

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JUNE 28, 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 – SUNDAY FORUM | MEADE ROOM | 9:00 A.M.
De-Clobber: A Bible Study About Our Least Favorite Bible Verses

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum – Meade Room
9:10 a.m. Contemplative Prayer – St. Peter's
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Celebration of Ariel's Ministry – Churchyard
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, JULY 4

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving for Our Nation

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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

FRIDAY, JULY 3 – OFFICE CLOSED

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

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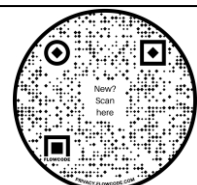
Various groups meet regularly
at Christ Church during the week.

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.

Are you new to Christ Church?

We're so glad you're here. Do you smile every Sunday when we say, "God loves a cheerful giver!" We do, too. Give through our Shelby app so we can say, "Thank you!" Christ Church is grateful for you. Learn more about our impact and how we fund mission and ministry here: bit.ly/ThisIsMyStory2026. This thriving community depends on you. Join us and pledge today! bit.ly/CCPledgeToday or see the QR code in the bulletin.

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 (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@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 or put a check in the mail or in the plate made out to Christ Church with "Ariel" in the memo line.

RSCM Choral Evensong | July 8 | 5:00 p.m.

The Royal School of Church Music is holding its summer residency program in the DC area. Throughout the week, choristers rehearse in the Chapel at Episcopal High School in preparation for public worship services at churches throughout the Washington metropolitan area. All are welcome to attend a Choral Evensong before the July cookout.

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/3QKgLm6
The next cook out is August 12.

Creation Care Webinar | July 21 | 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join Father Pete Nunnally and the Diocese of Virginia's Creation Care Committee to discuss his newly released book *Catching Hope: The Hidden Spiritual*

Wisdom of Fishing. This book offers each of us an opportunity to rethink our way of approaching faith and life in vibrant and loving ways towards ourselves and others. Fr. Pete is an Episcopal priest, author and outdoor faith leader who has spent his life and ministry at the intersection of wilderness and the sacred. He founded Water and Wilderness church in Washington DC - a fully outdoor congregation for anyone who finds God in the natural world. To learn more about Fr. Pete and the Water and Wilderness Church, please visit

<https://waterandwilderness.org>. For more information, to let us know that you're planning to attend, or to submit any questions for Father Pete, email the Creation Care Committee at creationcare@episcopalvirginia.org. Webinar Zoom: bit.ly/44rwOse.

FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons at 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.

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.

LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First and Third Thursday of the month | Library Resumes July 16

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.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

JUNE: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: peanut butter, canned soup, canned black beans, pinto beans, kidney beans and garbanzo beans, and canned tomatoes. 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 or reach out to Andrea McNicholas at alamcnicho@gmail.com.

Senior Bingo Ministry Returns

Approximately 90 former residents of Ladrey Senior Highrise are now settled at the beautiful Alante, 1002 First Street, just blocks from Christ Church. These seniors are eager and ready for our Monthly Bingo night to return. We are looking to build a Bingo Team to coordinate and run the bingo ministry. This is a fun and joy sharing ministry. No experience necessary. Please contact Melanie Gray mgray@ccalex.org.

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/3YtgowX or email her at csmith@historicchristchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at 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 Jaelyn Hagner at jackie.hagner@gmail.com with questions.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Cornelia Horner, Christin Jones, Bob Carpenter, Van Ellet, Rob Spiller, Ann McMurray, Michaela Shaughnessy, Kris Lebras, and Robin Campbell for shopping, cooking, and serving dinner to the residents of the Carpenter's Shelter.
- JoAnn Ackerman, Richie Ackerman, Susan Anderson, Ruth Arnold, Jane Baird, Marie Cataffo, Jeanne Hoenicke, Mary Hobbie, Caroline Magill, Jon Smott, Ann Spitler, Elizabeth Trigg, Rusty Vellek, and Maude Williams for delivering Meals on Wheels on Wednesday, June 17.

PRAYER LIST

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Miriam Rivera Vellek

In memory of Mary and Virgil Baird

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, Maria Hernandez, Bill Schauffler, Terry Brown, the Jones Family, Kyle Thomas, Joy Pinniger, Berry St. John, Mary Ellen Freesland, Roger & Jan Johnson, Buck Adams

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.

As we celebrate our country's birthday come by the Gift Shop for books about our church's place in history as well as books about Alexandria, George Washington, and our National Anthem. We have magnets and cards depicting historic places and events. And of course, we have peanuts, jams, jellies, pickles and relishes for cookouts and picnics. Come by the shop and see how we can help you celebrate! 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
Katherine Carpenter-Rains
Liz Denson, Melanie Gray
Ariel Rudy, Lia Sanchez
Julie Simonton

Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer