

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 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 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

End of Life and Funeral Planning

At this forum we'll discuss some of the bigger questions to consider, as well as what goes into pre-planning a funeral service.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Choir Room
6:45 p.m. Book Discussion – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – St. John's Room
7:00 p.m. Covenant Class – Meade Room
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

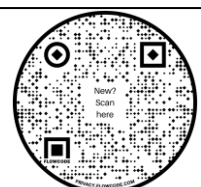
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Match Made! Now let's keep going...

Thanks to the Christ Church Foundation and their \$250,000 challenge match, we met the match and commitments to the comprehensive campaign have grown exponentially. AND, our goal is for *everyone* to participate in fulfilling God's call through "Our Hope & Home for Years to Come" at Christ Church.

Your commitment is critical for what's now and what's to come at our beloved parish. Complete a card or go online before Announcement Sunday on November 1 to be a part of this important ministry.

Thank you Christ Church Foundation! And thank YOU for continuing God's work at Christ Church.

Give today and support God's continuing work at Christ Church: bit.ly/ourhopeandhome

Requiem By Gabriel Fauré | November 1 | 5:00 p.m.

The Christ Church Choir will sing Gabriel Fauré's beautiful Requiem on Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 p.m. The choir will be joined by a chamber orchestra to presenting this work in the context of the All Souls' Day Liturgy. The service will be sung in memory of all the faithful departed who we will remember that day. In remembrance of the Saints and Souls who given so much to this Church community and in celebration of the Fauré Requiem, Christ Church Foundation will host a champagne, cheese, and chocolate reception immediately after.

Dinner Church | November 4

The first Wednesday of the month means Dinner Church! From 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, we will offer a special dinner for everyone. There will be a short "Service of Word and Table" during dinner for everyone to participate in together, and a special craft corner for kids.

Monday Concert Series | November 9 | 12:15 p.m.

November's concert is *American Landscapes: A Musical Celebration at 250* featuring music by Gershwin, Copland, and Beach, with Ryo Usami, violin & Yi-Chen Feng, piano. 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 the DC area. The full schedule is here:

www.historicchristchurch.org/music.

Celebrate Noelle's 10th Anniversary | November 15 | Auditorium

Rev. Noelle York-Simmons has been with us for 10 years! Come celebrate in the Auditorium on Sunday, November 15 after 10:00 a.m. service. Many hands make light work! If you would like to contribute to the festivities, we have several

different opportunities available. Sign up to volunteer: bit.ly/47SSEXH !

Democracy Circle | November 22 | 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

FAITH FORMATION

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

Sunday Forum | Today | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

End of Life and Funeral Planning

Contemplating our own mortality is something we'd rather avoid, but having a plan in place is a tremendous gift to your loved ones. At this forum we'll discuss some of the bigger questions to consider, as well as what goes into pre-planning a funeral service. For more information, contact Robbie.

For All The Saints: All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and The Episcopal Church

November 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

All Saints' Day is one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Episcopal Church, but its historical companion celebration, All Souls' Day, is often forgotten and misunderstood. In today's forum we'll dig a little into the history of both days and try to better understand how these two celebrations complement one another.

Book Discussion | October 28

How do we stay rooted in our faith when the world around us feels uncertain and challenges our beliefs and our sense of security? What can history and scripture teach us about resilience, discernment, and Christian witness today? If these are questions you've been asking, join with others for a discussion of *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*, by Hanna Reichel's to engage these and other questions. We will discuss select chapters and themes from the book. over three Wednesday evenings, October 14, 21, and 28. Each session will meet in the Chapel from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP: bit.ly/4rh8u77. A limited number of copies of the book are available in the Gift Shop. Questions? Email Rev. Beth at bbingham@ccalex.org.

Women's Lenten Retreat | March 5-7 | Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond

Save the date! The women of the parish are invited to a weekend away at beautiful Roslyn Retreat Center. We will rest and enjoy each other's company while The Rev. Penny Nash leads us through a program designed to help us remember how to find Jesus in our lives even amidst negativity and chaos. Registration will open in January.

Contemplative Prayer Group | Sundays | St. Peter Room

Our 20 minute 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. All are welcome to step away from the busyness of daily life and enter into a time of guided, silent, reflective prayer. The St. Peter room (#215) 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

THANKSGIVING STAPLES

Thank you for your generous donations of food to the Lazarus pantry! This month, we ask that you consider supporting the Thanksgiving Ministry, which serves our parish guests as well as many other community members.

See below for information on how you can give.

. 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.

Thanksgiving Ministry at Christ Church

Giving to our neighbors at Thanksgiving is a Christ Church tradition. Food insecurity in Alexandria continues to rise, and this year we will help 265 families in need. Each family will receive a Thanksgiving bag stocked with everything but the turkey along with a \$50 grocery gift card that will enable them to purchase the main dish of their choice along with any foods specific to their family tradition. Stop by the table in the churchyard to get a Trader Joe's bag with shopping list, order from our Amazon wishlist: amzn.to/4za4Nn7 or donate here: bit.ly/ThanksgivingDonations2026 Volunteer to help with our Thanksgiving market November 19 - 21 by signing up here bit.ly/thanksgivingmarket2026 or contact Amy Bacon at amybacon4@icloud.com to learn more.

Visit Mengo Hospital with Christ Church

January 11-17, 2027

For over 30 years, Christ Church has been in mission partnership with Mengo Hospital in Kampala Uganda. The most recent and longest-running partnership project is the HIV/AIDS clinic and associated pharmacy. Join Rev Noelle and Mengo Committee leader Witney Schniedman on a trip to Uganda to visit our friends at Mengo, to learn more about our partnership projects and their trials and celebrations. Contact Rev. Noelle at rector@ccalex.org for more information.

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 November 9-13; and December 15-17.

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, toothbrushes, 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 (through October 31), 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Katherine Carpenter-Rains at kcarpenterrains@ccalex.org

Ghost Tour | Tonight | 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We are excited to host the regional youth event for the fall, bringing together Episcopal Youth from local churches for a night of friends, fellowship, faith, and frights! We'll depart from Christ Church at 6:00 p.m.

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 bit.ly/3RgDSVF or scanning the QR code on the Worship Cart.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Those who gleaned/collected food from the Old Town Farmer's Market for the Food Pantry: Nina and Peter Addison, David Johnson, Megan Cavanaugh, Andrea McNicholas, Margaret Zeigler, Cornelia Horner, Anne Shackleton, and Steve Slaton.
- Those who shopped for, cooked, and served dinner to Carpenter's Shelter residents: Barbara Boehm, Cristin Jones, Bradley McAllister, Monique de Quay-Jones, Lenny and Milly Marsico, Anne Shackleton, Rob Spiller, and Anne Ramsey.

PRAYER LIST

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of John & Mary Williams

In memory of Fred Kerlin

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Sharon Ferguson

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, Wynne Beers, Cindi Bartol, David Drago, Mary Beth Dority, the Hostetler and Snyder families, Anna Kosinska, Robert Dunn, Jane Brewster, Mary Jane Penzo, Monique Rizer, Elena Pokalova, Sasha Stelmakh and the Stelmakh family, Bob Bark, Rosanne Bennett

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.

Come to the Gift Shop to see our collection of children's books. This fall we have several books for fall. We have *Hello Harvest Moon* by Ralph Fletcher, *Sweep*, by Louise Greig, *Fall Leaves* by Loretta Holland, and *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen. We also have *For the Beauty of the Earth* by Elliott Pierpoint. In addition, we have some friendly little light-up ghosts to delight little ones. Come and see 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
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