

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

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. An infant caring room is 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 – Welcome Bishop James Joseph “Bud” Shand
Bishop’s Reception | Follows the 10:00 a.m. worship service**

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Children’s Chapel
11:15 a.m. Bishop’s Reception
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
7:00 p.m. Vestry – Meade Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – Teen Center
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

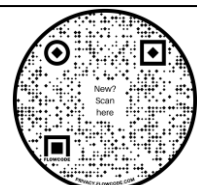
THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send submissions of 50 words or less to ParishLife@ccalex.org.

Stewardship Corner

Are you new to Christ Church?

We're so glad you're here.

Do you smile every Sunday when we say,
"God loves a cheerful giver!"

We do, too.

Give through our Shelby app so we can say, "Thank you!"

Christ Church is grateful for you.

Learn more about our impact and how we fund mission
and ministry here bit.ly/427IM8J.

This thriving community depends on you.

Join us and pledge today! bit.ly/CCPledgeToday or see the
QR code in the bulletin.

Bishop's Visit & Reception | Today

The Rt. Rev. James Joseph "Bud" Shand will join us at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service for baptism, reception, reaffirmation, and confirmation. A reception to honor all will follow in the churchyard, weather permitting.

Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry Forum | April 28

9:00 a.m. Meade Room

You may have heard about our Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry, but do you know about all the hard work and love that goes into ensuring our most vulnerable neighbors stay housed with their basic needs met? Join Lazarus Financial Ministry volunteers to hear stories about how our faith in action gives our neighbors steady ground to stand on, a shoulder to lean on, and a listening ear when they need it the most. From a guest: *In my most trying moments Christ Church Lazarus Ministry has been there when I wasn't able to pay my rent and utilities when I was trying to keep everything together. They didn't judge and they told me it will be okay and keep going and I did and I am never ashamed to ask for help from Lazarus Ministry.*

Dinner Church | May 1

The first Wednesday of the month means Dinner Church! From 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, we will offer a special dinner for everyone. There will be a short "Service of Word and Table" during dinner for everyone to participate in together, and a special craft corner for kids.

Choral Evensong | May 5

Our final choral evensong of this program year will be on Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 pm. The choir will sing works by Edward Bairstow, George Dyson, and Philip Radcliffe. The choir will be joined by Zach Hemenway as organist. Mr. Hemenway is Director of Music at the Church of the Epiphany in Seattle. He will play an extended prelude beginning at 4:40. A festive reception hosted by our Mission and Outreach ministries will follow the service. All are invited to attend!

LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith | Library

First and Third Thursday of the month | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

LGBTQ+ parishioners gather every first and third Thursday for conversation about the relationship between their spiritual journeys and their coming out journeys. Through prayerful study of scripture in a safe, open, and loving space, we will seek a deeper understanding of our faith, our lived experiences, and our relationship with Jesus. For more information, please contact Terry Brown.

terrymbrown1@me.com.

Shrine Mont Parish Weekend | Register Now!

This Fathers' Day Weekend (June 14-16) join the Christ Church community for its annual parish retreat at Shrine Mont. Nestled in the Shenandoah Mountains, Shrine Mont provides "a place apart" for us all to disconnect from the every day. Relax and do very little or partake in a full schedule of activities, hearty meals, spiritual reflection, and plenty of good fellowship. All meals, lodging and activities included in the registration fee. Shrine Mont is for EVERYONE—singles, couples, families, long-time Christ Church members and those new to the church. Great memories and new friends await you! Ask questions and register at the table in the churchyard after services or register here:

bit.ly/CCAlexShrineMont24. Discounted registration for Shrine Mount ends May 10! Early registrations are

appreciated for planning purposes. After May 10, acceptance of registration will be dependent on space availability. Email Angela Mills or Jaclyn Moyer at

ccshrinemontparishretreat@gmail.com.

250th Anniversary Store – Closing Soon!

Our 250th Anniversary store is closing soon. Shop online for your last chance to get some Christ Church anniversary swag! bit.ly/250Store

Fellowship Groups Forming

Christ Church is blessed to be a large, vibrant community, but this also means that there may be parishioners whose paths have not crossed yet through worship services, volunteering, serving on committees, etc. Fellowship Dinner Groups aims to provide more opportunities for us to become a more connected community. Participants will be randomly put into groups of six households. Over the course of six months, each person will take turns organizing an event for the group to gather. It can be as simple or grand as you want; a dinner party, casual potluck, grabbing coffee together, or going for a walk. We hope this will allow people to get to know each other more deeply and make a large church feel smaller. Sign up by April 22!

To participate, sign up here <https://bit.ly/3Inqs2k>. Email Mary Daly at dalymandc@yahoo.com with any questions, or Nancy Marsden at njemarsden@gmail.com for any issues with the form.

Cleaned Your Attic Lately?

Believe it or not, we have the answer! The Christ Church Archives (yes, we do have them) is looking for files, paper or electronic, pertaining to former work you have done for our church. Perhaps they are in your attic, or basement! Thanks to the able management of Marilyn Bromley and Pat Henkel,

our archival information is much better organized to receive what may be missing from our files. Contact Marilyn at mmbromley@comcast.net or by phone at 703.338.9640. Pickup and delivery free.

FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons at rector@ccalex.org or 703.549.1450

Lectionary Bible Study | Library | Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Ever wonder why that piece of scripture is in the Bible or what it means? Show up to the sermon and wish you knew more? This Bible study is for you! We'll read the lessons appointed for the day and conduct a brief study.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

APRIL OUTREACH: PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Many Lazarus Food Pantry guests buy items to supplement what they receive at the food pantry with their SNAP benefits. These benefits, however, do not cover personal hygiene products. The Food Pantry has long provided these products one week a month, but it is clear the guests would like items to be offered more frequently. We are planning on gradually increasing availability, starting with twice a month. Help us meet this goal by donating items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, shaving supplies, and body lotion. You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online

(<https://amzn.to/3vZXOBv>) and ship to

Christ Church ATTN: Outreach at
118 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

ALIVE! Furniture Ministry | Saturday, April 27

Can you help lift a couch? How about a pillow? Join Christ Church parishioners for service and fellowship and help Alexandrian's in need. We meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, pick up furniture from donors, and deliver to Alexandrians in need... all in one morning! Contact Matt Zahn at matthew.zahn@gmail.com to lend a hand.

Do You Speak Spanish? The Lazarus Ministry needs You!

The Lazarus Financial Assistance Ministry urgently needs volunteers to help us serve our Spanish-speaking guests. Training will be provided. Please contact Melanie Gray at mgray@ccalex.org if you are interested in learning more or volunteering with this important ministry.

Lazarus Food Pantry Grocery Delivery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to drive groceries on Thursday to people in Alexandria who are homebound. For more information, please contact Anne Shackleton, shackletonam@gmail.com.

Our Little Roses Mission is Seeking New Co-Chairs

Might you be called?

Our Little Roses (OLR) was founded in 1988 to create a faith-based sanctuary for girls in Honduras with no safe place to live. Some are orphans and some are victims of abuse or abandonment. All are victims of poverty so extreme their lives are at risk. Co-chairs coordinate with the Christ Church community and represent us in communications with OLR staff. This year our time with the girls, whether in person, online or a hybrid-version is Monday July 22 through Saturday July 28. We are looking for new co-leaders who will be trained and supported by our current leadership team Anne Reed and Jane Baird. For more information, please email Melanie Gray, Director of Outreach and Mission, mgray@ccalex.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at rlaughter@ccalex.org

Youth Faith Formation Help Needed

Calling all teachers! If you're interested in getting to know our 8th graders better while also learning how different characters and stories from scripture continue to speak to us today, then have we got an opportunity for you. We're looking to expand our roster of leaders for 8th Grade Faith Formation and we need your help! This questions and conversation-based class comes with a pre-prepared curriculum and is easily adaptable to your interests. If you're interested, or want to learn more, please contact Robbie at youth@ccalex.org.

Regional Youth Field Games Night | April 21 6:00p.m.

Grace Church, 3601 Russell Rd.

Episcopal Youth from across Alexandria are gathering on Sunday, April 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Grace Church for a night of field games! Whether you want to run around or embrace your Zen and have a more chill experience, this is the night for you! We're asking for an RSVP and a \$5 donation per person to offset the cost of dinner, but everyone is welcome on the night. Let Robbie know if you have questions, and we'll see you then! Click here to RSVP at bit.ly/3vQdw2f.

BLESSINGS ON

- JoAnn Ackerman, Richard Ackerman, Ruth Arnold, Jane Baird, Glen Hewitt, Mary Hobbie, Liz Jones, Kirk Kitchen, Michele Smith, Ann Spitler, Rusty Vellek, and Maude Williams for delivering Meals on Wheels on April 17.

SPRING2ACTION EARLY GIVING IS OPEN!

Alexandria's annual day of generosity is coming up on April 24, and this year we are hoping to raise \$35,000 for our Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry. The Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry helps Alexandria residents whose budgets don't have room for unexpected expenses and where just a few hundred dollars can be the difference between staying current on rent, keeping the lights on or paying a medical bill. Your generosity makes this ministry possible ~ in 2023, thanks to your help, we were open 24 weeks of the year, and we funded 311 requests for assistance with rent, utilities, medical bills, and other household expenses. Help set us on a strong path toward achieving our Spring2Action goal by donating today. bit.ly/ChristChurchS2A

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.

Welcome spring by coming to the Gift Shop! We have Mother's Day cards and gift suggestions. We also have new "Seedy Cards" to send and then plant! The "Leaves of Life" necklaces are on display with scarves in spring colors. We hope to see you soon.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY, CLERGY, AND STAFF

Vestry

Steve Reed, '26, *Sr. Warden*
Jay Purcell Manchester '26, *Jr Warden*
Jack Hutcheson '25, Susan Magill '25
Andrea McNicholas '25
Betsy Powell '25
Cornelia Horner '26
Ken Knapp '26
Kathleen Hickman '27
Nanette Lawson '27
Wendy Montes de Oca '27
Christopher Thompson '27
David Rees, *Treasurer*

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons
Rector
The Rev. Robbie Laughton
Associate Rector
The Rev. Abbott Bailey
Supply Vicar

Music

M. Jason Abel
Director of Music

Parish Office

Michelle Baize
Meredith Bracco
Liz Denson, Melanie Gray
Rosa Krewson
Ariel Rudy, Lia Sanchez
Julie Simonton

Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer