

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

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 –

Annual Meeting | Church, after the 10:00 a.m. service
Choral Evensong | 5:00 p.m. Featuring the music of Herbert Howells, one of the most important British composers of the 20th century. Guest organist Chris Betts will play an extended prelude beginning at 4:40. Reception follows.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting – Church
- 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
- 6:00 p.m. Evensong Reception – Meade Room

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Church
- 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir – Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner Church
- 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – Teen Center
- 7:00 p.m. Movie Night – Meade Room
- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

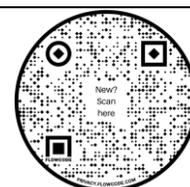
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Take a look ...

... at our Annual Report to see the many parishioners who fill our pews – and who also have made their 2026 financial commitment to support Christ Church’s missions and ministry. With the gifts of so many, we can plan our thriving support for the good and holy work in this community.

If you’ve not yet pledged, join in by completing a card in your pew or through our website. **All gifts are always welcome. There’s no minimum to express your gratitude to God!** Questions? Contact Julie Simonton. She loves e-mails and phone calls from Christ Church’s *cheerful givers!*

Connect today at jsimonton@ccalex.org or call 703.778.4935.

Annual Meeting | Today

This year’s Annual Meeting will be after the 10:00 a.m. service. The livestream will continue for viewing purposes only. Children are invited to join Ariel in the Meade Room for snacks, crafts, and fun!

March Evensong | Today | 5:00 p.m.

The Christ Church Choir will sing the next Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m. The service will feature the music of Herbert Howells, one of the most important British composers of the 20th century. The service will be accompanied by organist Chris Betts, who will play an extended prelude beginning at 4:40. Mr. Betts is a former organist at Washington National Cathedral and St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Houston. He presently serves as Managing Director of Solid State Organ Systems and will serve as our organist here at Christ Church after Easter when Jason goes on sabbatical. Please plan to join us to hear some truly inspiring music. A reception will follow.

Dinner Church | March 4

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.

Watch the *Bonhoeffer* Documentary | March 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Following Dinner Church, head to the Meade Room for a viewing of the documentary *Bonhoeffer* by director Martin Doblmeier. Whether or not you are planning to join our Lenten book study of Bonhoeffer’s *The Cost of Discipleship*, the story of this renown theologian and Nazi resister is profoundly necessary in our own day. No RSVP necessary!

Meet the Vestry Candidates | March 8

This year’s candidates for Vestry will be announced at the Annual Meeting on March 1. Meet the candidates at coffee

hour after the 10:00 a.m. service on March 8 in the Meade Room. Vestry elections are Sunday, March 15.

Monday Concert Series | March 9 | 12:15 p.m.

Second Monday of the Month | March through May
The series resumes in March with 4-Hand Piano works by Mozart, Schubert, and Barber; featuring Sean Burns and Jason Abel. There is no admission for these concerts, though we hope audience members will support the series with a goodwill donation of any amount (suggested amount: \$10). These 45-minute programs include solo performers and chamber musicians based in DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. The full schedule is here:

www.historicchristchurch.org/music

Democracy Circle | March 15 | Teen Center

The Democracy Circle meets the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Teen Center. The Democracy Circle provides us with an opportunity to accept the Presiding Bishop’s call for Episcopalians to be “Christians who seek to practice our faith fully in a free and fair democracy.” Please contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

Visiting Choir | March 22

We are pleased that the Barksdale Treble Chorus from The College of William & Mary will be returning to Christ Church to perform Sunday, March 22 as part of their spring tour. We are looking for members of the parish to host their singers the evening of Saturday, March 21. Hosts would be asked to:

1. House two singers at minimum the evening of Saturday, March 21 (they come in pairs so no one goes to a house alone)
2. Provide the singers with a light breakfast on Sunday morning (ex. muffins, fruit, etc.)
3. Bring the singers to church early the morning of Sunday, March 22 (exact time TBD)

We would be very grateful to parishioners who would be willing to host the members of the chorus, who will be enriching our worship. If you are interested, please fill out the form: bit.ly/4s4Avya. Email Nancy Marsden with questions njemarsden@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.

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.

