

# Christ Church Welcomes New Priest

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Rev. Allyson "Ally" Paige Brundige

The Parish of Christ Church is delighted to announce its new pastoral leadership with the arrival of the Rev. Allyson "Ally" Paige Brundige. She began her role as priest-in-charge on Jan. 1.

Brundige, who parishioners call "Rev. Ally," joins Christ Church at a pivotal time in the parish's 258-year history. In recent years, Christ Church has focused its energies on Easton's community life. It has hosted the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Concerts on the Hill music series, the Blessing of the Animals, and the annual square dance for the

Bridgeport Rescue Mission's residents.

The new priest comes to Christ Church with her own rich experience of guiding and growing communities, encouraging them to share their gifts in service to others. For the past seven years, she has served as the Chaplain and Spiritual Life Director of Choate, Rosemary Hall in Wallingford. During that time, she supported students and faculty in her leadership role in prayer groups, Bible study discussions, pastoral care, interreligious programs, mission trips and more.

Upon meeting one another, both Rev. Ally and parish leadership quickly recognized the complementary nature of each other's interests and goals. Joining Christ Church then became a natural next step for both the parish and Rev. Ally.

Church Wardens Andy Hathaway and Sonia Bodie both agree that Rev. Ally's experience will be a rich resource from which Christ Church can explore new ways of experiencing spiritual growth while keeping its focus on community life.

"Rev. Ally is going to be an inspiring leader at Christ Church Easton both from the pulpit and in her service to the community," Hathaway said. "We look forward to continuing our mission and outreach programs with her to serve those in need. "

Bodie said, "We are so very pleased and blessed to be welcoming Rev. Ally into our parish as our priest-in-charge, and feel that her deeply compassionate spiritual mission and path will enrich the lives of our parish and the surrounding community. We look forward to welcoming her into our parish family!"

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