



Vestry Candidate 2022

Jay Jones

Brothers and sisters, my name is Jay Jones. I have been asked to run for Vestry this year and provide a brief bio.

My family has attended St. Matthew's Episcopal Church since 2013. Many of you know Amy, who performs with the choir with voice, violin, viola, and trumpet. Our daughter Katie was a part of the youth group growing up here, and she is currently a freshman at Berry College in Rome. Our other daughter Ellie is in the eighth grade in Rockdale County. She is in the youth group and serves as an acolyte. We live in Rockdale County, a stone's throw from the Walton County line.

My service at St. Matthew's includes two years as the vestry secretary and two years leading the acolyte ministry following Lynne Kiker. I am currently an Audio/Visual team member who helps live stream the Sunday services online.

I work for the Georgia Department of Agriculture as a writer and editor. I write stories for the GDA's Market Bulletin publication. Before that, I was a journalist with 25 years of experience in newspapers. I also have experience as a paralegal and business and technical manual writing.

I have a few hobbies. I enjoy reading, gardening, and repairing the 2004 VW Beetle convertible Katie uses for college. I've been told I quote lyrics from R.E.M. songs and lines from Monty Python movies too much. You can find me on Facebook (jay.jones2); Instagram (@driver8), and Twitter (@driver8)

My service goals are to continue the church's ministry to our community. If elected, I will serve by following our Savior Jesus Christ's example of service through love.

Another point is a question: Why do we come to church? We need guidance in navigating the world through worship, prayer, and fellowship. I believe we must also prepare our young people to understand God's love and develop their sense of right and wrong from what we teach them in church. St. Matthew's has been a great benefit to my family and me. If elected, I look to continue that mission on the Vestry.