

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF MARCH 22, 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 – WELCOME BARKSDALE TREBLE CHORUS

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

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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 23

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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
6:45 p.m. Lent Book Study - St. John's Room
7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – Teen Center
7:00 p.m. Covenant Class – Meade Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

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 27

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

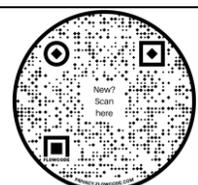
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Your insight matters – take the campaign survey before Monday!

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.

The next step in this exciting work is a feasibility study survey: bit.ly/47rJlOm

Your participation is essential.

The feasibility study gives everyone at Christ Church an opportunity to express their views and opinions regarding our church and its plans in a confidential survey.

Your participation allows us to discern the best path to plan and proceed.

Thank you for your time and for sharing your perspective.

Contact Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org or 703.778.4935 for more information.

Make Easter Cards for Pastoral Care | Today

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join the children of Christ Church in making Easter cards during Coffee Hour in the Meade Room today. These cards, along with spring flowers, will be delivered to parishioners who are not able to join us for worship on Easter on March 29. All materials and guidance will be provided!

Visiting Choir | Today

We are pleased that the Barksdale Treble Chorus from The College of William & Mary will be returning to Christ Church to perform as part of their spring tour.

Palm Sunday Easter Flower Delivery | March 29

Help in sharing the joy of Christ by delivering Easter flowers to a fellow parishioner who is homebound and unable to attend Easter services. The flowers will be ready for pickup in the Parish House foyer following the morning services.

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.

Taizé for Lent | April 1 | Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

The Taizé Community in France is an ecumenical monastic community that celebrates Christ together with music and prayer. Join us in the auditorium for this special service filled with the music of Taizé and prayers for the season.

Maundy Thursday: Agape Meal and Holy Eucharist

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, we will commemorate the institution of the Eucharist by celebrating an Agape Meal in the Auditorium, where we will share a simple meal together, hear the story of the night when Jesus broke bread with the disciples, and pray as we dine together. Following the Agape meal, we will process over to the church for the service of Holy Eucharist. The Agape meal starts at 6:00 p.m. The Eucharist starts at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Noon Worship | April 3

At the noon service on Good Friday, April 3, the music will feature Alessandro Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater*. This beautiful Italian Baroque work vividly recounts the emotions of the Virgin Mary at Christ's crucifixion. Soloists Margot Rood and Emily Marvosh (a celebrated contralto from Boston) will be joined by a string consort in offering an historically informed performance made possible by those who donated to our Friends of Music fund this year. The work will be sung in the context of our traditional Good Friday liturgy. This service is a joint worship with St. Paul's Alexandria. The Rev Ruthanna Hooke will be our guest preacher.

We Need Your Help Decorating for Easter

On Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m. (following our Holy Saturday service), we need your help to get our church ready for Easter. If you have an hour to give, please consider joining us. Email Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org if you can participate.

Flowering the Easter Cross | April 5

On Easter Sunday, you're invited to bring your favorite flower to adorn the large, white cross that is part of our worship. It can be one flower or many, from your yard or from a store. The cross will be in the churchyard for Easter Sunday services. Just place your flowers on the cross when you arrive.

Knit and Crochet April 12

The Christ Church Knitters and Crocheters make hats and scarves year-round for our Outreach ministries. We will be meeting April 12 after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Teen Center to organize for the year and knit and crochet together in friendship. Everyone is welcome! We will have yarn, patterns and expertise to share. For questions, please contact Barbara Ziegler at barzieg@mac.com.

Monday Concert Series | April 13 | 12:15 p.m.

Second Monday of the Month | March through May
April's concert will be Love, Loss, and Joy: Songs for New Beginnings; Nicole Plummer and Guzal Isametdinova. 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 | April 19 | 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.

Memorial Flowers

An often unknown part of our services is the reason behind our beautiful flower arrangements at the front of the church. They are called the Memorial Flowers because they are sponsored by parishioners to Honor, Celebrate, or Remember a person or group of people. We then add them to our Prayers of the People and we print them in our bulletins. The cost to sponsor is \$125. If you would like to contribute, contact Amy Wilczynski at amyelizabeth0106@gmail.com for more information.

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 terrymbrown1@me.com.

Lent Forum Series – New Testament Apocrypha March 22 | Meade Room | 9:00 a.m.

Join Robbie 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.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

The Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil commemorates Jesus' time in prayer with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will hold our Vigil in the Chapel from 8:30 p.m., immediately after the Maundy Thursday service and stripping of the altar, until 6:30 a.m. on Good Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity for quiet contemplation. Security is provided. Please contact Brian Shannon at brian.p.shannon@gmail.com

with any questions. Sign up here: bit.ly/4rgPELL or look for the sign-up sheet on Sundays.

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.

The ALIVE! Furniture Trucks Roll Again! | April 4

Come out with your Christ Church friends Saturday, April 4 for a fun morning of furniture deliveries for ALIVE! We will meet at the Warehouse at 801 S. Payne Street at 8 am and expect to complete deliveries by 1:00 p.m. Young and old, strong, and less so, there's a need for you in this fun group activity. Contact Kevin Metz atkhmetz@gmail.com. Sign up: bit.ly/3Pf19IU

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...

- JoAnn Ackerman, Susan Anderson, Ruth Arnold, Jane Baird, Mary Hobbie, Jeanne Hoenicke, Liz Jones, Kirk Kitchen, Bob McIntyre, Michele Smith, Jon Smott, Ann Spittler, Rusty Vellek, and Maude Williams for delivering Meals on Wheels on March 18.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29 – Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist,
with Children’s Chapel
5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

March 30 & 31

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Chapel

April 1

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Chapel
12:05 p.m. – Holy Eucharist | Chapel
7:30 p.m. – Taizé Service | Auditorium

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Chapel
6:00 p.m. – Agape Meal | Auditorium
7:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar
9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. – Prayer Vigil | Chapel

April 3 – Good Friday

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer | Chapel

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth | McMurray
Commons

12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy
4:30 p.m. – Family Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

April 4 – Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. – Holy Saturday Liturgy | Chapel
7:30 p.m. – Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Baptism

April 5 – Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist | Churchyard
weather permitting
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Family Holy Eucharist | Auditorium
Easter Egg Hunt follows in churchyard
11:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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 to the Gift Shop to find small items of comfort for yourself or someone you know. We have olive wood pocket crosses from Bethlehem, smooth pocket stones with a cross or words of scripture, and pocket coins with scripture or prayers. We also have soft lambs to hold. We have beautiful Anglican rosaries hand made by Susan Bowman and Kris Labras. And we have beautiful cards to send just to show you care. 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