

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from  
Fr. Torvend

## Friday, July 22, the feast of a maligned saint

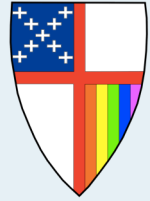
In the 6th century, Gregory of Rome wrongly confused Mary Magdalene with an unnamed woman in the gospels who was thought to be a repentant prostitute. NO AND NO AGAIN. Mary Magdalene was one of the women who financed Jesus' movement (unusual in a culture that viewed women as utterly dependent on men), who was faithful to him through his grueling passion and death, who was commissioned by him as the first preacher of his resurrection, and was a missionary leader of the Jesus movement that spread throughout the Mediterranean. That her memory was overlooked in later years as Christianity was overwhelmed by cultural patriarchy was a tragic loss. That she and many other women, prominent in the life of Jesus and the early Christian community, have come to light through the diligent work of historians is a blessing - and

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"Mary Magdalene Announcing the Resurrection," St. Alban's Psalter, 1120

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



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### Upcoming Events

- Parish Listening Sessions **This Week**
- Jazz in the Courtyard, July 30
- Town Hall, August 7
- Third Friday Concert, August 19
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Jazz in the Courtyard, August 27
- Mediterranean Uncorked, September 17

MOVING  
*forward*

With increasing infection rates in the county, we strongly encourage masking during worship, mindful that we worship among people who need added protection. Masking not only protects us but also our neighbors.

# Christ Church Prayer List

## Need Help??

To add to our prayer list, email the [Parish Administrator](#). If submitting a name other than your own, please ask permission from that person first. Names remain on the list for **four weeks**, unless renewed by the one who submitted them.

In a **pastoral emergency**, please contact [Fr. Torvend](#).

**Parish Help Team:** Errands run, groceries, meals provided, medication pickup, vaccination transportation, etc., contact [Deacon Gen Grewell](#) or call her cellphone at 360.280.5593. You may speak with a deacon on Sunday at the **10:30am Holy Eucharist**.

*Our baptismal commitment calls us to pray for the world and the needs of our community, including those who are experiencing any sort of trouble, illness, or grief.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### Members and Friends of our Community:

Patty Smith; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Leslie Brooks and her children; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; Jim Pierson; and Joanne Chemin.

### Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:

Mary Lynn Morgan and Lyle Mason.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's, Tacoma; St. Luke's Memorial, Tacoma

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church in Wales

***The Parish Administrator will not be in the office from July 25—29. Please contact [Tim Williams](#) if you need anything.***

To submit an article to the *Christ church Weekly*, contact the [Parish Administrator](#). Articles must be submitted by Wednesdays to be included in the Friday edition, and may be edited. We never share your information outside the church family.

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or by appointment

### Sexton Hours:

Sunday - Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Tim Williams (x103) **before Friday** if you need access to the Church Friday/Saturday.

***We look forward to visiting with you!***

--Deborah (x 101), Tim (x 103), Pam, Cynthia, (x102) and Susan (x105)



### Land Acknowledgement

**We gather at 310 North K Street.** Let us give thanks to the Creator for the Puyallup and Nisqually people on whose ancestral land this church and many of our homes stand. Their descendants live among us still. For their wise stewardship of the creation, we offer our gratitude. May we never forget that their land was taken by force and broken treaty.

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a challenge. Her feast raises the question: Who is overlooked today? Is it the many women who have supported parish life behind the scenes and have done so without any recognition?

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us that the equality of all in God's Beloved Community becomes a reality, now and forever. Amen.

~ Fr. Torvend

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## Adult Formation Events

### Did you miss our trip to England?

If you missed our trip to England in June, you can read the three essays created by Fr. Torvend [here](#).

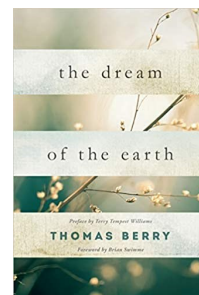
**Need a good summer read?** Our Greening Parish group is reading **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home** by Pope Francis, a spiritual masterpiece on environmental care. You can find it [here](#).

## Monthly Reading Group

### August Discussion

Meet **August 7 at 6:30pm**, at the home of **Mary Marshall** to discuss *The Dream of the Earth* by Father Thomas Berry.

Newcomers are welcome! Questions? [Contact Don Johnson](#).



### SAVE THE DATE

### Townhall Meeting: August 7 at Noon

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### SAVE THE DATE

This is our opportunity to publicly discuss the results of the survey as analyzed by our diocesan consultant. Discussion groups will be led by Vestry members and assisted by members of the Parish Profile Committee.

A light lunch will be provided.

So please, **SAVE THE DATE**.

# Service



## Little Free Pantries Make the Big Time!

Last Sunday's *Seattle Times* weekly magazine honored five Good Neighbors – three of whom run Little Free Pantries, and a fourth manages a garden plot used by many people. All that food, all that good will and caring for those in need. Congratulations to them from afar. Three cheers for those Little Free Pantry people.

And congratulations and our humble thanks to all those in Christ Church who bring non-perishable food on Sundays, and maybe on other occasions place food directly into the Little Pantry, located on K Street, a few feet from the entry to the church. If you, Dear Reader, have not had the chance to bring some food for the pantry, it's never, ever, ever too late. A jar of peanut butter, a can of tuna, a box of crackers. You get the picture. You are a good neighbor. It's just that your picture is not in the *Seattle Times*. ~ **William Tudor**

Christ Church is grateful to the Little Food Pantry's caretakers: **Bill Tudor, Jim Limerick, Kristin Carver, and Mary Moran.**

## News Re-Views

**Summer Choir at Christ Church** The Summer Choir continues to support the services on Sundays. Please sign-up [here](#) to sing when you can. All are welcome!

