



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Announcing...

Our New Rector

The wait is over!

At long last, the vestry is delighted to announce that the Reverend Jenny Newman has accepted the call to become St. Mark's next rector. She will join our parish family on November 1. All of us engaged in the rector search these last few months—search committee, vestry, diocesan staff and Jenny herself—have felt the Holy Spirit's guidance throughout. For all of us there is a Spirit-affirmed rightness to this person in this place at this time.



About our soon-to-arrive rector...

- Since her ordination in 2021, Jenny has served with distinction in a dual role as rector at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension and as chaplain for the Episcopal campus ministry at the University of Southern Mississippi, both in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.
- A Master of Divinity graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, she also holds an M.S. in counseling psychology from Mississippi College in Clinton and a B.A. in biblical studies from William Carey University in Hattiesburg. She started coursework in June 2025 on a Doctor of Ministry at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, with a leadership concentration.
- Her preordination experience, personal and professional, prepared her well for the work that, by all accounts, she was born to do. A native Mississippian and the daughter of a bi-vocational Baptist minister, she spent 10 years after completing her first master's degree as a neurocognitive research specialist and an adjunct university professor. It was during this period that she began discernment for ordination in the Episcopal Church as well. Earlier she taught high school English and Spanish.
- Jenny is an engaging preacher who combines her thorough knowledge of Scripture with storytelling to explicate the Gospel and its application to daily life. She is a creative, collaborative leader who knows how to chart a course and how to correct one. She is committed to her core to service and outreach. But first and foremost, she says, "I am a pastor." Jenny brings uncommon maturity, intelligence, warmth, energy and presence to her ministry.
- She demonstrates a profound faith and an openness to mystery. As a co-owner of Little Coracles, a ministry dedicated to holy adventure, she leads pilgrimages to "thin places" in Ireland and Scotland, helping travelers to achieve a deeper understanding of the mystical elements of Christianity. Equally important, she is able to communicate spirituality to those more comfortable with a rational approach to matters of faith.

- Jenny shares quarters with Bailey, her 14-year-old Westie. She has two younger brothers and two nephews and a niece whom she loves to spoil. Our new rector is single and loves ocean kayaking, hiking, travel, music and seeing wonder in the world.

Just as we are thrilled to welcome Jenny into our midst, she is thrilled to join us. We will be getting to know her in the weeks ahead, but for now we thought you'd like to hear a little of her voice.

"I'm writing with such joy and gratitude that you've entrusted me to help lead this next season of ministry at St. Mark's. I sense the Spirit alive in the warmth, courage and faithfulness of this parish, and I'm truly delighted to be linking arms and hearts with you in this good work! Thank you. Thank you. THANK YOU for the confidence you've placed in me. I am already falling in love with this parish, her place and her people, and I can hardly wait to gather and grow with the rest of you. What a delight to anticipate all God will unfold among and through us!"

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