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Shrewsbury Parish

A family of faith since before 1687



Shrewsbury Parish Church built 1835

Shrewsbury Parish is a caring community of faithful people created by God, redeemed by the Son, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Our mission is to joyfully radiate God's love and to live in Christ.

Welcome Guests

**Please complete our Visitors' Card in the pew and sign our
Visitors' Book in the narthex.**

Good morning! Welcome to Shrewsbury Parish Episcopal Church. We are honored by your presence this morning and invite you to full participation in the worship and activities of this parish. For the 7:30 a.m. Rite I service, please follow along in the Book of Common Prayer, which is in the pew rack in front of you. The Lectionary readings from scripture are located in the bulletin. For the 10:00 a.m. Rite II service, please follow the bulletin, as the service is printed for the ease of guests and visitors. Hymns for the 2nd service are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal, also in the pew rack or in the service bulletin. Should you have any questions, please ask an usher or someone in the congregation for assistance. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. Feel free to come to the Altar rail at communion time. Once you have received the bread in your hand, you may either drink from the chalice or you may intinct, that is, dip the bread in the wine before consuming it. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall. During the 10:00 a.m. service, nursery care is available. Children are welcome during the service and encouraged to attend Sunday School during the school year. Our Adult Education class takes place from 8:45-9:45 a.m. and all are most welcome. Again, welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to Shrewsbury Parish. Together, may we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Ministers of Shrewsbury Church:

The Entire Congregation

Mr. Larry Samuels, Senior Warden

Mr. Rich Walls, Junior Warden

Mr. Gregory B. Jones, Cemetery Warden

Mr. Ran Crawford, Deputy Cemetery Ward

Mrs. Mary Lou Pagella, Treasurer

Mrs. Roberta Brown, Associate Treasurer

Mmes. Catherine and Wendy Davis, Altar Guild

**The Reverend Stephan Klingelhofer, Adult Christian
Education**

Ms. Nicole Wagner, Acolytes Guild

Mrs. Karen Trout Reed, Daughters of the King

Mr. John Silcox, Ushers' Guild

Mr. Don Redman, Men's Group Chair

Mrs. Nicole Wagner, Registrar

**Ms. Sue Coleman and Ms. Faith Spear, Social Ministries
Committee**

Ms. Faith Spear, Facebook Coordination

**Ms. Darcey Schoeninger, Administration, Social Media,
Newsletter**

Mr. Kevin Wekke, Minister of Music

**The Very Reverend Henry M. Sabetti, Rector, Dean of
Northern Convocation**

**The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sinnott, D. Min., Hispanic
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The Reverend Stephan Klingelhofer, Priest Associate

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This Week at Shrewsbury

Sunday (8 December) The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 a.m. Adult Forum

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Hospitality

Monday (9 December)

9:00 a.m. Yoga (Parish Hall)

1:00 p.m. Leadership Team

7:00 p.m. Northern Convocation (St. Paul's, Kent)

Tuesday (10 December)

10:00 a.m. Clericus

Wednesday (11 December)

Deadline for Poinsettia Orders

8:00 p.m. AA (Parish Hall)

Thursday (12 December)

Sunday (15 December) The Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 a.m. Adult Forum

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Hospitality

Deadline for Angel Tree

December 8, 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Jesus Is Lord!

(Silence is observed prior to worship)

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle

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The Word of God

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Collect for Purity **BCP 323**

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The Lessons (sitting)

The First Lesson **Isaiah 11:1-10**

The Psalter **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** **BCP 685**

The Epistle **Romans 15:4-13**

The Gospel **Matthew 3:1-12**

The Sermon **The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti**

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The Confession of Sin and Absolution **BCP 331**

The Passing of the Peace **BCP 332**

Greetings, Announcements, and Blessings

The Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Body and the Blood of Christ.

The Offertory

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The Prayer of Consecration **BCP 334**

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The Prayer of Humble Access **BCP 337**

The Post Communion Prayer **BCP 339**

The Blessing **BCP 339**

The Dismissal

December 8, 2019

Advent II

Processional Hymn “Prepare The Way O Zion”

Hymn 65

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

Two candles are lit.

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Benediction/Commission and Blessing:

Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete.

All: We will share in the Spirit; We will find consolation in love.

Practice a ministry of humility and compassion. For God is at work in you, empowering you.

