

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

If you were present for the Christ Church Ministry Fair after the 10:30 Eucharist this past Sunday, October 9, you may have experienced the animated conversation, laughter, and wonder that the parish is blessed with so many ministries, from the altar guild to the drum circle, from the garden team to ushers. Our parish administrator, Deborah Breneman, produced all the signs for the many groups and created the first-ever booklet that details what each group does (the idea for the booklet was our senior warden's, Christi McCarren). Tim Williams, sexton, set things up in good order and then a volunteer from each group answered questions and supervised signup sheets that were employed by some groups. A sincere Thank you to Deborah, Christi, Tim, and the many volunteers who cared for their table (or half table!).

At least five people approached me at different times during the Ministry Fair and said **the energy in the room was just great**, that there was a lively buzz throughout the space, and - as one long-timer in the parish remarked - "We haven't had this kind of good feeling in a long time!" And, if you weren't able to make it to the Fair, you can pick up one of the booklets jam-packed with important information about what each group does and who to contact if you're interested in volunteering.

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Friday, October 14, 2022

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## Upcoming Events

- Concert: Esoterics, October 15
- Coat Drive, October 16 & 23
- Adult Formation: Seeing Jesus, October 17 and 24
- Greening Parish, October 20
- Third Friday Concert: Andrew Koch, October 21
- Diocesan Convention, October 21 & 22
- Godly Play Virtual Intro, October 22
- Monthly Reading Group, October 23
- Jazz at Christ Church, October 29
- Coffee with the Wardens, October 30
- Jan Shoop Committal Service, October 30

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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.

## 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**.

# Christ Church Prayer List

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:

Mark Nassutti; Stephen Behr; Christinna Olsson; Pat Trytten; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks; Debbie and Doug Oakman; Jim Pierson.

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Community of the Paraclete • Little Sisters of St. Clare • The Third Order Society of St. Francis

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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Please visit our website at [Christchurchtacoma.org](http://Christchurchtacoma.org) to connect to newsletter links and previous editions.

[Christ Church Calendar](#) • [Next Week at Christ Church](#)

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.

**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.

[Episcopal News Service](#) • [Episcopal Church on Facebook](#) • [Diocese of Olympia Bishop Rickel's Blog](#)



## Worship

### A Message from Fr. Torvend

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And there is this, too: the **Parish Profile Committee** is coming close to completing their very important work for us. They have labored diligently for months on this project. Will you join me in holding them in prayer as they make the final preparations of a profile that will express who we are and who we hope to be? Thank you and thank you again to the many who work largely behind the scenes in support of our common life, our common prayer, and common service.

## Worship

### Fr. Evan Clendenin

Once again, we are glad to welcome Fr. Evan Clendenin as guest priest on two Sundays, October 16 and 23. Fr. Clendenin will preside and preach at the 8:30 and 10:30 Eucharists. Fr. Torvend will be away at what has become a working vacation. He will return on Sunday, October 30.

### All Souls

#### All the Faithful Departed, November 2

The Episcopal calendar includes a feast for **All the Faithful Departed**, commonly called **All Souls** (November 2). This day is devoted to remembering our beloved dead and praying for them “because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God’s presence those who have chosen to serve

God will grow in God’s love” (BCP 862). On **Wednesday, November 2, at 7 PM** we will celebrate the feast of All Souls at Holy Eucharist and, for the first time, use the beautiful readings, prayers, and songs appointed for this day. This solemn liturgy will include the reading of the names of our beloved dead.

Should you want the name or names of your beloved dead read at the All Souls Holy Eucharist on November 2, please **send their names** to our **Parish Administrator, Deborah Breneman**, no later than **Wednesday, October 26**. We need first name and last name; no titles.

### Altar of Remembrance

As in the past, we will have an **altar of remembrance** in the church, thanks to Sue Stibbe, where you can bring a framed photograph of your beloved dead and light a candle in their memory. The altar of remembrance will be present in the church during the month of November through the Feast of the Reign of Christ, Sunday, November 20. You’ll find it close to the glass window that overlooks the reflecting pool.

### All Saints, November 6

On the Episcopal calendar, the feast of All Saints (November 1) is a baptismal feast day in which we renew our baptismal vows within the communion of all the saints: the women and men of heroic virtue who serve as guides for living as Christians in the world today. Their names are found on pages 19-30 of the Book of Common Prayer or you can find them here, with a short biography (<http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>).

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This year, the Episcopal calendar transfers the feast of **All Saints** to **Sunday, November 6**. On this day, we will celebrate one Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM, with the renewal of baptismal promises and the welcome of newcomers to Christ Church, followed by a reception in Wells Hall.

