

# PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025

## 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 – KNIT/CROCHET TUTORIAL TEA | AUDITORIUM

After the 10:00 a.m. service, knitters and crocheters of all skill levels (including beginners!) are invited to a session of tips, techniques, and tools. Help make hats for the Christ Child Ministry!

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

For a listing of currently scheduled activities and meetings, visit [www.historicchristchurch.org/events](http://www.historicchristchurch.org/events)

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room  
11:30 a.m. Knitters & Crocheters' Tea – Auditorium  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### MONDAY, JULY 21

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 24

9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room

### FRIDAY, JULY 25

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

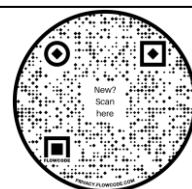
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

### AA • Al-Anon

Various groups meet regularly  
at Christ Church during the week.  
Please check our online calendar for specifics.  
([www.HistoricChristChurch.org/events](http://www.HistoricChristChurch.org/events))



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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send submissions of 50 words or less to [ParishLife@ccalex.org](mailto:ParishLife@ccalex.org).

### Did you know?

Christ Church receives no funding from our diocese or from the larger Episcopal church. In fact, dioceses and the larger Episcopal church are funded from individual churches - not the other way around. This means that almost everything at Christ Church happens because of you and your faithful gifts.

This thriving community depends on you. Join us and pledge today! [bit.ly/CCPledgeToday](https://bit.ly/CCPledgeToday) or see the QR code in the bulletin.

### Knit/Crochet Tutorial Tea | July 20

After the 10:00 a.m. service on July 20, Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels (including beginners!) are invited to a session of tips, techniques, and tools. Learn about methods of knitting/crocheting hats for children aged 1-17 as part of the Christ Child Ministry. Bring projects you're working on or bring your curiosity. Several crafters will be on hand to answer questions about anything from cast on, bind off, magic crochet circle, to knit in the round! Materials and patterns will be available for newcomers who want to make a hat. We have made nearly 50 hats for this year's Christ Child Ministry but need 150 more. Please join us!

### Christ Church Young Adults Trivia | July 21

Astro in Shirlington Village, 4001 Campbell Ave  
On the third Monday of every month, Christ Church Young Adults gather for Trivia. We'll aim to be there between 6 and 6:30 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start time, but join us when you can! For more information contact Robbie at [rlaughter@ccalex.org](mailto:rlaughter@ccalex.org).

### LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First and Third Thursday of the month | Library  
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 at [terrymbrown1@me.com](mailto:terrymbrown1@me.com).

### Summer Churchyard Cookout | August 13

Grab your picnic blankets and camp chairs and join your Christ Church friends for burgers, delicious side dishes, fellowship, and evening prayers in the churchyard on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. To help, email Melanie at [mgray@ccalex.org](mailto:mgray@ccalex.org).

### It's Christmas in July!

Every year the beloved Christ Child Ministry helps working families provide their children Christmas presents and a meal. Last year, parishioners' generous gifts meant we were able to give gift cards and gifts to 77 families from the local Boys and Girls Club, our Lazarus Ministry, and our Refugee Ministry,

bringing joy to 205 kids. This year, we're celebrating "Christmas in July" with a goal of raising \$45,000 for the 2025 Christ Child Ministry. How can you celebrate? Sing along to Christmas carols at select services in July. Say hello to our Christ Child elves outside of church after the services on July 20 and 27 and make your donation!

[bit.ly/ChristChildinJuly](https://bit.ly/ChristChildinJuly)

### Daughter's Enrollment Now Open

Daughters of the King's annual enrollment period is now open. If you've been seeking a deeper prayer life and a habit of daily prayer, now is the time to act. Daughters is a national woman's order within the Episcopal Church. We vow to pray daily, support our parish, and spread our faith. At Christ Church, our 40-plus Daughters range in age from early 30s to over 90. We're single, married, mothers of young kids, empty nesters, at the start of our careers, in the busy heart of work, and long retired. Wherever we are in our lives, we long to deepen our relationship with God and open ourselves to pray for others who need confidential prayer. We also have a lot of fun. Come pray with us! For more information, contact President Nancy Knapp, [nvknapp@aol.com](mailto:nvknapp@aol.com), 571-212-4581.