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will live lives worthy of the Gospel. We will go forth in hope and in peace.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy Upon Us)

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The Collect for Advent II

BCP 211

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (sitting)

Isaiah 11:1-10

The First Lesson – A reading from -

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

BCP 685

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *

and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Epistle - A reading from

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Hymn 67

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti

(Followed by a period of reflective silence)

The Nicene Creed (standing)

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all

that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People II

BCP 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially ____].

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

BCP 360

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Greetings Announcements, and Blessings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory “Herald, Sound The Note Of Judgement”

Hymn 70

The Doxology “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymn 56 (v. 2)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: **We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [*and may add*] Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All persons are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymn “I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord” **Hymn 304**

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: **BCP 365**
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Blest Be The King” **Hymn 74**

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**



Hospitality (Coffee) Hour Volunteers Needed

Are you able to assist in making coffee and providing snacks for our coffee hour?
We need you! See Joyce Jones, Emily Cassidy or Elke Wiedemann. Thank you!

911 Numbers

Parish Hall 12824

Church 12828

Rectory 12822

Brown House 12830



The flowers on the Altar were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of the Reverend Marcus Hall by his wife Priscilla Hall.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world, Sheran Harper, Worldwide President, Bev Jullien, Chief Executive.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people who serve as elected representatives to the Standing Committee and to Diocesan Council, and for the leadership they offer.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Damon and Odette Bradley; Roberta Brown; Mike and Nancy Browne.

Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer: For the Northern Convocation of churches.

Prayers For: Paule Alese, Ed Asher, Jane Barrett, Eila Bennett, John Blecka, Linda Goddard Bickford, A.K. Carey, Gail Carter, Marit Davis, Tucker Davis, Kathleen Dorothy, Jim Ehrlich, Bob Finnell, Karen and George Gardner, Rebekah Gerard, Trudie Groves and family, Beth Velletri Hamilton, Monica Hamilton, Barbara Henderson, Julia Hollweck, O'Neal Holmes, Maryvone Horney, Garet Hunt, Topper Jones, Ron and Joyce Lardon, Darren Leonard, Nika Lively, Blake Lusty, David Mallery, Jeff Martin, Philip Martin Jr., Barry Milstead, Gary Moran, Corry Nye, Linda Pasley, George Pearn, Mike Philipp, Pam Quarstein, Philip Rosenberg, Wyatt Russum, Linda Savino, Kiera Seyd, Raina Seyd, Anne Sirna, Benjamin Smoot, Pat, Tom Sweeny, Michael Terry, Isaiah Wallace, Chris Wallman, Jay Washburn, Margaret Watson, Mitchell Watson, David Welch, Tom Yeakle, Denise, Marianne, Jo and Bill, Graham, John, Robby, Cindy, Tom, Sonya, Jill, Caroline and Judson, Bozena, Diane M., Maggie, Laura and Craig, Nadia and Becca Rudy, Agu and Teresa, Bonnie Jean, Bob, Susan, Karen, Ronnie, Jenn, The Javins Family

Those serving in the Armed Forces: Ted Greeley, Adam Jacquet, Drew Joiner, Nick Kendall, Josh Kenyon, Adam Marlatt, Alex Reeves, Ryan Reider, Sean Wynn, Kyle, Gabby, Phillip, Ryan Bickley, Michael, Lane, Nicholas Blades and Jonathan Campbell.

Prayer Requests? Daughters of the King (DOK) Sisters of Rebecca Matoaka Chapter welcomes prayer requests. Please email your requests to: doksrmprayers@googlegroups.com. Requested prayers will be included in the intercessory prayers of the DOK for one month's time. Requests may be renewed by email. All prayer requests are confidential.



EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dear Parishioners,

Shrewsbury is supporting four important ministries in December. As you do your Christmas shopping or reduce the clutter in your house in preparation for the holidays, please consider supporting one or more of the following outreach programs:



1) ANGEL TREE This is a Shrewsbury outreach project serving families with needs greater than our own. There are still many tags on the tree! Many requests are modest and your gift will meet an identified need and make a big difference in someone's life!

To support the Angel Tree, please visit the tree in the parish hall and select a tag. Bring a wrapped gift with the tag securely attached to the outside and leave it under the tree!

GIFTS NEEDED BY 12/15/19.

