PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2023

Welcome to Christ Church Alexandria!
Christ Church embodies God’s unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith. If you are new to Christ Church, please fill out a welcome card, which can be scanned via QR code in your bulletin, or at the bottom of this page. Restrooms can be found on the first floor of Memorial Parish Hall, located across the churchyard. A staffed nursery and infant caring room are also available in the Parish Hall, up the stairs to the right of the main entrance, for children five and under. We are glad you’re here!

TODAY – COFFEE HOUR
Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH
For a listing of currently scheduled activities and meetings, visit www.historicchristchurch.org/events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
8:00 a.m.  Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Children’s Chapel
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m.  Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
(www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlexandria)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 p.m.  Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m.  Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m.  Liturgy Guild
9:00 a.m.  Stewards of the Dirt
10:30 a.m. Chancel Chapter

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Various groups meet regularly at Christ Church during the week. Please check our online calendar for specifics.
(www.HistoricChristChurch.org/events)
Welcome Sunday | We Need Your Help!
Welcome Sunday is an exciting day at Christ Church - especially as we continue to celebrate our 250th Anniversary! Hosting such fun day requires many helping hands. If you are interested in helping at a churchyard activity, ensuring our potluck runs smoothly, welcoming guests in the churchyard, or planning behind the scenes - let us know! Are you new at Christ Church? Then this is a great one-time-only event to lend a hand and get to know others. Give it a try. We’d love to work with you! Contact Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org or 703.778.4941 to learn more.

Children’s Choirs
While we are still in the midst of summer, we hope that you and your child(ren) might make room for being a part of the children’s choirs when they resume this fall. There are two choirs for kids. The Cherub Choir sings monthly during the program year and rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Designed for children ages 4-7, the young singers learn basic music notation, rhythm management, songs appropriate for the liturgical year, and matching pitch. The Canterbury Choir, for children in 2nd/3rd grade (depending on the strength of their reading skills) through 8th grade, rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and sings each Sunday. We use the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) system for learning to read music confidently. Both choirs regularly will incorporate computer programs to allow each child to progress at their own pace. Research shows the positive impact participating in choir has on children. In addition to social development, singing in choirs has proven to benefit a child’s capacity for learning. Youth who are involved in music score higher in math and reading comprehension that those who are not. Set your child up for success, help inspire the music offered on Sunday, and make the choir part of your child’s schedule this year. Registration information will come in late August. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Abel at jabel@ccalex.org.
**Covenant Class | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m.**

Covenant Class is an 8-week introduction for those who want to know more about being an Episcopalian & Christ Church—whether newcomers to the church or lifelong Episcopalians—to get better acquainted with the clergy, staff, parish leaders, and other newcomers to Christ Church. We explore what it means to be part of the church, learn about the Episcopal Church and its history, worship, and mission, and participants can reach a better understanding of the part they can play in their new church home. The capstone event to Covenant Class for many is baptism, confirmation, reception from another Christian tradition or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Classes will begin mid-September. Contact Jessica Williams at jessicawilliams@gmail.com to sign up.

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**OUTREACH & MISSION**

*For information, contact Melanie Gray at mgray@ccalex.org or 703.778.4937*

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**AUGUST OUTREACH: CONDIMENTS**

It is time for picnics and cookouts and enjoying fresh produce. Please help provide Lazarus Food Pantry guests with the condiments they need to enjoy community the foods and events of the season. They could use the standard ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, and pickles, but also hot sauce, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce. If your family enjoys a condiment, it is likely some of our guests will as well. You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online (https://amzn.to/3Rrwf9h) and have them shipped to Christ Church ATTN: Outreach at 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

**New Farmer’s Market Gleaning Opportunity!**

Volunteers are needed to glean produce from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm on Sunday afternoons from the Old Town North Farmers Market at Montgomery Park (901 N. Royal Street, 22314). These donations will benefit the Lazarus Food Pantry. Please consider signing up here: bit.ly/3NSKGEw. More details will be provided to all who sign up. Questions? Contact Liz Denson at ldenson@ccalex.org.

**Gleaning at the Old Town Farmer’s Market on Saturdays**

Each Saturday, Christ Church parishioners collect food donations from farms and vendors that sell produce, baked goods, and dairy items at the Farmers Market at Market Square in Old Town. Three volunteers meet at 11:40 a.m. at the square and hand out crates to farmers who have agreed to donate produce. The vendors fill up the crates after the market closes at noon and we take the food back to Christ Church. We finish up by 1:00 p.m. or earlier. This food is then distributed at our weekly Lazarus Food Pantry. All who sign up will be sent additional instructions and information at: bit.ly/3x71uaw. Email Andrea McNicholas at alamcnicho@gmail.com, Coordinator for Gleaning.

**Opportunities to Help at the Lazarus Food Pantry!**

The Christ Church Lazarus Food Pantry provides weekly groceries to our neighbors in need. All are welcome to join us at the pantry in the Meade Room on Thursday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In addition, we are seeking volunteers for two other important roles:

- Volunteers to occasionally pick up food at the Capital Area Food Bank and different retail stores (days and times are flexible).
- Back-up delivery volunteers to bring food to homebound guests (Thursday mornings after the pantry).

If you feel called to help in either of these areas, or if you want additional information about the Lazarus Food Pantry volunteer opportunities, please contact Anne Shackleton at shackletonam@gmail.com.

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**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY**

*For information, contact*

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org
Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at rlaughton@ccalex.org

**One Sock On Cookout**

Christ Church’s fellowship group for parents of infants and toddlers will host a backyard cookout out on Saturday, August 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All families with little ones (and their siblings!) are invited. For details and to be added to the email list, reach out to Anna McClure at aemccure@gmail.com.

**Back to School Blessing**

On August 27, a special Back to School blessing will be offered at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services for all those returning to school this fall—students, teachers, and administrators alike! A special backpack tag will be available for those who would like one following the service.

**Youth Group and Sunday School Registration is Open!**

Christ Church’s Youth Ministries are open to anyone from 6th–12th grade, and the best way to get started is by registering! You can use the same form for Youth Group and Sunday School, and one form works for multiple youth. Visit bit.ly/CCYouth23-24 Please contact Robbie at youth@ccalex.org for more details.

**Sunday School Teacher Catch Up and Introductions**

Sunday School teachers and those interested in helping with Sunday School are invited to a catch up on Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m. We’ll take a look ahead at the new Sunday School year (beginning September 17), get refreshed on some basic housekeeping items, and enjoy each other’s company. Email Ariel Rudy arudy@ccalex.org for more information.
**Blessings On**

- Our Chancel Chapter members and all the work they do to make our worship possible; Debbie Baker, Carol Donlan, Jennifer Roda, Cindi Bartol, Genie Wilmer, Betsy Powell, Angela Welsh, Susan Cambon, Carol Latley, Cornelia Horner, Erika Mathis, Marylynn Saunders, and Susan Douglass

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**Gift Shop**

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Phone: 703.836.5258

All proceeds benefit outreach in the Alexandria community and globally.

As we celebrate our 250th anniversary, we hope you have been by the Gift Shop to see our special Christ Church ornament. We also have beautiful cards of the church by Michelle Baize and Paul Lebras. We have keychains and of course, the Christ Church cookbook. We have George Washington’s book George Washington’s Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior and books for children about George Washington. We have matted prints and cards of the church signed by the artist. We hope you will come by to choose something to remember this special time for Christ Church.

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**Christ Church Vestry, Clergy, and Staff**

**Vestry**
Libby Witt ’24, Sr. Warden  
Steve Reed, ’26, Jr Warden  
Sean Dalton ’24, John Grey ’24  
Elizabeth Trigg ’24  
Jack Hutcheson ’25  
Susan Magill ’25  
Andrea McNicholas ’25  
Betsy Powell ’25  
Cornelia Horner ’26,  
Ken Knapp ’26, Jay Purcell ’26  
David Rees, Treasurer

**Clergy**
The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons  
Rector  
The Rev. Lauren Banks  
Associate Rector  
The Rev. Robbie Laughton  
Associate Rector

**Music**
M. Jason Abel, Director of Music

**Parish Office**
Michelle Baize  
Meredith Bracco  
Liz Denson, Melanie Gray  
Stephanie Woodland Kelly  
Ariel Rudy, Julie Simonton

**Facilities**
Pouyan Meghdadian  
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer  
Arthur Miller