume a tremendous amount of time to prepare and record.

During the last year during the 2020 late summer to late fall, and from the spring of 2021 to date, Rev. Nancy has led outdoor services that have grown in increased support of the congregation who have enjoyed the alternate venue. During the late fall of 2020 through the spring of 2021, Rev. Nancy conducted the Car Communion which gained large support, with the stand-out memory for me being Rev. Nancy conducting the Christmas Eve 7.00 p.m. service in the snow.

When I look back at the sixteen years of service Rev. Nancy has given the Church of the Advent it is amazing to see how she has overseen a major improvement in the finance of the church from a negative surplus to a significant surplus today, implementation of a major capital drive, good steady growth in the congregation pre-pandemic, and held the church together during the pandemic holding services under extreme circumstances and continuing to provide the key services of the church to our congregation in these turbulent and tough times.

For myself it has been a pleasure to work with Rev. Nancy and I have learned a tremendous amount during my time on the vestry under her leadership. Best wishes to Rev. Nancy and her husband Ed on their well-earned retirement.

Kindest Regards,

Dave Scott, Rector's Warden