

Red Dots

1. What qualities, characteristics, or values brought you to AMC?

a more active and religious church and congregation

a warm and welcoming congregation

acceptance

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acceptance of all life styles

acceptance of all people. all are welcome

Accepting

after service welcomes

all inclusive

all-inclusive, LGBT friendly

AMC offers Anglican service - comforting

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Anglican tradition

ascension is less political, not patriarchal

Baptism

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beautiful church

beautiful liturgy

belonging

boone hall

Brad

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Brad's real-life oriented sermons and the connections I felt to the people of AMC

Brad's sermons

breadth of programs offered by the church

building looks loved and well cared for

care for others

Cheerfulness

choir

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Christian

closeness of community

Come as you are

comfort

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committee involvement

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Community

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community

community involvement

* community/fellowship

* Concern for the greater community

connection

Continuity of service

distinctive

diversity

Effective, approachable, Leadership

* emphasis on the spiritual

energy

* Episcopal

* episcopal doctrine

* equality

Faith

faith in the practice of service

** family oriented & multi-generational

fellowship

* Fellowship

Fellowship

* Fr. Clark

friendly

friendly

friendships made

Generous

Global empathy

goldie sherrill's civil rights efforts

good activities to dig in to, also helps to make friends

good sermons

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good vibes

Gorgeous physical space
** great organ!
* Heart-centeredness
help
high quality music
Historic
* homilies for our times
* hope
I grew up R.G. and left the church
I have good friends here and have been to concerts here
I'm a life-long church attendee
Inclusive
* inclusive
* Inclusive
** inclusivity
* inclusivity
inspirational beauty of episcopal service, prayers and music
* inspiring and engaging sermons
* Intellectual
Ipswich resident
It's a lovely looking church!
Jesus centered
liturgical worship
liturgy
Lived in Ipswich, whole family, parents, grandparents cradle, episcopalians
Location
Location
lots of visible activity
Meaningful worship
* Music
** Music
** Music
** Music

Music
music
music & homily
music and ambiance
music and choir
Music and good hymnal
NOT sin-focused

open
open table communion
* open-minded
openness
* Outreach orientation
Parish members
* parishioners
* People are compassionate, caring
pastoral care
* Philanthropy
* Pipe organ
* progressive
Progressive spirit
* progressive theology
proximity
reason in religious discussions
recommendation

rector
rector's sermons
resources
Rite I available - keeps me here
Ritual
* Sacred space/sancturay
Searching
Sense of belonging
sense of community

sense of place and history
shared values
Shared worship
small enough population, easy to get to know others.
social justice, progressive characteristics
space for contemplation

* special events

Spirit

* spiritual direction

*** Spiritual enrichment

Spiritual nourishment

**** spiritual searching (non-dogmatic)

** Spirituality

strength of faith

support for the community

Teaching

the church's focus on service to the wider community of Ipswich and beyond

the high quality of the music and liturgy

the MUSIC!

The Parishioners

* the radiating love

* thoughtful real-world connections to scripture

Traditional

traditional

* Traditional sacraments

traditional values

transcendental meditation

values

volunteer opportunities which serve the greater community

* Walking the talk

warm, welcoming, friendly

warmth

* warmth

* warmth and welcoming of parishioners and rector
**** welcoming
Welcoming
* welcoming
Welcoming
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welcoming
welcoming parishioners
word of mouth

Ascension was the only church in Ipswich I hadn't tried, because
I knew I would NEVER be an Episcopalian (I was raised Pentecostal!)

Meeting Brad Clark at the annual Christmas party thrown by our artist friend Katie McElwain;
I learned later that it was his first date with Erica, who would become his wife!

I was in the wilderness, having given up on my church search after 50 years as a churchgoer