### Summer Socials Begin Soon

Get to know your neighbors who attend Christ Church by attending one of our Summer Socials. Parishioners are opening their homes and backyards for these social events during August. To help hosts plan for the event, registration is required. Event dates, details and the sign up available here: [bit.ly/3GHZCVM](https://bit.ly/3GHZCVM). Questions? Email Julie Simonton at [jsimonton@ccalex.org](mailto:jsimonton@ccalex.org). \* Do you live in 22307, 22308 or 22309 and want to host? Let us know!

### Join the Christ Church Choir!

Do you read music? Would you like to join a robust community of singers who help to lead worship at Christ Church? Would you like to instantly make friends with 40+ members of the parish? Consider joining the Christ Church Choir. There are a few rehearsals happening during the summer to be better prepared once the program year begins in September. If you are interested, please contact the Director of Music, Jason Abel, at [jabel@ccalex.org](mailto:jabel@ccalex.org) for more information.

### Help Make Weddings Run Smoothly

Do you enjoy being part of meaningful moments and helping things go off without a hitch? Be a Wedding Docent! We are looking for volunteers to serve in this key role in making wedding days at our church joyful and well-organized. The Wedding Docent attends the rehearsal to learn the ceremony details, welcomes and directs vendors (like the florist and photographer), coordinates with ushers and attendants, assists the priest with logistics on the day of the wedding, and helps guide the couple and wedding party as the ceremony begins. Interested? Email Meredith for more information at [mbracco@ccalex.org](mailto:mbracco@ccalex.org)

### Come Join the Chancel Chapter!

Known in some churches as the “altar guild,” the Christ Church Chancel Chapter sets up our altar for worship and cares for all of the items we need to celebrate and worship God together. Members spend time each week setting up the altar, caring for linens and silver, and helping to plan services with clergy and other lay volunteers. We are looking for more members to join this satisfying and important ministry. Chancel Chapter members serve about once a month, always in groups of two or three. Training will be provided. Attention to detail and a good sense of humor are required! For more information or to express interest, please email Betsy Powell at [elizabethpull@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethpull@gmail.com).

### FAITH FORMATION

*For information, contact the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons at [rector@ccalex.org](mailto:rector@ccalex.org) or 703.549.1450*

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

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.

#### Education for Ministry

Are you interested in exploring how Scripture and Christian tradition intersects with experiences in your daily life? Do you want to talk with God but are not sure how? Consider joining our Education for Ministry (EfM) group at Christ Church. Administered by the School of Theology of the University of the South, EfM is a four-year program, taken a year at a time, that surveys Old Testament, New Testament, Christian history, and questions around ethics and spirituality. New for 2025-26 will be a “Wide Angle” program that offers, in a single academic year, an overview of all four parts of EfM's newly revised multimedia curriculum. Our in-person, small (6-10 person) group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from September to June. Here you will find a welcoming group of curious and thoughtful people who are exploring the traditional resources of Christianity amid modern perspectives on race, feminism and other faiths. What you can gain is wisdom. How you use it is up to you! Learn more about the curriculum at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>. For more information about EfM at Christ Church, contact Tom Hahn at [tshahn1@aol.com](mailto:tshahn1@aol.com) or 703-585-3933.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

*For information, contact*

*Children: Ariel Rudy at [arudy@ccalex.org](mailto:arudy@ccalex.org)*

*Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at [rlaughton@ccalex.org](mailto:rlaughton@ccalex.org)*

#### Pops in the Park | Saturday, August 9

At Franconia Park from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We have reserved the Tree House!

### Sign Up for Children's News

Did you know there is a monthly children's ministries newsletter full of photos, updates, reminders, and ideas for exploring faith at home? Whether you have kids or not, sign up here (<https://www.historicchristchurch.org/stay-in-touch>) to stay up to date on what the kids of Christ Church are up to!

### OUTREACH & MISSION

*For information, contact Melanie Gray at [mgray@ccalex.org](mailto:mgray@ccalex.org) or 703.778.4937*

#### JULY OUTREACH: PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry with some of our most popular staples, peanut butter and jelly. 16 oz jars (standard size) are preferred. You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online (<https://amzn.to/40g4CaF>) and ship to

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

#### Ladrey Bingo needs volunteers and prizes for July 31

Ladrey Bingo will be held on Thursday, July 31 at 300 Wythe Street in Old Town. The Ladrey building is public housing for senior citizens who are low income and people with disabilities. We come together at 5:00 to set up and play from 5:30-7:00. Volunteers help set up the prizes, call out the numbers, hand out snacks and water, etc. We could use donations of bath soap, body lotion, toilet paper, laundry detergent, paper towels, for prizes – These items cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps.) Please contact Trish Fineran [pafineran@gmail.com](mailto:pafineran@gmail.com) or Andrea McNicholas [alamcnicho@gmail.com](mailto:alamcnicho@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up.

#### Join our Refugee Ministry Care Team!

Volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. Help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help them thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! If you are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with our Refugee Coordinator, Cessilye, here: [bit.ly/3YtgowX](https://bit.ly/3YtgowX).

#### Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry Needs Greeters

The Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry is now at Fairlington Presbyterian Church at 3846 King Street on Thursday afternoons. We need volunteers to serve as greeters from 2:30 to 4:30, to let guests in to wait in the parlor, offer coffee, tea, water and snacks, and be with them while they wait to be seen by a counselor. Volunteers can sign up for shifts as their schedule allows. Please contact Liz Denson [ldenson@ccalex.org](mailto:ldenson@ccalex.org) if you are interested or want to learn more.

## BLESSINGS ON

- Last week's bag lunch ministry volunteers: Liz Denson, Amy Wilczynski, Karen Hill, Amy Bacon, Claire Chow, Emily Soapes, Michele Smith, Cara Alfano, Cindi Bartol, Mary Hobbie and Jon Smoot, Emily Bryan, and Mary Dixon and Jack Hutcheson.
- JoAnn Ackerman, Susan Anderson, Jane Baird, Marie Cataffo, Mary Hobbie, Liz Jones, Kirk Kitchen, Michele Smith, Ann Spitler, Hugh Trigg, and Rusty Vellek, for delivering Meals on Wheels on Wednesday, July 16.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FLOODING

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Texas flooding. The Flood Response Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery.

Donate here: [bit.ly/3lkgJNi](https://bit.ly/3lkgJNi).

## 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.*

Melinda's bees have been busy and now the spring and summer honey is on its way! We hope to have honey next week! In the meantime, we have our jams, jellies, peanuts and cashews for you to enjoy. Come by the Gift Shop and find a special treat to enjoy!

## CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY, CLERGY, AND STAFF

### Vestry

Steve Reed, '26, Sr. Warden  
Kathleen Hickman '27, Jr Warden  
Cornelia Horner '26  
Ken Knapp '26  
Jay Purcell Manchester '26  
Nanette Lawson '27  
Wendy Montes de Oca '27  
Christopher Thompson '27  
Jane Baird '28, Paula Dubberly '28  
Jessica Hughes '28, Steve Slaton '28

David Rees, *Treasurer*

### Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons  
*Rector*  
The Rev. Robbie Laughton  
*Associate Rector*  
The Rev. Abbott Bailey  
*Priest Associate*

### Music

M. Jason Abel  
*Director of Music*

### Parish Office

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

### Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian  
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer