

## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**503 North Holiday Drive  
Seaside, Oregon 97138**

### **PROFILE**



### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in the charming and picturesque town of Seaside on the beautiful North Oregon Coast.

The Reverend David Sweeney recently retired (April 2023) after 24 years as Rector at Calvary. At present our Supply Priest is the Reverend Esme J. R. Culver who presides at the Eucharist twice a month. The Reverend Diane Higgins is our Deacon.

Thank you for your interest in Calvary and for reading our profile. We are excited to share who we are as a community of faith and our desire is to seek a new leader who will come alongside our congregation to help us see new possibilities.

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR**

- A joyful leader who will continue our tradition of meaningful and inclusive worship which strengthens us to do good in the world.
- An approachable and compassionate rector committed to pastoral care.
- A thoughtful, collaborative leader who can build upon our existing leadership.
- An individual who wants to work with members of the congregation as well as the community.

- A creative individual with innovative ideas.
- An engaging shepherd who will combine a Biblical, historical perspective with human-focused storytelling in sermons.
- A priest embodying grace and dignity and one able to learn from experiments and mistakes.
- A commitment to help us deepen our faith and be known in our community.

## OUR MISSION

At Calvary, we believe that the priority of any Christian community is the worship of God. There can be no more important activity for Christians than coming together for the purpose of worshipping our Creator and Redeemer. We believe that worship binds us together as a faith community and it is in scriptures, sacrament, prayer, and song of our weekly worship that we learn who and how God wants us to be. All other ministry is grounded in this worship: the liturgy is the training ground for service in the world.



The worship at Calvary is traditional and yet flexible. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, predominantly Rite II services, and employ a variety of prayers. Music is an important part of our services.

Before covid-19 we celebrated two Eucharist Services: Saturday at 5 PM was our smaller service. Rite II was celebrated without musical accompaniment. Our Sunday 9:30 AM service was larger with more families and with organ or piano.

Currently, because of the lack of a full-time priest, the Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer are on alternating Sundays at 9:30 AM.

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### We are:

- People with a deep and abiding love for the congregation.
- Members of a community, some of whom were baptized as children and have been attending for 60 plus years, others are young families who have joined our community more recently.
- An aging community who are a strongly connected group with diverse talents, opinions, and backgrounds.
- Excited for new leadership, and the changes that will come with it.
- Eager to help lead in both established and new ways.
- Yearning to be good neighbors to the Seaside community as we live out our faith in service to others.
- A broad church with individuals from all walks of life who are strengthened and inspired by the compelling worship service at Calvary.
- Generous and enthusiastic and we genuinely welcome everyone curious about God and our parish community.
- Looking to find additional ways to reach out to our neighborhood.

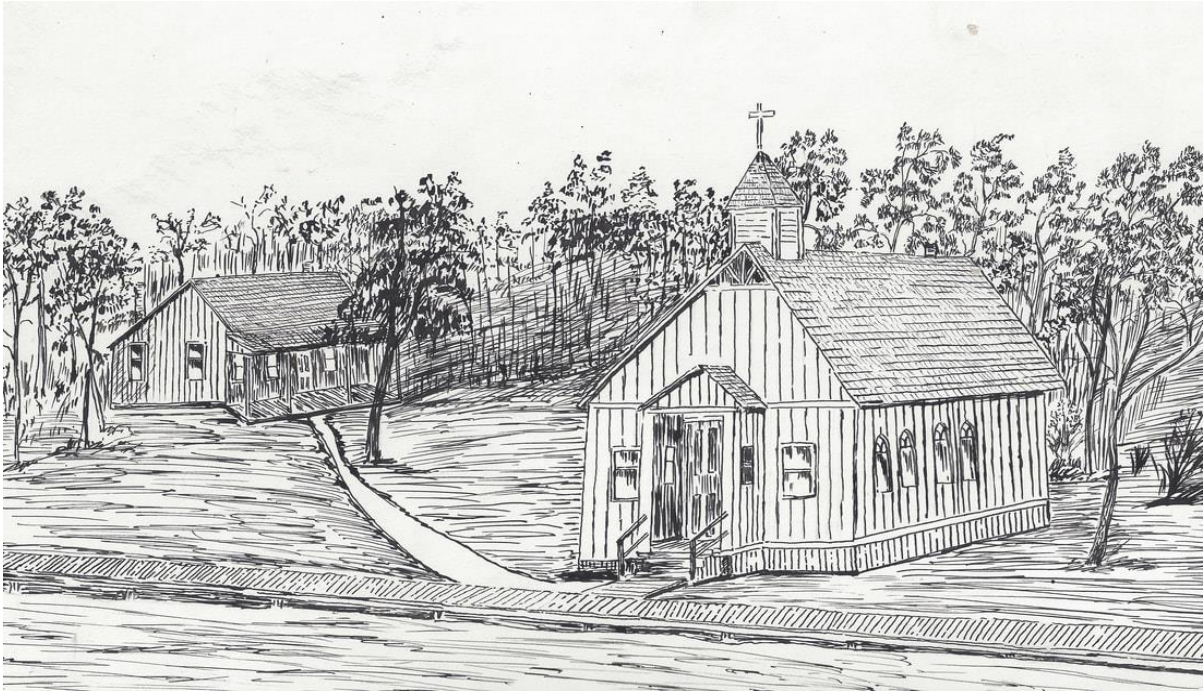
### Our activities include:

- Altar Guild
- St. Margaret's Guild
- Coffee Hour
- Sunday Brunches/Potlucks
- Parish Annual Potluck
- Blessing of the Animals
- Easter Egg Hunt
- November Bazaar  
(Fundraiser for church and community)
- Adult Discussion Group



*Members of the Vestry and Deacon Diane*

## HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH



*Calvary Church in 1902*

The first services by an Episcopal priest were in 1894 in local establishments around Seaside. In 1900, the first chapel was built on First Street in Seaside.

In 1920, the new Calvary Church and Rectory were built in stages on Holladay Drive.

Plans for the Bishop Dagwell Parish Hall were started in August 1951 and construction began in May 1952. The Parish Hall was dedicated on November 2, 1952.

The original altar in the church was replaced in 1954 and was first used on Easter day in 1954. New pews, pulpit, lectern, and choir rail were built during Reverend Dunston's time at Calvary. The new pipe organ donated by Herbert Malarkey and built by William Bunk was dedicated on December 11, 1969. The bell tower was replaced and dedicated to M.E. Boyington "Mebs" Ausnehmer on February 23, 1997.

Calvary Church was recognized as a diocesan mission in 1938. It is the only one of six missions from Grace Church, Astoria to attain independent status and it became a parish on May 28, 1954. Calvary remains an active and viable parish community. It is a special experience to walk into and view the stained glass on all four sides of the sanctuary and feel the Spirit of the Lord.



## Our Parish Priests

1899 – 1909	Reverend William Seymour Short
1911 – 1913	Reverend W. L. Johnson
1913 – 1920	Reverend John Oliver Vince
1920 Summer	Archdeacon H. D. Chambers was here in summer while the church was being built.
1920 – 1926	Reverend W. Chester Kirk
1926 – 1931	Reverend Charles H. Powell
1931 – 1935	Archdeacon H. D. Chambers
1936 – 1941	Reverend Francis H. Ball
1941 – 1943	Reverend Leslie D Dunston
1943 Summer	Father L. F. Evenson, Seminary Student
1943	Reverend Aubrey Bray
1947	Reverend W. H. Lankford
1947 – 1950	Reverend A. J. Mockford
1950 – 1954	Reverend Peter N. A. Barker
1954 – 1958	Reverend C. T. Abbott
1958 – 1964	Reverend Donald B. Eaton
1965 – 1967	Reverend Robert Williams
1968 – 1988	Reverend Robert W. Bunnage
1988 – 1998	Reverend Roger Williams
1998	Reverend Chet Falby, Interim
1999 – 2023	Reverend David Sweeney



## ST. MARGARET'S GUILD



### *Preparing for the Fall Bazaar*

Many women dedicate their time in preparation of our Bazaar that is held in November. The Bazaar committee meets on Tuesday mornings throughout the year to sew hand-crafted items to be sold, along with gourmet food, baked goods, unique kitchen items and lovely Christmas designs.

Proceeds include Calvary with monthly donations to the Clatsop County Food Bank, Helping Hands and Backpack program. Other donations include Harbor Shelter for abused women and children, Restoration House – male recovery program, Cannon Beach and Seaside American Legions, Baskets for Veterans, and monthly contingencies for our Parish Hall kitchen.



*Fall 2022 Bazaar  
with Beautiful  
Handmade  
Textiles and  
Wrapped Gift  
Baskets*

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Active Participants:	153
Children (ages 0-12)	1
Youth (ages 13-17)	4
Young Adults (ages 18-34)	2
Middle Adults (ages 35-64)	6
Senior Adults (ages 65 and older)	140
Racial/Ethnic Categories:	
Caucasian (non-Hispanic)	100 %
Baptized Members:	138
Average Weekly Attendance:	21

### Residential Patterns

Members are from Seaside, Gearhart, Cannon Beach, and Nehalem  
Visitors from Portland, Seattle, Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC

## OUR DIOCESE



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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
*in WESTERN OREGON*

### *The Diocese of Western Oregon*



The Episcopal Church in Western Oregon consists of 60+ faith communities, including Trinity, dedicated to growing, expanding, and redefining what it means to be the Beloved Community of Christ in western Oregon. Our diocese originated as part of the Missionary Jurisdiction of the Oregon and Washington Territories in 1853 and became its own diocese in 1889.

The Rt. Rev. Diana D. Akivama was ordained and consecrated as the eleventh Bishop of Oregon on January 30, 2021. She was the first Japanese- American woman to be ordained to the priesthood and the first Asian-American woman ordained Bishop in The Episcopal Church. Speaking the truth in love expressed through authenticity, trustworthiness, compassion, and clarity of vision are the hallmarks of Bishop Akivama's spiritual leadership. "I am energized when my leadership helps communities to shift assumptions, restore expectations, and imagine a new way forward. Listening with empathy, courage and openness allows me to walk with individuals and communities to connect their deepest yearnings with God's call," Bishop Akivama stated.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in becoming our next rector, we invite you to submit your Cover Letter of Interest, your OTM Profile, and your current Resume to our Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Christopher Craun at [ccraun@ecwo.org](mailto:ccraun@ecwo.org)

We are looking for a full-time priest.

The salary and benefits are based on the SHU chart.

The link to the diocesan compensation standards are as follows: <https://ecwo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023-SHU-Chart-Congregational-Rankings67.pdf>



## CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

### Five-year DPA

2023 - \$23,160  
2022 – 19,276  
2021 – 19,562  
2020 – 20,400  
2019 – 20,600

### 2022

Number of Pledges:	25
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 86,180
Plate Offerings, Pledge Payments & Regular Support	104,501
Money from Investments used for Operations in 2022	10,000
Other Operating Income	17,814
Unrestricted Bequests used for Operations	500
Operating Income:	132,815
Grants:	750
Total Revenue:	133,565
Operating Expenses – to Diocese	19,272
Non-operating Expenses for Congregation	
Outreach & Mission	750
No Outstanding Debt	
Endowment:	\$638,000
Unrestricted:	48,000



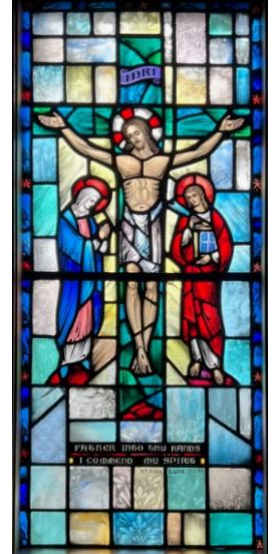
## THE PRESENT CONDITION OF OUR CHURCH AND RECTORY

Calvary is located on Holladay Drive which is the main street running North and South the length of the City of Seaside. The combination of the church and rectory take up the entire length of the block between 5th and 6<sup>th</sup> avenues.

Overall, the church is in good condition. There are some worn areas that need attention; however, the building is structurally sound. The sanctuary houses 18 pews, which accommodate 100+ worshipers. The sanctuary contains an upright Yamaha piano and a pipe organ. The pipe organ sustained some damage during some cold weather and is currently undergoing repairs. The repairs are expected to be completed summer of 2023.

The 1000 sq ft parish hall is an open plan, excellent for hosting numerous activities. A kitchen helps accommodate gatherings. At the north end of the parish hall there are 3 classrooms, a secretary's office, and an office for the Rector.