Praying the Way of the Cross | March 4 | 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the church before or after Dinner Church for a spiritual pilgrimage through the Stations of the Cross. We will follow in the footsteps of Christ from his trial to the tomb. Each station includes prayers of remembrance of Christ's sacrificial love and prayers for our world. You are invited to walk any or all of the stations or to pray from the pews. You can also take a turn at reading prepared prayers and offer your own petitions, either silently or aloud. This annual Lenten observance is sponsored by the Daughters of the King.

Lent Forum Series – New Testament Apocrypha

March 8, 15, 22 | Meade Room | 9:00 a.m.

Join Robbie over three weeks as we explore early Christian writings that were not included in the New Testament. We'll survey some of the more well-known apocryphal books, discuss why they didn't make the cut, and explore how some of these writings still inform our traditions and culture today.

Covenant Class Begins in March

Covenant Class is an 11-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. Classes begin March 11. Contact Jessica Williams at jessicavwilliams@gmail.com to sign up.

Sunday Lunch with Dr Marty Wheeler Burnett

March 15 | 11:30 a.m. | Auditorium

Come have lunch with Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett, the Associate Professor of Church Music and Director of Chapel Music at Virginia Theological Seminary. She will speak about her new book, *Shapers of The Hymnal 1982*. This work discusses at length the history of the creation and production of our denomination's primary hymnal. She will have interesting stories to share related to the publication of The Hymnal 1982. Dr. Burnett's book is available in the Gift Shop. Come prepared to learn more about the resources we use each week to sing our prayers and praises. A light lunch will be provided.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

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

Collecting Collage Materials

Children's ministries wants your magazines and books for collages, cards, and other crafts in Sunday School! National Geographics (from any year) are ideal, but books/magazines

focused on plants, animals, cooking, decorating, or fashion work well too. Please skim your materials to make sure they are appropriate for children before donating and please no Us Weekly, People, or Cosmopolitan. Materials can be bagged, labeled for Ariel, and left at the front desk.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

MARCH: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: plain oatmeal (not instant), pasta sauce, and can openers. It's hard to open a can without a decent can opener. 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.

Spanish Speaking Volunteers Needed

We need Spanish speaking translators to help with the Lazarus Financial Ministry either remotely or in person on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until roughly 5:00 p.m. Sign up when you can. Training provided. We have more Spanish speaking residents calling for help than ever and many of them are very frightened and need financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical bills. Please reach out to Liz Denson at ldenson@ccalex.org for more details.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Amy Wilczynski, Mary Dixon & Jack Hutcheson, Claudia Ellet, Amy Bacon, Maryann Jones, Emily Soapes, Maude Williams, Ruth Arnold, Cara Alfano, Claire Chow, and Emily Bryan for making and serving Bag Lunches at Meade Memorial Church. Amy Wilczynski, Maryann Jones, and Roseanne Bennett for making soups served during bag lunch service.
- The Shrove Tuesday Crew for pancakes, gumbo, and the greatest celebration in town: Alan Adenan, Amy Bacon, Megan Bower, Brian Butcher, Bob Cady, Paula Dubberly, Bridget Floyd, Andrew Floyd, Tom Hahn, Jenna Mayer, Jean Mayhan, Emily Meeks, Blakely Mulder, Jan Slaton, Charleen Smith-Riedel, Elizabeth Trigg, Libby Witt. With over 110 people, it was our largest yet. Thank you!

OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME A COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR GOD'S WORK AT CHRIST CHURCH

For the last year, we have been working to develop a plan for our ministries and beloved campus that will meet the needs of our growing, thriving parish and serve the Christ Church community for generations to come. At the core of this work is ministry – to serve, to welcome, to include, and to grow with our hearts and minds always focused on God. We recently held our first campaign forums and distributed our feasibility case statement. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you were unable to attend, our feasibility case statement may be found bit.ly/CaseStatement22026, and hard copies are in the rack outside our chapel.

Later this month all parishioners will receive a survey so that you may share your insights on our ministry and future. Thank you for giving your time to help us discern the best next steps for Christ Church! Contact Julie Simonton at jsimonton@cclalex.org or 703.778.4935 for more information.

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.

Come by the Gift Shop to be prepared for family celebrations and special events! We have cards and gifts for birthdays, engagements, weddings, Baptisms and graduations. We also have get well cards, sympathy cards and cards that just let someone know they are not forgotten. We hope you will stop by soon and find something special for someone special.

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. Beth Bingham
Associate Rector

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