**Parish Listening Sessions THIS WEEK** We hope you can join us for one or all of our upcoming Parish Listening Sessions, which will be held the 4th Tuesdays at 9:30am ([zoom](#)), 4th Thursdays at 5:30pm ([zoom](#)), and 4th Sundays (in person following the 10:30am service in the Church). **July's sessions will take place Sunday, July 24th, Tuesday, July 26th, and Thursday, July 28th.**

**Children's Formation** I am looking for individuals who will share in this ministry with me. I am willing to continue the planning and gathering of materials, but need assistance on Sunday mornings. If you feel called to support our children through this ministry, please contact [Christi McCarren](#).







**S**uppressed and Sabotaged: The Fight to Vote is a powerful documentary about the growing threat of voter suppression and election sabotage to our 2022 midterm elections. In 2021, 19 states passed 34 new voter laws following the Big Lie of the 2020 election. The film focuses on this recent wave of voter suppression and subversion laws being enacted in states, and how the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial race between Stacey Abrams and Brian Kemp provides a case study for understanding today's voter suppression laws across the country.

Suppression tactics covered in the film include: deliberate barriers to registration; polling place closures; voter purges; missing absentee ballots; extreme wait times at polling locations; exact match disqualifications; new vote by mail limitations; changes to ballot collection and drop off and more. Voter suppression laws disproportionately affect American Students, Senior Citizens, Black, Indigenous, Latine, and People of Color from casting their ballots. Suppressed and Sabotaged 2022 is a call to action against the calculated, unconstitutional and racist attacks intended to suppress the right to vote in America. [Register to attend the event on Wednesday, July 27, at 7:30pm.](#)



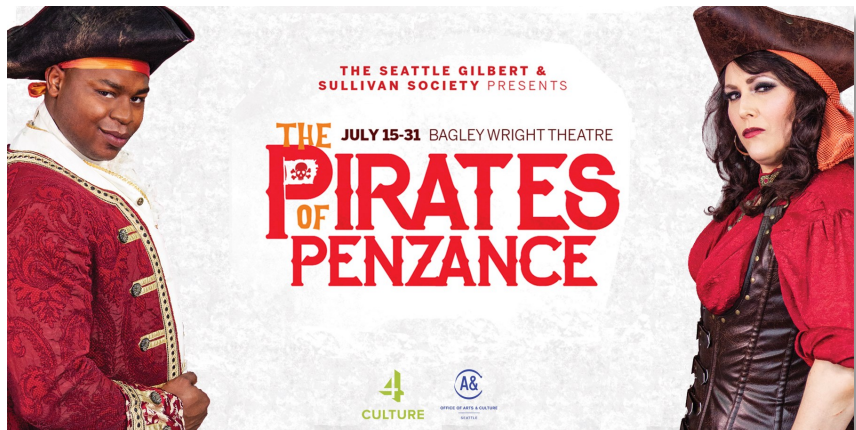
You are invited to join St. Paul's Bellingham on a two-week [Holy Land Pilgrimage](#) guided by The Rev. Dr. Kamal Farah. **This journey takes place October 29—November 13, 2022.**

## Community

**C**ongratulations to **Jack Burrows**, one of our Choral Scholars, on winning the second prize in the national competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) two weeks ago in Chicago. *Well done, Jack!*

**About Jack's show:** The Seattle Gilbert and Sullivan Society says, "Hilarious mayhem will descend on The Bagley Wright Stage this summer as a cast of fashionable pirates, determined daughters, and bumbling bobbies collide in the pursuit of love, family, and - inevitably - duty. Breathtaking music, outlandish characters, and an unexpected twist or two will keep new and veteran audiences alike enthralled from the first notes of the overture to the final curtain call."

Tickets range from \$25-\$55.



If you would like to hear Jack sing more than just on Sunday morning, he is singing in the Seattle Gilbert and Sullivan Society production of *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Performances will take place on July 22, 23, 28, 29 at 7:30pm, and July 23, 24, 30, 31 at 2:00pm. More information on the Society's website: [seattlegilbertandsullivan.com](http://seattlegilbertandsullivan.com).



Bass-Baritone Jack Burrows, 7th from the right, with all the NATS competition winners.

## Thank you!

We are very grateful to all of you who took the time to do the CAT survey. We received 92 responses of the 157 we sent out, which our consultant assures us is "well beyond the responses of most congregations." What an encouraging sign of the continued faith and engagement of this parish! This will help to make our Parish Profile an accurate reflection of Christ Church Tacoma. Thank you!

~ The Parish Profile Committee

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH PRESENTS

# *Jazz* in the *Courtyard*

featuring Cara Francis, Jazz Vocalist

Saturday, July 30

7:30 PM

Christ Church Courtyard

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 (CASH/CHECK)

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### Daily Office at Christ Church

- ◇ Monday 9:00am\*  
[Morning Prayer](#)
  - ◇ Tuesday 7:30am\*  
[Lectio Divina](#)
  - ◇ Wednesday 7:00pm\*  
[Conversation and Compline](#)
  - ◇ Thursday 7:30am\*  
[Morning Prayer](#)
  - ◇ Saturday 9:00am  
**Morning Prayer**
- \*zoom link available at  
[christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

## Worship at Christ Church

**Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma**  
**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 24, 2022:**

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel  
10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

Visit [Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar) for weekday Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service

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