2) 4-H HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE Shrewsbury is participating in the Kent County 4-H toy drive. Please bring unwrapped toys to the parish main foyer and leave in the box provided. **GIFTS NEEDED BY 12/15/19.**



3) ANGELS IN THE ATTIC Angels in the Attic (formerly the Elf Shop) allows our young parishioners to do some Christmas shopping for family and friends. If you have gently used items in your house that you think will bring joy to someone else, please bring them to the table provided in the parish hall (same location as the collection for the food drive last month). **GIFTS NEEDED BY 12/19/19.**

The Angels in the Attic shop will be **open following the 10:00 a.m. service on 12/22/19, and again that evening after the service in Spanish.**

NEEDED:

Gently used Items for people young and old!

Gift Bags - all sizes - Large, medium Small - (we have plenty of tissue paper)

Gift sticker labels

Volunteers! If you would like to help youngsters shop, time the entry of shoppers, help as a cashier, label gifts in gift bags or help set up for the La Sagrada dinner that evening please contact Jenny Randolph (emacgill@msn.com or 443.480.5122). This is fun, easy work that lasts about 45 minutes. Have a student in need of service hours? Encourage them to volunteer!



4) Shrewsbury and Kent County High School Winter Coat Drive

We are again partnering with Michelle Phillips of Kent County High School to provide new and very gently worn coats for children and adults. Several children and youth received coats last year, courtesy of Shrewsbury and members of the high school community. Coats may be delivered to the Sunday School room anytime throughout December and early January. They will then be delivered to the high school after the Christmas break. If purchasing coats, please select children's and youth sizes, however all sizes will be accepted.

Thank you for the many ways you are supporting our community!

Next Sunday

Our Celebrant will be the Reverend Robert Smith, Retired Rector of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Perryville. Father Henry will be away from December 13 and will return on December 16th.

Patio Update We are all grateful that the bulk of the work on the patio was completed in time for the Crab feast in September. Additional work on a railing is yet to be completed, but the proceeds from the crab feast and additional donations received in October and early November, put donations at \$28,219.42, over half way towards the estimated project total of \$45,000. With thanks to all who have donated towards this project, please consider a gift to help close the remaining gap this year.

Those Serving This Week:

Preacher/Celebrant

The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti

Acolyte

7:30 a.m. Jim Stevenson
10:00 a.m.

Lay Reader/Chalicer

7:30 a.m. Suzi Straub
10:00 a.m. Sabina Minney
Faith Prince (c)

Lector

10:00 a.m. Mike Philipp

Usher

7:30 a.m. John Silcox
10:00 a.m. Kirk Wade

Altar Guild

Team 1

Next Week, 15 December

Preacher Celebrant

The Reverend Robert Smith

Acolyte

7:30 a.m. Jim Stevenson
10:00 a.m.

Lay Reader/Chalicer

7:30 a.m. Karen Reed
10:00 a.m. Pam Quarstein
Sabina Minney (c)

Lector

10:00 a.m. Kirk Wade

Usher

7:30 a.m. Rich Walls
10:00 a.m. Doug Hamilton

Altar Guild

Team 2

Friday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we cut boxwoods to create holiday swags for the graves of our veterans. It takes about two hours to make the swags and 30 minutes to place them on the graves. Join us for fellowship, hot chocolate and cookies as we remember the women and men who sacrificed to keep our country free.



Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.

We will be laying swags of green on the graves of eight World War I Veterans as well as greens on six Veterans of the Revolutionary War (1775-1781) to include General John Cadwalader, eight Veterans of the War of 1812 (1812-1814) and other wars as well depending how many swags we make. Any questions? Please contact Pam Quarstein 410.708.3948



Altar Flowers

Each Sunday the flowers on the altar are donated in memory or in personal celebration. If there are any changes or additions to your week, please contact Sue Coleman. Please let the altar guild member know if you want the flowers after the service and they will be put into a container for you. Otherwise, they can be given to someone who is ill or in need of cheer.



*The Altar Guild has ordered poinsettias to be placed in the church for Christmas memorials or honorariums. The price is \$12 per pot. If you would like to reserve one or more, please fill out the form below and leave in the church office with your check made **payable to: Shrewsbury Church**, and poinsettia in the memo line. Questions? contact Carol Niemand 410.778.3931; mscarolniemand@gmail.com*

Given by: _____

In loving memory of: _____

In living memory of: _____