

Christ Episcopal Church  
**Adult Formation Events in Fall & Early Winter 2019**

**Sunday, September 15**

Immediately after the 10:30 liturgy

**Christ Church 101**

Join one of the parish priests for this informal discussion in which newcomers and long timers are welcome to ask questions about our worship, learning, and service. We gather by the eagle lectern.



**Wednesdays, September 18, 25, and October 2**

6:30 in Wells Hall

**God is loving us back to health**

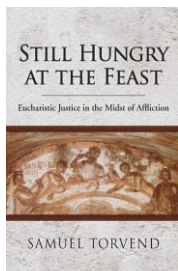
How do medical science, prayer, and sacramental practice provide physical, mental, and spiritual healing, especially in a time of considerable stress? In this Fall Foundations Course, participants will explore the image of Jesus the healer in the Gospel of Luke, the continuation of his healing ministry in the sacrament of healing, the practice of healing prayer, and the role of the sciences in healing. Readings from the New Testament, early and medieval Christian writers, and contemporary practitioners will provide rich fare for reflection and conversation. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS COURSE AT THE GLASS TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. If you are able to make a donation, it will be warmly welcomed at the beginning of each session.

**Sunday, September 22**

12:15 in the Library

**Chaplains on the Harbor**

Aaron Scott is a co-founder with the Rev. Sarah Moore of Chaplains on the Harbor, a ministry of the diocese in Grays Harbor County. The chaplains do street outreach, operate a vegetable farm, visit jails, offer employment to formerly homeless people, run six feeding programs, do human rights organizing, and have a worshipping congregation, community center, and cold weather shelter. Aaron is Missioner for Anti-Poverty Organizing in the diocese. Learn about this significant commitment to human wellbeing in one of the poorest regions of the state.



**Sunday, September 22**

6:30 PM in the Library

**What is Eucharistic Justice?**

The Monthly Reading Group invites Christ Church members and friends for a discussion of Fr. Samuel Torvend's latest book, *Still Hungry at the Feast: Eucharistic Justice in the Midst of Affliction*. If you do not have the book, it can be purchased online at the Liturgical

Press: <https://litpress.org/Products/8468/Still-Hungry-at-the-Feast>. Please note: *It is far better to purchase from a book publisher than from Amazon.* Fr. Torvend will make a few opening comments and then the floor will be open for discussion.

### **Sunday, October 13**

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### **Sunday, October 13**

12:15 PM in the Library

#### **The Monastery of the Heart**

As the number of vowed monks and nuns in Anglican and Catholic religious orders decreases, the number of lay people and parish clergy who engage in monastic spiritual practices has *sky-rocketed*: from young people engaged in the New Monasticism to retired persons spending time in monastic retreats. What explains this phenomenon and what might ancient monastic practices offer contemporary urban Christians?



### **Saturday, November 2**

2:00 PM in the Library

#### **High Tea with Death**

In this month when Christians celebrate the martyrs, confessors, and saints on All Saints (November 1), and remember their beloved dead on All Souls (November 2), Christ Church provides an

opportunity for those who have experienced loss and grief to gather in a confidential and compassionate atmosphere to share their experiences. Amelia Carroll, spiritual director and dying and death expert leads this healing meeting. Friends of Christ Church members are welcome to participate in this holy conversation. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT AT THE GLASS TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 27.

### **Sunday, November 10**

Immediately after the 10:30 liturgy

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### **Sundays, November 10 and 17**

12:15 in the Library

#### **The Gospel of Matthew and Christian Anti-Semitism**

As hate speech and crimes against Jews and Jewish synagogues increase in the United States and Europe, it is necessary for Christians of conscience to recognize how poor interpretations of the New

Testament, in particular the gospels, can be used to rationalize such horrific behavior. As we enter December, the Gospel of Matthew – both seemingly friendly and unfriendly to Jews – will be heard in our parish liturgies. How might our understanding of the *context* in which Matthew wrote his gospel help us avoid one of the original sins of Christian faith and life?



### **Wednesday, November 20**

6:30 PM in Wells Hall

#### **A Christian View of Social Justice**

While we hear calls for justice in the Prayers of the Holy Eucharist and find opportunities to serve social justice in the church bulletin, what does this oft-used term actually mean for Christians? Dr. Kevin O'Brien, PLU Christian ethicist, will speak on this significant question that has now become a part of

American political discourse. Many will remember his energizing presentation on what white Christians can learn from Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. Come for an equally thought-provoking and energizing time on November 20.

### **Saturday, November 24**

10:00 AM in Wells Hall

#### **Now and at the hour of our death**

Did you know that *The Book of Common Prayer* asks all Episcopalians to complete their funeral plans and register them with the parish? Indeed, as many of us know, such a plan is a truly loving gift to one's family and friends and is quite helpful for the church staff in preparing vigils, funeral services, and burials or inurnments. While some think, "it doesn't matter, do whatever you want," it can be a considerable challenge for grieving family members to guess what would be appropriate at a loved one's funeral. With her characteristic sense of humor and seriousness, Mother Janet will lead this workshop on what needs to happen *after* the hour of death.

### **Sunday, November 24**

12:15 in the Library

#### **Unashamedly Episcopalian: Joining Christ Church**

If you are a *regular worshipper* and baptized Christian at Christ Church but have not affiliated with the Episcopal Church through confirmation or reception; if you are a

*newcomer* from a different Christian communion and are interested in joining Christ Church; if you desire to *reaffirm* the faith in which you were baptized; if you seek to *become Christian* through Holy Baptism, please join us for this initial meeting of EXPLORE, our process for entering fully into the faith and life of Episcopal and Anglican Christianity. The schedule for EXPLORE meetings, points of discussion, and sponsorship will be presented. For those seeking baptism, confirmation, or reception **this is a required meeting**. Mark it on your calendar now!



**Saturday, December 7**

9:00 AM in Trinity Chapel

**Greater than any earthly power**

This Advent Quiet Morning will draw our attention to the Mary who dwells within each of us: receiving the message that promises the Presence of the Holy One within us. The Quiet Morning begins with Holy Eucharist and is followed by three short reflections with ample time between them for quiet reflection in the church, the library, the chapel, or walking the

church grounds. This Advent retreat ends at 12:00 Noon. Fr. Torvend will lead the Quiet Morning. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT AT THE GLASS TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.



**Sundays, December 8 and 15**

12:15 in the Library

**The birth of Jesus in Matthew and contemporary America**

In these two Sunday classes, participants will explore the *surprising* dimensions of Matthew's birth narrative and how that narrative sheds light on our contemporary experience of political leadership, refugees, and child safety. We will not hear Matthew's story of the birth of Jesus during Christmas: let's dive into it on these two Sundays! If you can, please bring your *New Revised Standard Version*

translation of the Bible with you.

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