

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF MARCH 8, 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 –

Lent Forum Series | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

New Testament Apocrypha

Meet the Vestry Candidates | Coffee Hour | Meade Room

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library
9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum – Meade Room
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
(www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlexandria)
12:15 p.m. Monday Concert

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
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
7:00 p.m. Covenant Class – Meade Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

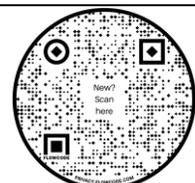
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Meet the Vestry Candidates | March 8

This year’s slate of six candidates are running for a three-year term on the Vestry. In alphabetical order, they are: Carrie Ann Alford, Jim Arrison, Jim Beattie, Janet Beckman, David Halwig, Jenna Mayer, Julie Sauter, and Christianne Witten. Meet the candidates at coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Meade Room. Vestry elections are Sunday, March 15.

Vestry Election 2025 | March 15

Four candidates will be elected to serve, replacing Vestry members who are completing their term of service. All members of Christ Church aged 16 and above are eligible to vote. Results will be announced the following week, and the nominees will be commissioned at a future service. Paper ballots and electronic voting will be available. Watch your email for instructions!

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.historichristchurch.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/4s4Arya. Email Nancy Marsden with questions njemarsden@gmail.com.

Easter Special Gifts

Remember loved ones this Easter with a special gift. Mail in the envelope included with your preprinted offering envelopes, select Easter Special Gifts online at bit.ly/ChristChurchOnlineGiving, or send a check with "Easter Special Gifts" in the memo line to Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St, Alexandria VA 22314 by March 30. Please include a note with the name of your loved one and if your gift is to honor or remember them.

FAITH FORMATION

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

Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays | 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 terrybrown1@me.com.

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.

Adult Baptisms | Easter Vigil | April 4

It is our practice at Christ Church to baptize adults at our Easter Vigil service. If you would like to participate this year you can contact Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org to inquire and learn how to start the process.

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), canned soups, canned beans and canned vegetables. 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.

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.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Those who donated groceries and cooked and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter: Claire Chow, Jim Beattie, Rosanne Bennett, Christine Jones, Joe Shull, Carol Shull, Rob Spiller, Robin Campbell, Micaela Shaughnessy, Barb Boehm, and Bradley McAllister.
- The parishioners who provided food and beverages, served and hosted our incredible Choral Evensong Reception, Cindi Bartol. Anne Ramsey, Steve and Jan Slayton, Denise Jean Claude, Karen Hill, Barbara Fallon, Virginia Amos, Barb Boehm, Claire Chow, Andrea McNicholas, Amy Bacon and Jane Baird.

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.

Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett will be speaking about her new book *Shapers of the Hymnal 1982* on Sunday, March 15. We have copies of her book in the Gift Shop and hope you will stop by to pick up a copy for her to sign. We also have the Hymnal and The Book of Common Prayer/Hymnal combination available in the Gift Shop. We hope you will visit us 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. 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