

## **Matthew Langley**

Hello and thanks for reading this.

My name is Matthew Langley and I'd like to tell you a little bit about me and what a term on the Vestry of St. Paul's would mean.

For the past twenty years of my life, I have been dedicated to helping people and understanding our community. In 1998 I started my career as a 911 Telecommunicator and fell in love with the abilities given to me by God to help people through their scariest and roughest times.

In 2015, I visited Saint Paul's for the very first time and felt that I had found my church home. The Episcopal Church has always been a beacon to me regarding social justice. The church has taken stands on different issues, some of which were never popular, but were, in my heart, the right ones to make. I became a member shortly thereafter and have always looked forward to celebrating the Eucharist with the community. Being a member of Saint Paul's, and the Episcopal Church as a whole, has been a blessing to me.

I have been able to use the training I've received in my career and been able to serve parishioners through Community of Hope, a pastoral care program. I have made an endeavor, with other members, to create a thriving youth program. There is still much work to do with that.

I have had many meaningful memories at Saint Paul's, but the most memorable was in 2018, when I was able to marry my husband Nathan on Saint Patrick's Day. A most joyous day indeed. During the last year or so, I have missed being inside our shared sacred space with so many of you.

My goal as a member of the Vestry is to keep moving Saint Paul's forward, even through Covid-19 and other events that have driven us to our emotional edge. As Adam said in his Christmas Eve sermon, "There is hope!" I believe that. The work that Saint Paul's is doing in our community might be slowed, but it cannot be stopped. That's not how committed service works.

If elected, I hope to build on the work that previous members have accomplished and incorporate ideas from other young members so that their voices are heard.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Matt Langley