The Rectory, built in 1920, has two bedrooms, 1 and 1/4 bathrooms and 1300+ square feet of living space, with a detached single car garage. We are currently in the process of seeking bids to remodel the Rectory.



## CALVARY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Members of the Calvary Church, led by Deacon Diane Higgins, participate in food preparation and delivery for "Nourish Those in Need", a 501(c)(3) organization providing services to the Seaside homeless population. In addition, the Church collects food and supplies for the South County Community Food Bank. Members also participate in the Ecumenical Bible Study at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

We support the following local community organizations:

- AA
- Al-Anon
- Helping Hands
- South County Food Bank
- For 4 Kids –  
(Backpack Program)



## SEASIDE, OREGON

Seaside is situated on the North Oregon Coast in Clatsop County. It was named after the *Seaside House*, a historic summer resort built in the 1870s by the railroad magnate Ben Holladay.

Seaside is also a National Historical Site celebrating the creation of the Salt Works by men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition around 1806. It was a primitive camp approximately fifteen miles from the Lewis and Clark Camp.

Seaside was incorporated on February 17, 1899, and became and continues to be a fashionable coastal resort. Among the activities that the City of Seaside hosts is the annual Miss Oregon Pageant, part of the Miss America Pageant, the finish line for Hood to Coast, a 200-mile running and walking relay and the Seaside Beach Volleyball, a 40-year tradition held in August.



Seaside is the home of an Aquarium, one of the oldest on the West Coast; the Seaside Historical Society Museum; a Library; the Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation with a pool and indoor youth center; and the Civic and Convention Center.

## SEASIDE DEMOGRAPHICS as of 2020

Total city population: 6,441

The Seaside School District offers K-12 education to over 1,500 students in the area.

Website from which to learn more about the community:

The Director for the City of Seaside Government: <https://www.cityofseaside.us/contacts-directory>

The Seaside Community: <https://www.cityofseaside.us/community>

For things to do in Seaside: <https://www.seasideor.com/play/>



## APPENDICES

### RESULTS OF THE PARISH SURVEY

There were 21 responses for our Parish Survey, an excellent representation based upon for those who regularly attend services.

- Twelve out of the 19 have been a member for 20 or more years; 3 for 2-4 years; 2 for 5 to 9 years; 3 for 10-19 years; 1 - not a member.
- The majority attend services 2 to 4 or more times a month.
- 13 responders participate in organizations, committees, and groups of the church with 8 involved in 2 groups.
- Most of the responders (13) are couple without children; One person living alone (5); one adult with children (1); Couple with children (1).
- Retired (12); employed full-time (4); employed part-time (5); full-time houseperson (1).
- 20 have lived in the area for 20 or more years; 2 for 5-9 years; 2 for 2-4 years.

What originally attracted members to this congregation?

- The denominational ties
- The worship style
- The minister

What keeps you as part of this congregation?

- The worship style
- My friends are here
- The denomination ties
- The minister

Share your hope for our church's future. What are your dreams, desires, and wishes for the church over the next five years?

- A desire for families of all ages and diversity
- More younger families.
- Increase the size of our parish.
- Sing more uplifting hymns.
- More engagement and more visibility.
- Advertise more about our church – use Facebook, website, and articles in the newspaper.
- More outreach into the neighborhood surrounding Calvary.
- More outreach into the Hispanic community.
- Lay Lead ministries.
- Utilize LEMS to take communion to our shut-ins.
- Lead in serving vulnerable people in our community.
- Put our Banner outside on Sundays.
- Update and redo our Outdoor sign on the Parish Hall.
- More special gatherings like brunches, potlucks

## **Calvary's Staff**

The Reverend Esme J.R. Culver+, Supply Priest  
The Reverend Diane Higgins +, Deacon  
Carson Schulte, Piano  
Belinda Sampson, Church Secretary  
Walter Daggatt, Cleaning and Grounds Keeper  
Kaye Lockett, Senior Warden  
Bob Sampson, Junior Warden

## **Profile Committee**

Elaine Blundon  
Mary Lou Harlan  
Mary Ann Mattila  
Karen Sarnaker

## **Search Committee**

Malinda Austin  
Walter Daggatt  
John Keiter  
Amanda Payne  
Lisa Sampson  
Katie Keiter  
Karen Sarnaker, Vestry Liaison



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