

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 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 SUNDAY

Head to the churchyard following the 10:00 a.m. service for fun, games, music, and food!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:10 a.m. Contemplative Prayer – St. Peter's Room
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – Teen Center
- 7:00 p.m. Covenant Class – Meade Room
- 5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Choir Room
- 9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith – Library
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

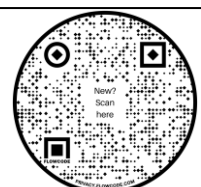
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Comprehensive Campaign Launches Today!

"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.

Watch your inbox and your mailbox.

Join us in building a foundation for generations to come.

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 today in the churchyard for lots of food and activities for kids of all ages including face painting, "Take the Cake", and lawn games. See you there!

Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World

September 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Meade Room

Poetry lovers and inquirers, bring your dinner and join us for a viewing party of the long-awaited PBS documentary *Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World* on Thursday, September 17. The documentary includes incredible footage of Mary's life along with readings and interviews with Stephen Colbert, John Waters, Jason Reynolds, Oprah Winfrey, and many others. We will have time for a brief discussion after the film. Questions, contact Melanie Gray mgray@ccalex.org.

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. Contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

Stewards of the Dirt | September 26

Stewards of the Dirt will hold a work session on Saturday, September 26 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, please contact Libby Witt at ewitt@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Knit and Crochet | September 27

The Christ Church Knitters and Crocheters make hats and scarves year-round for our Outreach ministries. The next meeting is in the Teen Center on September 27 after the 10:00 a.m. service to 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.

Children's Choirs

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. Contact Jason at jabel@ccalex.org with questions.

Christ Church Choir

The Christ Church Choir, for high schoolers and adults, rehearses Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. during the program year. 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.

Christ Church Soccer Saturday | October 24 | 7:30 p.m.

All Christ Church members, friends and family are invited for a night out to watch DC United play the Cincinnati FC at Audi Field. Tickets are only \$40 each! Tickets are available first come, first served. Please RSVP no later than October 1. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Robbie. rlaughton@ccalex.org.

Celebrating Ten Years | November 15

On Sunday, November 15, we'll celebrate the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons' 10th Anniversary as Rector of Christ Church. Members of her Search Committee and the 2026 Vestry have lots of ideas up their sleeves, and almost all of them need your input - and soon. What has Noelle meant to you and the parish? Is there a Noelle story, sermon, phrase, or theme that comes to mind? What new ideas, events, and additions did she bring? So much of what's coming on November 15 depends on what you tell us now. Co-chairs Sandra Thomson and Eileen Adenan are collecting it all. See them at church or email Sandra, smbthomson@gmail.com, or Eileen, eileen42@live.com. You can also contact Carol Donlan at ckdonlan2@gmail.com or 703-941-0112.

FAITH FORMATION

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

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 jessicavilliams@gmail.com.

Contemplative Prayer Group | Sundays | St. Peter Room

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. 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. The St. Peter room (#207) is 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.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

AUGUST: CANNED TOMATOES AND SOUP

Thanks to your donations, the Lazarus Food Pantry is overflowing with all the canned fish and canned fruit. 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 tomatoes, canned soups (all types) old fashioned oatmeal, cooking oil, and unsweetened evaporated milk. You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online (<https://amzn.to/40g4CaF>)
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; October 5-9; November 9-13; and December 15-17.

The ALIVE! Furniture Trucks Roll Again | September 19

Come out with your Christ Church friends Saturday, September 19 for a fun morning of furniture deliveries for ALIVE! We meet at the Warehouse at 801 S. Payne St. at 8:00 a.m. and expect to complete deliveries by 1:00 p.m.

Young or old, strong, or less so, we need you, and our neighbors need us. Contact Kevin Metz at khmetz@gmail.com.

Travel Size Toiletries Needed

Many of the people who come to us for emergency food bags also request toiletries. We are collecting unopened travel-sized toiletries including body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, and lotion. Or purchase online here: bit.ly/4gB3GEC

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 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Katherine Carpenter-Rains at kcarpenterrains@ccalex.org

Back to School Bowling | September 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Bowl America Shirley

Back to School Bowling will be at Bowl America Shirley on Kick-Off Sunday (September 20th) at 6pm! This event is open to all youth (6-12th). The cost to participate is 30 dollars, and includes shoe rental, lane fees, and food. RSVP to Katherine by September 17. We never want cost to be a barrier to participation, please reach out if this applies to you.

Children and Youth Ministries Registration

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

BLESSINGS ON...

- Blessings on those who shopped for, made, and served dinner to Carpenter's Shelter residents: Cornelia Horner, Ann Hollingsworth, Anne Ramsey, Joe and Carol Shull, Ann McMurray, Barbara Boehm, Robin Campbell, and Paul Lebras.

PRAYER LIST

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Leo Senay, John J. Senay, and Georgina Senay

In memory of Dorothy Louise and Joseph Albert Vozar

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Shirley Frances Ortiz, Dorris Garrett, Beatrice Smith Maybank

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, Raymond Ellis, Brenda Hernandez, Greg Peterson, Bob Bark, Unalane Ablondi, Margaret Welch, Sherley Keith, Susan Meslang, Mike Altieri, Rich & Vicki, Elena Pokalova, Gene Rossi, Browne Mercer, the Womack and Drago families, Clyde Slaton, Wynne Beers, Barbara Campo

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.

Welcome to the Christ Church Gift Shop! We hope you will stop by to see all the wonderful things we have! We have Prayer Books, Bibles, hymnals and lots of books to choose from for children and adults. We have pocket tokens and prayer stones. We have olive wood crosses, and Episcopal rosaries with prayer suggestions. We have a treasure box for children with small toys to choose for themselves or a friend. 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
Lia Sanchez, Julie Simonton

Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer