

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JULY 27, 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 – 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, JULY 27

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, JULY 28

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

TUESDAY, JULY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

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

THURSDAY, JULY 31

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

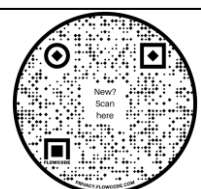
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Various groups meet regularly
at Christ Church during the week.
Please check our online calendar for specifics.
(www.HistoricChristChurch.org/events)



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Time to Check it Out!

Mid-year contribution statements are headed your way next week. YAY!

This is a terrific chance to ensure your support for ministries that are important to you. Keep an eye on your inbox (or mailbox if we don't have your e-mail). And ... if you haven't pledged for 2025 yet - give it a go! We have five more months to answer God's call at Christ Church in 2025. Join us and pledge today! bit.ly/CCPledgeToday or see the QR code in the bulletin.

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 27 and make your donation! bit.ly/ChristChildinJuly

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.

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.

Summer Socials | Sign up Today!

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/45fmkgU. Questions? Email Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org. * Do you live in 22307, 22308 or 22309 and want to host? Let us know!

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, nknapp@aol.com, 571-212-4581.

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 for more information.

Want Your Child to Succeed in Life?

Enroll your child in one of our children's choirs this fall. Registration information will go out later in August but know that children ages 4 and up are welcome to join one of the Christ Church Choirs. Two children's choirs rehearse weekly on Wednesday afternoons (Cherub Choir for children ages 4-6/7 and Cherub Choir for children 8 and up). Research overwhelmingly reveals how children involved in music from a young age develop stronger cognitive, emotional, social, and physical skills compared to those with no musical involvement before the age of 10. Being part of a choir also helps to boost confidence while promoting discipline and cultural understanding. Additionally, singing in choir allows children to deepen their spiritual practices while learning more about our faith traditions and customs. Please consider enrolling your child(ren) in one of our choirs this fall!

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

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.

FAITH FORMATION

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

Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays at 9:00 a.m. | Library Resumes next week!

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.

Forum: Addressing Mental Health in Ukraine

August 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

When a nation is at war, mental health often takes a back seat to the physical well-being of the people involved. Dr. Olya Zaporozhets, Ph.D., Co-Founder & President of International Mental Health Consulting, Inc., based in Virginia, and the Open Doors Center for Psychological Counseling in Kyiv, Ukraine, is working to bring better trauma therapy resources to areas plagued by war. She splits her time between the U.S., Ukraine, and traveling throughout Europe and the Middle East promoting awareness of mental health needs in Ukraine, supporting the EMDR therapy community, and consulting with mental health professionals.

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 or 703-585-3933.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at 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 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 or Andrea McNicholas alamcnicho@gmail.com with questions or to sign up.

It's Gleaning Season!

Each Saturday, Christ Church parishioners collect donations from farms and vendors that sell produce, baked goods, and dairy items at the Old Town Farmer's Market at Market Square. Volunteers meet at 11:40 a.m. to hand out crates to donating farmers. The vendors fill up the crates after the market closes at noon, then we take the food back to Christ Church, and we finish by 1:00 p.m. This food is then distributed at our Lazarus Food Pantry. Anyone interested can contact Andrea McNicholas at alamcnicho@gmail.com for more information. All who sign up will be sent additional instructions and information.

BLESSINGS ON

- The parishioners who shopped, cooked and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter, Barb Boehm, Milly and Lenny Marsico, Bradley McAllister, Paul Lebras, Joe and Carol Shull, Michaela Shaughnessy and Cornelia Horner.
- Sandra Thompson, Jan and Steve Slayton, Anne Ramsey and Cindi Barol for making the Knitting and Crocheting Tutorial and Tea last Sunday such a success for the Christ Child Ministry!

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.

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.

The Christ Church honey is here! Despite a difficult winter and spring for the bees, with Melinda Husdon's loving care, we now have beautiful spring/summer honey. Come by the Gift Shop and replenish your honey supply! If you are new to our special honey, we have small sizes to try. We hope you will come to the Gift Shop and give our honey a try!

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