

## St. John's Church: Today & Tomorrow Parish Survey, June 2015

As part of the process for identifying and calling a new Rector for St. John's, the Vestry and Search Committee are preparing a Parish Profile to help clarify and understand who we are and what our future will look like as we prepare to welcome a new Rector.

On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, over 80 members of our congregation met and discussed their values, their goals and their vision for our church. This survey is a result of this lively and engaging discussion. Your participation will provide further input into this process and will help us describe ourselves to potential candidates. Thank you for your honest and thoughtful responses.

Please check off the **five** choices that best match your own responses to the following six questions. If there is an answer that you do not see on the list, please mark "other" and write in your response at the bottom of the page.

### I. Our Environment

Why have you chosen to live in Southampton? What do you love about this place? Why would anyone want to live here? What's great about our community?

"Southampton is a place that has..."

	A good school system
	Beautiful beaches & physical space
	Our friends
	Simplicity
	An outdoor life/healthy living/sports
	Community diversity
	A safe environment for our families & children
	Multiple communities: year-round, part-time, full-time, etc.
	Proximity to NYC
	Good place to retire
	A good hospital, good doctors & access to health care
	Celebrities
	A good library
	Good cultural activities/art museum
	Generations of families
	Respect for traditions/patriotism
	Broad demographics & psychographics
	Water & farmland/farm to table
	Commitment to volunteerism
	Religious diversity/religious choices
	St. Andrew's Dune Church
	Other:

## II. Our Values

What are your values? What is important to you?  
What do you most cherish in this world?

Friendship
Family
Community
Tradition
Compassion/charity
Friendliness/Inclusiveness
Stability
Beauty
Humor
Humanity
Faith
Sense of belonging
Renewal
Charitable giving
Other:

## III. Our Church

What brought you to St. John's? What is good about our church?  
"St. John's is..."

Welcoming/inclusive/an extended family
An anchor within the community
Respectful of tradition
A place of family connections
Multigenerational
Open-minded/flexible
Beautiful & simple
Inspirational
Strong musical tradition/great organ & organist
Community-minded
Open all the time
Connected to St. Andrew's Dune Church
Financially stable
Comforting/caring
Humble
Centrally-located
A stable congregation/continuity
Reverent /holy
Outreach to the sick/disabled
Other:

#### IV. Our Future

What is your vision for our future? What are our goals?  
“In 25 years, St. John’s will...”

	Still be here & thriving with a larger congregation
	Have a robust Sunday School
	Be diverse and multi-cultural
	Focused on God’s will for us
	Multigenerational
	Have a larger choir with more and/or different music
	Be dynamic
	Have a positive influence on the community
	Hold after-school programs for youth
	Develop church leaders
	Be cool
	Have more children
	Have a larger endowment
	Be engaged in senior outreach
	Have more fellowship & affiliation activities
	Have more opportunities for outreach and other charitable activities
	Engage in more community communications
	Explore other types of services: evening, family, etc.
	Invite visiting preachers
	Continue its liturgical traditions & faithfulness
	Other:

## V. Our New Rector: Attributes & Abilities

What are the attributes of a Rector you would most like to have?

What would you most like our new Rector to be able to do?

“Our new minister is a person who has...”

	Sense of humor
	Flexibility and versatility
	Intelligence
	Humility
	Makes people feel comfortable
	Warmth, sincerity
	Can preach thoughtful, relevant sermons
	Can teach
	Motivational
	Is a strong leader
	Is a strong steward & fundraiser
	Is a competent administrator
	Can engage the congregation
	Involved in the community
	A good listener
	Authentic & sincerely friendly/affable
	Compassionate
	Inspirational
	Energetic & young with a family
	Has a strong moral compass/spiritual integrity
	Is tactful, diplomatic and a bridge between people
	Is social
	Is a storyteller
	Can draw people to the church
	Able to relate to children
	Self confident
	Other:

## VI. Ourselves

What do WE need to do to accomplish our goals for the future?  
How can we prepare ourselves for our new minister?  
“Our new minister should expect us to be...”

	Willing & open to change
	Patient
	Available to help when asked & offering to help when not asked
	Engaged in the process
	Increasing & more regular attendance at church services
	More spiritual/prayerful
	Still & open to God's will
	Welcoming
	Increasing our financial support
	A clean church & parish facility
	A congregation of continued openness
	Other:

## VII. What Else?

Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about our church and our future and what you are looking for in a new Rector? Is there anything you can add that will help us find the right person to serve St. John's and our faith community?

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**Your name**

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**Team Leader**

**With sincere thanks from the Vestry and Search Committee.**