

Purse Gift for the Rev. Laura Palmer

As you know, Rev. Laura Palmer has been called to the role of Interim Rector at St. Christopher's, Gladwyne. Her last Sunday with us is **Sept. 21**. This is a bittersweet moment as we celebrate her new call and bid her farewell.

Rev. Laura has been an integral part of St. Martin's since joining us in 2012. Ordained at St. Martin's in 2019, Laura has served as a priest in the diocese in addition to being an oncology chaplain at CHOP. Laura agreed to be our Priest at a pivotal interim time. We are forever grateful.

With her leadership, the staff were empowered to do their fine work together, and the congregation continued to thrive, drawing in new members as well as caring for each other and the wider community. Children, youth and family ministries grew, and morale and teamwork on the Vestry increased. Rev. Laura is especially appreciated for her wise and empathetic pastoral care, her outstanding homilies at funerals, and her candid, thought-provoking sermons.

Please be generous in contributing to the purse we have established to honor Rev. Laura's years of service to St. Martin's. We have been greatly blessed by Rev. Laura's presence among us, and we wish her Godspeed on her new journey.

-Martha Crowell, Acting Rector's Warden

To contribute towards Rev. Laura's purse:

- Go to the Giving page of St. Martin's website: <https://www.stmartinec.org/give>. Click the "Give Now" button. Under the "Select Fund" drop down menu, select "Purse Gifts". Please write "Rev. Laura's Purse" in the memo line.
- Write a check to St. Martin's with "Rev. Laura's Purse" in the memo line. Please put it in the offering plate or leave it in Lorie Hershey's mailbox in the Parish House.