

# PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JUNE 21, 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, JUNE 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:10 a.m. Contemplative Prayer – St. Peter's  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room  
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live  
12:05 p.m. Alexandria Pride Eucharist – Churchyard

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live  
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room  
6:30 p.m. Documentary Screening – Meade Room

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26

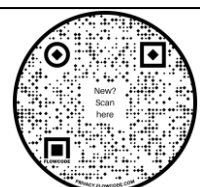
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

### 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).

### Your Friendly Almost-Summer Check In

Did you wind up getting your 2026 pledge card in? Do you know where you are with your annual giving contributions?

If your answer to either of these is,

“Hmmm???” check your Shelby app or contact Julie Simonton. She loves e-mails and phone calls from Christ Church’s cheerful givers! Connect today at [jsimonton@ccalex.org](mailto:jsimonton@ccalex.org) or 703.778.4935.

Learn more about our impact and how we fund mission and ministry here [bit.ly/ThisIsMyStory2026](http://bit.ly/ThisIsMyStory2026). This thriving community depends on you. Join us and pledge today! [bit.ly/CCPledgeToday](http://bit.ly/CCPledgeToday) or see the QR code in the bulletin.

**Documentary Screening 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture | June 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Meade Room**  
1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a documentary film that investigates the grave consequences of an erroneous biblical translation of the word “homosexual,” chronicling the effect on culture, politics, religion, and the LGBTQIA+ community over the last century. There will be a short discussion before and after the film. We will have light refreshments on hand, and please feel free to bring a meal if you need. RSVP here: [bit.ly/4uwYfb](http://bit.ly/4uwYfb).

### Stewards of the Dirt | June 27

Stewards of the Dirt will hold a work session on Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the churchyard (please note that this is an hour earlier than we usually meet). 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 on June 27.

### Democracy Circle | June 28 | 11:30 a.m. | Teen Center

The Christ Church Democracy Circle usually meets the third Sunday of each month, but in June we will meet on the fourth Sunday to accommodate those who will be at Shrine Mont. We will meet on Sunday, June 28 at 11:30 in the Teen Center. At this meeting we will hear from William Roberts, parishioner and journalist, about the current state of the press. 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 ([smarquis70@gmail.com](mailto:smarquis70@gmail.com)) for more information.

### A Gift for Ariel

If you would like to make a donation to an honorarium for Director of Children and Family Ministries Ariel Rudy as she leaves this summer to begin seminary, please donate here: [www.historicchristchurch.org/donate](http://www.historicchristchurch.org/donate) or put a check in the mail or in the plate made out to Christ Church with “Ariel” in the memo line.

### Summer Cookouts | July 8 | 6:00 p.m. | Churchyard

Bring a chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a summer meal with your Christ Church friends. There will be kids’ games, activities, and popsicles. Rain (Auditorium) or shine (churchyard). We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with set-up, hosting, and clean-up: [bit.ly/4fznuwBlk](http://bit.ly/4fznuwBlk). The next cook out is August 12.

## FAITH FORMATION

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

### De-Clobber: A Bible Study About Our Least Favorite Bible Verses, Sunday, June 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

Human sexuality dominates theological conversations in some spheres of Christianity. But these arguments are based off a mere six verses of scripture – the so-called clobber passages – that probably don't mean what we've been told they mean. Join Robbie as he de-clobbers these verses by examining their broader literary context and in light of God's unbounded love for all God's children, made in the image of God.

### Alexandria Pride Eucharist | June 27 | Noon Churchyard

Come celebrate the beauty and diversity of God's creation in a vibrant celebration of the Eucharist for Pride! Members of the LGBTQ+ community, friends, family, and allies are invited to celebrate Pride Month on Saturday, June 27. Join us at noon for a vibrant Pride Eucharist in the churchyard. After the service, mingle and enjoy a light reception. Our guest preacher for the day is the Rev. Janet Rose Greene from St. Mary's, Arlington. Then head to John Carlyle Square Park (825 John Carlyle St) for Alexandria Pride 2026 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Stop by the Christ Church table to say hello and spread some cheer. For more information contact Rev. Robbie: [rlaughton@ccalex.org](mailto:rlaughton@ccalex.org)

### Service of Thanksgiving for Our Nation

Wednesday July 1, 7:00 p.m.

As citizens of the United States, we benefit greatly from the freedom to worship God without fear. We will mark the 250th anniversary of our nation with a service of prayer, readings, and hymns that celebrate this religious freedom that we hold so dear.

### Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays | 9:00 a.m. | Library Resumes in July

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.

### Contemplative Prayer Group | Sundays | St. Peter Room

Our new weekly contemplative prayer group at Christ Church begins at 9:10 a.m. on Sundays. If you are seeking a deeper sense of peace and connection with God and are interested in learning more about centering prayer and other meditative practices, this group is for you. Rooted in stillness and

simplicity, our weekly gathering will enable us to step away from the busyness of daily life for 20 minutes and enter into a time of guided, silent, reflective prayer. Whether you are new to contemplative practices or have long been drawn to this form of spiritual devotion, all are welcome. We will meet in the St. Peter room (#207) on the 2nd floor of the Parish House. If you have questions, please talk with Carter Land or Rev. Beth at [bbingham@ccalex.org](mailto:bbingham@ccalex.org).

#### **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*

#### **JUNE: PANTRY STAPLES**

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: pasta sauce, canned soup, canned tomatoes, 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.

#### **Gleaning at the Old Town Farmer's Market**

Come join us for the Gleaning ministry on Saturdays at noon, when we pick up fresh, beautiful, donated fruit and vegetables from the farmers at the Old Town market. It takes about 1.5 hours and is greatly appreciated by the recipients at our weekly Lazarus Food Pantry. This is an easy family activity that kids enjoy, helping us teach our children our love for our neighbors. Sign up on any Saturday you are available: [bit.ly/4eufyJ4](https://bit.ly/4eufyJ4) or reach out to Andrea McNicholas at [alamcnicho@gmail.com](mailto:alamcnicho@gmail.com).

#### **Join our Refugee Ministry Care Team**

The Refugee Ministry at Christ Church has three new families that are in need of Care Team volunteers! Care Team volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. They help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help these families thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! If you

are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with our Refugee Coordinator, Cessilye, here: [bit.ly/3YtgouX](https://bit.ly/3YtgouX) or email her at [csmith@historicchristchurch.org](mailto:csmith@historicchristchurch.org).

### **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 at [jackie.hagner@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.hagner@gmail.com) with questions.

## BLESSINGS ON...

- Anne Shackleton, Cornelia Horner, and David Johnson for gleanng at the Old Town Farmer's Market for our Lazarus Food Pantry
- Alan Adenan, Andrew Floyd, and Elizabeth Trigg for organizing the June Cookout.
- All the parishioners who volunteered and people brought food to share at the June Cookout

## PRAYER LIST

### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In honor of Fathers Everywhere: Who nurtured us, loved us, taught us, disciplined us, and helped make us what we are today.

### WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Michael Halbert, Kenneth Drake, Dick Thompson

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS

Megan Bower, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Gail & Ridge Multop, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Linda Hoekstra, Kathie Nelson, Doug Mitchell, Marynelle Losin, Martha Rucker, Maria Hernandez, Bill Schauffler, Terry Brown, the Jones Family, Kyle Thomas, Joy Pinniger, Berry St. John, Mary Ellen Freesland

## 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 both in the Alexandria community and around the world.*

The Gift Shop has a great selection of goodies to choose from but they're not all sweet! We have Chipotle Mustard, Good and Evil Pickles, Jalapeno Pepper Jelly, Red Pepper Jelly and Vidalia Onion Relish, We also have Salt and Vinegar Peanuts and Salt and Pepper Peanuts. And don't forget a card or small gift for Dad's special day! We hope to see you 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  
Cornelia Horner, *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