

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 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, AUGUST 3

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
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room
7:30 p.m. LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith – Library

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

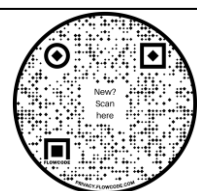
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

AA • Al-Anon

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



118 N. Washington St. Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: 703.549.1450 • Fax: 703.549.5883
www.HistoricChristChurch.org



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Time to Check it Out!

Mid-year contribution statements have gone out. YAY!

This is a terrific chance to ensure your support for ministries that are important to you. Check your inbox (or mailbox if we don't have your e-mail) to see if it's arrived. 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.

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 prepared by the Foundation, fellowship, evening prayers and kid's activities in the churchyard on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.! To get more information or learn how you can help, email Melanie at mgray@ccalex.org.

Summer Socials | Sign up NOW!

Get to know your neighbors who attend Christ Church by attending one of our August Summer Socials. Parishioners are opening their homes and backyards for these special events. 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.

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, 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 elizabethpwill@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
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.

Outreach Ministries Forum | August 17

Meade Room | 9:00 a.m.

Christ Church is home to 14 extraordinary Outreach Ministries. In these challenging times, our work in Alexandria is needed more than ever. Join Melanie Gray, Director of Outreach and Mission, Liz Denson, Assistant Director of Outreach and Mission and Cessily Smith, Refugee Ministry Coordinator to learn about our ministries and the over 200 volunteers who make them thrive and discover how they are adapting to meet the urgent needs of Alexandrians today.

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 rlaughter@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 (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

AUGUST OUTREACH: PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, AND CANNED FAVORITES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry with some of our most popular staples: pasta, pasta sauce, canned fish, canned fruit and canned tomatoes. 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.

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

- Kris Lebras for her many years of welcoming newcomers to our parish on the Christ Church Welcome Team
- Jayne Osgood, Anne Ramsey, Larry Sherrod, Robert Homer-Drummond, Megan Bower, John and Andrea McNicholas for participating in the gleanings ministry during this steamy July - collecting pounds of beautiful produce from the farmers market for our neighbors.
- Michael Bergin, Scott Harmon, Russ Haymes, Amy Prahar, and Tom Suydam for delivering checks for the Lazarus Financial Ministry.
- The parishioners who donated to the Christ Child Ministry during Christmas in July.

BZZZZ... BZZZZ...BZZZZ

The bees are on the move! In order to paint and repair the windows on the north side of the parish house, our beehive will be temporarily relocated behind the church in the churchyard. Thank you for watching them from a respectful distance. We will have them back in their original home by the end of August.

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.

If you haven't been by the Gift Shop lately, come on by and have a look. We have beautiful new scripture stones in various colors and sizes. We still have a variety of cards with spring and summer flowers and new summer napkins. We have new Anglican Rosaries hand made by Kris Lebras and Susan Bowman. We provide a pamphlet with suggested prayers with each Rosary. The spring/summer honey is ready for you to try and of course, we have jams, jellies and peanuts. We hope to see you soon!

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