

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 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 – FORUM: 45 MINUTES WITH JASON ABEL

9:00 A.M. | MEADE ROOM

Our Director of Music will discuss his recent sabbatical experiences, plans for the coming year, information about a new hymnal supplement we will be using occasionally in the future, and maybe a few random other things.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

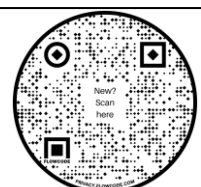
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

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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.

Yes, Christ Church

Your Comprehensive Campaign is Coming!

Our Hope & Home for Years to Come" is the inspired campaign that will ensure our parish home remains a beacon of God's unbounded love and welcome for all people. From accessible bathrooms to a new elevator that reaches all Parish House community spaces ... from our full-time third clergy member to remembering the enslaved people who built our historic church ... from essential technology upgrades for worship to providing support for those in our community who experience poverty, violence, and injustice, ... and so, so much more.

We will launch in September.

Watch your inbox and your mailbox.

Join us in building a foundation for generations to come.

Stewards of the Dirt | August 29

Stewards of the Dirt will hold a work session on Saturday, August 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the churchyard. If you would like to join us and help keep our grounds healthy and beautiful, contact Libby Witt at ewitt@hotmail.com.

Tenth Annual Rector's Address | August 30

9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

Every year, as the summer comes to a close, Noelle offers the parish a snapshot of the joys and challenges for the program year ahead. Come learn about how we are doing and where we are going this fall and spring, and see how you might get involved with our beloved community in Christ.

Welcome Sunday | September 13 | We ♥ Picnics!

Picnic Potluck & Hot Dogs & Games & Fun - what could be better to kick off the program year?! Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service in the churchyard for lots of food and activities for kids of all ages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish. Help us ensure a variety: A - E: green salads and fruit salads; F - K: chips, dips, veggie trays; L - R: desserts; S - Z: picnic favorites like coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, etc. Bring food to the Meade Room kitchen before the service. This beloved event is a church favorite because EVERYONE can be involved. From grill to garden games & set-up crews to welcome tables - there's a place for you. Sign up here bit.ly/WelcomeSunday2026

Democracy Circle | September 20 | 11:30 a.m. | Teen Ctr

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.

Children's Choirs

Our Children's Choirs start up again this September. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons. The Cherub Choir is for children ages 4-6/7 and rehearses from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. and sings on the first Sunday of the month. This choir works on learning to read music rhythms, basic treble clef notation, and matching pitch. The Canterbury Choir is for children ages 7/8 and up. Their rehearsals are from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and sings each Sunday during the program year. The choristers work on comprehending music notation, understanding the liturgical year, learning about music history, and singing works from a variety of styles and traditions. Christ Church is a member of the Royal School of Church Music in America and follows their training guidelines. For further information, please contact Jason at jabel@ccalex.org

Christ Church Choir

The Christ Church Choir, for high schoolers and adults, will begin rehearsals on Thursday, August 27. The choir rehearses each week from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. during the program year. The first Sunday the choir will sing will be on September 13. There are exciting plans for the choir this year as we work on a few large scale works, premiere a newly commissioned anthem, and welcome a roster of extraordinary guest organists for our Evensong series. If you read music, and would be interested in joining this hardworking, but very friendly group, please contact Jason at jabel@ccalex.org

FAITH FORMATION

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

Interested in Baptism?

If you or someone in your household would like to be baptized, we have days set aside throughout the year; September 6, November 1, January 10, and more. Contact Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org for more information.

A Liturgy of Remembrance for September 11 September 11 | 7:30 p.m.

The violent events of September 11th, 2001, left a scar on the hearts and minds of every American, especially those closely tied to the Pentagon, the World Trade Center, and the hijacked planes. On the 25th anniversary of that terrible day, we will come together to remember the people we lost and to pray for our own continued healing as individuals and as a nation. All are welcome to join in this service of prayer and music as we remember what we've lost and hope for a brighter future.

Covenant Class | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m.

Covenant Class is a 10-week introduction for those who want to know more about being an Episcopalian & Christ Church - whether newcomers to the church or life-long Episcopalians - and to get better acquainted with the clergy, staff, parish leaders, and other newcomers. Classes begin September 16. Contact Jessica Williams at jessicawilliams@gmail.com.

It's Time to Register for Education for Ministry (EfM)

Have you ever wondered how your story, the church's story, and God's story weave together to shape a thoughtful and spiritual Christian life? EfM is a program for anyone seeking a deeper encounter with God through study, reflection, and conversation about how faith informs everyday life. Over 36 weeks, participants engage with scripture, theology, and church history, using a new curriculum developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. On Wednesday evenings, participants bring their studies, their honest questions, and their life experiences into a small and supportive seminar in the Teen Center, where we engage in theological reflection and strengthen our ability to sense God's presence in the world. The weekly seminars include participants on the four-year "EfM Classic" track or the one-year "EfM Wide-Angle" track. Contact EfM mentors Nancy and Ken Knapp at nvknapp@aol.com for additional information.

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.

Contemplative Prayer Group | Sundays | St. Peter Room

Resumes August 30!

Our weekly contemplative prayer group 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. 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
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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Katherine Carpenter-Rains at kcarpenterrains@ccalex.org

Children and Youth Ministries

Do you have a child between the ages of 0 and 18?

Christ Church Children and Youth Ministries offers programs for every stage of childhood and adolescence throughout the 2026-27 program year. Register your child for One Sock On, Sunday School, Youth Formation (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.), Middle and High School Youth Groups (Sundays at 6:00 p.m.), events, trips, seasonal offerings, and group service opportunities by visiting the link below or scanning the QR code on the Worship Cart after the service: bit.ly/3RgDSVF

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

AUGUST: CANNED FRUIT AND CANNED FISH

Thanks to your donations, the Lazarus Food Pantry is positively overflowing with pasta and pasta sauce! Thank you! Your donations allow us to give generously to pantry guests. This week, please consider helping us restock the pantry with some other essentials: canned fish (all types), canned fruit, old fashioned oatmeal, and grits. 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.

Bag Lunch Ministry

Bag lunch is part of the safety net for our guests, and your support truly makes a difference. Please review the signup here: bit.ly/44eAqxX and sign up as you are able. If you have any questions, or you'd like to prepare something other than the listed sandwich, please email Karen Hill at jbh707@juno.com. Our remaining assignments are; September 8-11; October 5-9; November 9-13; and December 15-17.

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.

Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry Greeter

The Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry is at Fairlington Presbyterian Church at 3846 King Street on Thursday afternoons. We need a volunteer to join the team from 2:30 to 4:30, to let guests in to wait in the parlor, offer coffee, tea, and water, and be with them while they wait to be seen by a counselor. Sign up for shifts as your schedule allows. Please contact Liz Denson ldenson@ccalex.org if you are interested or want to learn more.

BLESSINGS ON...

- The parishioners who made lunches last week for the Meade Memorial Bag Lunch Ministry, Amy Wilczynski, Jane Baird, Amanda Blue, Mickie and Dick Esleek, Jan and Steve Slayton, Claire Chow, Nancy Knapp, Kathy Bowdring, Mary and Jon Hobbie, Emily Soapes, Cara Alfano, Michele Smith, Ruth Arnold, Mary Dixon and Jack Hutcheson.

PRAYER LIST

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Mary White Ludgate

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Robert H. Jones, The Rev. Allan Sandlin, Leveo V Sanchez, Russell Weaver, James Laney

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS

Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, and Jennings 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, Mary Ellen Freesland, Karlyn Stanley, Raymond Ellis, Brenda Hernandez, Greg Peterson, Christine Jones

GIFT SHOP



Come by the Gift Shop and see our beautiful Anglican rosaries, handmade and donated by Kris Lebras. We supply a pamphlet with prayer suggestions with each one. We also have polished river stones inscribed with scripture or a cross. We have smooth olive wood crosses from Bethlehem and pocket coins with prayers or words of encouragement. We also have cards to send with a message of sympathy, or comfort. We hope to see you soon!

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.

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
Lia Sanchez, Julie Simonton

Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer