PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 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 – DIRECTORY AND GIVING TECH SUPPORT

Look for the table after the 8:00 a.m. service and during Coffee Hour. If you haven’t used ShelbyNEXT before (or just need a refresher), staff will be available to help you log in and set up various features.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

For a listing of currently scheduled activities and meetings, visit www.historicchristchurch.org/events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum
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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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

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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)
Christ Church Directory and Giving Tech Support

After the 8:00 a.m. service and during coffee hour on August 20, personalized support in using our online church directory as well as online giving and Text2Give will be available to all parishioners! If you haven’t used ShelbyNEXT before (or just need a refresher), staff will be available to help you log in and set up various features. Email membership (membership2@ccalex.org) with questions.

Guest Preacher | August 27

As part of our 250th anniversary, we welcome The Rev. Erika L. Takacs on August 27. The Rev. Takacs served as a ministry resident at Christ Church from 2007-2009 and as an associate rector from 2009-2011. Since leaving Virginia, she has served parishes in Philadelphia and Chicago. The Rev. Takacs has been happily married to her husband, Daniel Shapiro, since 2015. Outside of her work and her family, her three great loves are the music of J.S. Bach, reading of all kinds, and baseball. She is currently living in North Carolina and pursuing a degree in pastoral counseling.

Rector’s Forum | August 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

The summer is ending, and September is coming fast. Join Rev. Noelle for a look back at the life of our parish over the last year and a look ahead at the year to come.

Welcome Sunday | September 10 | Churchyard

Welcome Sunday is a fun and festive day for Christ Church and our community! Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service in the churchyard for a potluck picnic featuring grilled hot dogs and activities for kids of all ages including a 250th Anniversary photo booth, balloon artist, games, music, and lawn games. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. To ensure a variety, please bring your favorite item by last name: A – E: green salads and fruit salads; F – K: chips, dips, veggie trays; L – R: desserts; S – Z: picnic favorites such as coleslaw, potato or pasta salad, baked beans, etc. Bring food to the Meade Room kitchen before the service. See you there!

Welcome Sunday | We Need Your Help!

Welcome Sunday is an exciting day, 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 Registration information will come in late August. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Abel at jabel@ccalex.org.

Christ Church Choir

The Choir Church Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. While the choir won’t begin singing in church until Sunday, September 10, the rehearsals will allow everyone to get a jump start on the music planned for the fall. The Christ Church Choir is for adults and teens in the 9th grade and up. We welcome new members to join us! If you can read music and would like to discuss the possibility of joining, please email Jason at jabel@ccalex.org.

Faith Formation

For information, contact the Rev. Lauren Banks at lbanks@ccalex.org or 703.778.4939

It’s All About Love Festival Re-Cap | August 20 | 9:00 a.m.

Over a thousand Episcopalians gathered in Baltimore, in July for the “It’s All About Love: A Festival For the Jesus Movement.” Several Christ Church parishioners attended and will share what they learned and experienced so that we might be energized and full of fresh ideas! Join us in the Meade Room!

Join a Teacher Team

Sunday School needs you! Sign up to join a teacher team today to help our littlest parishioners grow in faith—you’ll be surprised at how your own faith deepens as you share it with others. If you have one or two Sundays a month, there is room for you in Sunday School. All lessons plans and materials are provided. Email Ariel for more information, and be sure to join us on Sunday September 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library for a teacher catch up and introductions.

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 life-long 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 for many is baptism, confirmation, reception from another Christian tradition or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Classes begin mid-September. Contact Jessica Williams at jessicawilliams@gmail.com to sign up.

Education for Ministry (EfM)
Many people feel the need to explore the Bible and theological issues in a way that supports their faith and helps them to express that faith in day-to-day life. Education for Ministry is a means to satisfy that desire. The EfM group at Christ Church meets on Wednesday evenings beginning in September. The EfM program from the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee covers the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and theological issues in our lives. It is a four-year course of study but can be taken one year at a time. Study is in a group of six to twelve students and the course is guided by trained mentors. Regular prayer and theological reflection are important aspects of the group’s life together. To explore joining the EfM group, or get more information, contact Ridge Mulpop at 703-609-9559 or Baritone58@gmail.com.

OUTREACH & MISSION
For information, contact Melanie Gray at mggray@ccalex.org or 703.778.4937

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/3Rwu9f9) 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/3x1uwa. 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY
For information, contact
Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org
Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at rlaughton@ccalex.org

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 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

- Carla Rosati and Carol Lowe for their work with the Chancel Chapter.

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 reach out to others with emails and texts, it is good to remember that a card with a personal message can really brighten someone's day. You will find a variety of cards in the Gift Shop. We have Caspari cards for many occasions, cards by local artists Eric and Caroline Hottenstein, photographic scenes by Paul Lebras and locally printed cards by Brake, Inc. We have cards by the All-Saints Sisters with religious sentiments and beautiful cards with pictures of the church by various artists. Come by the shop and find a card that will send a little joy to someone you know.

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

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Pouyan Meghdadian
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