

# PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF APRIL 12, 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 –**  
**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](http://www.historicchristchurch.org/events)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room  
11:30 a.m. Knitters and Crocheters – Teen Center  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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, APRIL 17

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

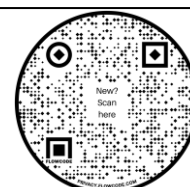
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

### AA • Al-Anon

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



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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send submissions of 50 words or less to [ParishLife@ccalex.org](mailto:ParishLife@ccalex.org).

### **We Need Your Help + A Gift for You**

Pledging is an important part of community life at Christ Church, comprising about 70% of our ministry budget. We're not quite there, though. You can join us today! If you contribute to God's mission and ministry at Christ Church, turn your contribution into a pledge so we may faithfully plan for the months ahead.

AND - in gratitude, you'll receive an only-at-Christ-Church thank you! Our 2026 gift is a bookmark that features shelves of books only found here. You'll see titles like "How to be a Cheerful Giver," "It's Time for Children's Chapel," and "I Ain't Afraid of No Ghosts: A Churchyard Tour".

Make a digital contribution and choose "2026 Pledge" or complete a card in your pew. One-time and recurring options are available.

Help us fulfill God's call at Christ Church this year and pledge today!

Contact Julie Simonton at [jsimonton@ccalex.org](mailto:jsimonton@ccalex.org) or 703.778.4935 for more information.

### **Knitters and Crocheters | Today | Teen Center**

The Christ Church Knitters and Crocheters make hats and scarves year-round for our Outreach ministries. We will be meeting today 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](mailto: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](http://www.historicchristchurch.org/music)

### **Poverty Abolitionists: Faith, Activism, and Hope for Difficult Times | April 14**

Welcome Center, Virginia Theological Seminary, 7:00 p.m. All are invited to a pre-launch discussion of David Beckmann's forthcoming book about ways to reform US politics and restore progress against poverty. Panelists include Ian Markham, President, VTS, Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner, Faiths United to Save Democracy, and Kyle Lambelet, Director, St. Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice. Reserve a place by signing up on Eventbrite: [bit.ly/BeckmannBookLaunch](https://bit.ly/BeckmannBookLaunch).

### **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 ([eawitt@hotmail.com](mailto:eawitt@hotmail.com)) and Susan Marquis ([slmarquis70@gmail.com](mailto:slmarquis70@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Spring2ACTion is April 22!**

This year's campaign will help the Lazarus Financial Ministry. Join us in making a real difference—together, we can bring hope and stability to those in need. Early giving is open now: [bit.ly/ChristChurchS2A](https://bit.ly/ChristChurchS2A).

### **Stewards of the Dirt | May 2**

Join the Stewards of the Dirt for the first SOD work session of 2026. SOD will hold a work session on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the churchyard. If you would like to join us and help keep our grounds healthy and beautiful, please contact Libby Witt at [eawitt@hotmail.com](mailto:eawitt@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

### **Shrine Mont Parish Weekend**

Join us for our annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont, June 19–21 (Father's Day weekend), nestled in the beautiful Shenandoah Mountains. This beloved tradition offers a chance to step away from daily routines and enjoy fellowship, worship, and rest in a peaceful setting. The weekend includes shared meals, outdoor activities, worship services, and time to connect with friends old and new. All ages, individuals, couples, and families, are warmly invited. Registration opens April 12; keep an eye out for a parish-wide email with more information. For immediate questions, contact [CCShrineMontParishRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:CCShrineMontParishRetreat@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:amyelizabeth0106@gmail.com) for more information.

## FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons at [rector@ccalex.org](mailto:rector@ccalex.org) or 703.549.1450

### **Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays | 9:00 a.m. | Library Resumes April 19**

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](mailto:terrymbrown1@me.com).

## **OUTREACH & MISSION**

For information, contact Melanie Gray at [mgray@ccalex.org](mailto:mgray@ccalex.org) or 703.778.4937

### **APRIL: PANTRY STAPLES**

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: plain oatmeal (not instant), canned tomatoes, spaghetti, and cooking oil. 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.

### **Deliver Rent Checks for the Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry**

We need volunteers to help with the delivery of checks for the Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry and our Refugee Ministry. Sign up when you are available. Checks are delivered once a week to leasing offices inside the city of Alexandria. Checks will be ready by Tuesday at noon, and the deliveries can happen at your convenience anytime Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. Please contact Liz Denson at [ldenson@ccalex.org](mailto:ldenson@ccalex.org) if you are interested or have questions.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY**

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at [arudy@ccalex.org](mailto:arudy@ccalex.org)

Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at [rlaughter@ccalex.org](mailto:rlaughter@ccalex.org)

### **Fellowship for New Parents**

Are you the parent of an infant or toddler and looking for community? One Sock On, Christ Church's fellowship group for people in this stage of life, welcomes you! Join other parents and little ones to share in the trials and triumphs of raising tiny humans. OSO meets during Sunday School from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in Fowler House Room 103. Drop in as you can, no rsvp necessary. All families of all shapes and sizes are welcome. Contact Jaclyn Hagner ([jackie.hagner@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.hagner@gmail.com)) with questions.

### **Sunday School Resumes April 19**

Sunday School meets (almost) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and is open to all kids ages three and older. All classes meet in the Fowler House. The last day of Sunday School this year will be May 17 and we will have a special celebration to mark another year of learning and growing in God's love. Email Ariel ([arudy@ccalex.org](mailto:arudy@ccalex.org)) with questions.



## BLESSINGS ON...

- The amazing team of silver polishers that helped me get the silver and brass ready for Easter: Tony Montes de Oca, Matt Hooper, Maryann Jones, Cindi Bartol, and Susan Cambon.
- Those who picked up available furniture and delivered furniture for ALIVE! to those who need it: Chris Parente; Aaron, Luke and Liam Nelson; Brett, Holly, Noah and Ellie Levanto; Brent and Henry Trigg; Stratton, Mina and Asha Edwards; Aria Thorpe-Metz, and Kevin Metz.

## 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.*

Thanks to Libby Witt and the Stewards of the Dirt volunteers, we have lovely flowers blooming in the church yard. We now have beautiful cards of those blooms by Mary Markowicz and Wendy Brooks. Come by the shop and see these beautiful cards! They can be a very special way to bring the beauty of our church grounds to someone special. Visit us soon!

## CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY, CLERGY, AND STAFF

### Vestry

Kathleen Hickman '27, Sr. Warden  
Steve Slaton '28, Jr Warden  
Nanette Lawson '27  
Wendy Montes de Oca '27  
Christopher Thompson '27  
Jane Baird '28, Paula Dubberly '28  
Jessica Hughes '28,  
Carrie Ann Alford, '29  
James Beattie, '29  
Janet Beckmann, '29  
Christianne Witten, '29

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