



Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church - November 2024 Newsletter

How your ordinary life can make an Extraordinary Impact

Do you ever yearn to make a difference in the world? To do something significant with your life? Do you ever wonder "Why am I still on earth?" I put it to you that there is no greater satisfaction to know that you have been used by God to touch someone's life perhaps for eternity! Being called and used by God is not only limited to the priest or the leadership of the church. Anyone can be used by God to touch a life and make a difference.

In today's needy world it's not so much what we do, but who we are to a watching world and in Christ. Jesus uses two emphatic statements to describe what we should be. "You are the salt and the light." A Roman official once commented, "There is nothing more useful than salt and sunshine because they make a lasting impact whenever they are introduced to."

Salt has lots of redeeming qualities, such as making things more flavorful. Through who God has made us, we should invite all others to "taste and see the Lord is good" – Psalms 34:8. Salty Christians leave people wanting more of the gospel, more of God's love. Salt certainly adds flavor. The ancient world prized it most for its use as a preservative; after all, this is before refrigeration. When we live true to who God has called us to be, we preserve the world; we make it a better place. When we share God's love in word and deed, we partner with God to save some from the path of destruction. We help preserve their souls, because every person matters! Everyone is just so precious to and before God.

Like salt, light has a number of functions. Light guides and light illuminates. We need to guide people to the "light of the world." Jesus is like the sun and God's people are like the moon. The sun is the source of light, but the moon has no light source of its own; it merely reflects the sun's light. We are like the moon, reflecting the Son of God at work in our lives.

As God's people, we need to warm the world. One thing is true of salt and light; they need to be used for good purposes. If salt is for preserving, it has to come with contact with that which it preserves. You can't just put a saltshaker in meat and expect it to remain unspoiled. You have to rub it into the meat. You can't cover your light with a bowl and expect it to do much good. You need to let it shine.

A question to consider as God's people is: if you were arrested and put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Let us all desire to be light and salt to a world in great need of our God.

Have a blessed month of November!

Here's what is happening in November:

Nov. 3: All Saints' Day service, 9:45am

Nov. 3: Daylight Saving Time Ends – Turn clocks back one hour on Saturday night

Nov. 3: Church Sunday School, 9:30am

Nov. 3: Stewardship Campaign begins: Nov. 3 through Nov. 17

Nov. 5: Monthly Music meeting 6pm

Nov. 6: Eucharist service at Willow Crossings, 11am

Nov. 7: Monthly Pastoral Care meeting, 1pm

Nov. 9: Diocesan Convention, Quincy, MA

Nov. 10: Morning Prayer, 9:45am

Nov. 12: Knitting and Crafts, 7-9pm

Nov. 17: Eucharist service, 9:45am

Nov. 17: Pledges are due today – Brunch will follow service – BTEC coffee hour

Nov. 17: Church Sunday school, 9:30am

Nov. 20: Eucharist service and dinner at TacT, 6pm

Nov. 21: Monthly Vestry meeting, 6:30pm

Nov. 24: Morning Prayer, 9:45am

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday...