## Adult Formation

**Mondays, October 17 and 24**  
**Seeing Jesus: Sacred Art as a Dimension of Faith**

7 PM on Zoom with **Don Johnson**  
Over the centuries the story of Jesus has been told in words -- and in pictures. How do we "read" this rich visual part of our heritage? Join together in exploring the meaning and value of selected images of Jesus for the life of faith. Register for this engaging conversation by sending an [email to Fr. Torvend](#).

**Greening Parish,**  
**Thursday, October 20, 7 PM on Zoom**

Our Greening Parish Group will gather on Zoom to discuss Episcopal commitments to greening care for the parish, our homes, and the earth. If you'd like to join in this conversation or just listen in, send an [email to Fr. Torvend](#), with the subject heading: Greening Parish. Please send your email by Tuesday, October 18.

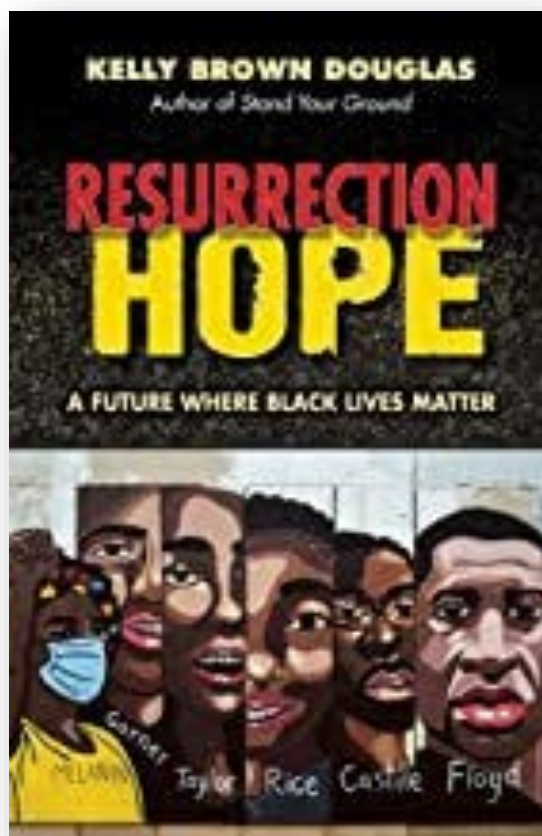
"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

~St. John Paul II

## Adult Formation

**Sunday, October 23, 6:30pm**  
**Monthly Reading Group**

Meet at the home of **Don and Wanda Johnson** to discuss *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter* by Kelly Brown Douglas. Newcomers are welcome! Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).



**How We'll Exist in Heaven,**  
**November 6**

**12 Noon in the Parish Library**

**Dr. Robin Okumu**, expert in Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*, will discuss the 14th c. poet's remarkable view of our corporal and relational union with God and all others souls in heaven. During the month of November when we consider "the last things," Dr. Okumu's presentation will be a truly eye-opening glimpse of this great master's vision of Paradise.



## Children's Formation Service

A Virtual Introduction to Godly Play will take place on **Saturday, October 22**, from 12:00noon to 1:30pm. We have purchased registrations for two individuals to attend. Please contact [Christi McCarren](#) by email or 253.677.8227 if you are interested.



## Service

As usual, the gifts of food you bring for the Little Food Pantry are great. And we all know the food must be non-perishable. Here are foods that seem popular: bottled water, juice packs, nutrition bars, plastic jars of peanut butter, apple sauce, flip top cans of tuna, chicken, and beans. Whatever you bring must be **easily opened** without dependence on a can opener or a stove for cooking. Why do we give with all our hearts? It's who we are. We are followers of Jesus who loves the needy.



**Seven coats** in hand after week one! One from a church member, placed in the box in the narthex last Sunday, (many thanks!) two from Goodwill, four by asking family members a direct question: "Have you got any warm coats you are not wearing any more?" (Direct questions, no hesitancy in the voice, can be highly productive.) Goodwill is a good source of coats as is Value Village. Any other good source of coats? Some have been known to buy new coats as their offering.

Many people released from the Detention Center in Tacoma generally do not possess decent or appropriate clothing. We at Christ Church are helping the nonprofit AIDNW (Advocates for Immigrants in Detention) in its drive to collect 1000 coats. Can we collect 50 warm jackets?

Bet we can.

~CSLT

# Community



## Helping our sisters and brothers

As members and friends of Christ Church, we are part of a *transnational* network of Episcopal communities. The Episcopal Church includes dioceses outside the boundaries of the United States: the Dioceses of Taiwan, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Venezuela, Europe, and Haiti.

Of the 112 dioceses that constitute the Episcopal Church, the **Diocese of Haiti** boasts the largest number of members. And it is this impoverished country, a country that has suffered earthquakes and hurricanes, which is now tormented by gang warfare and social chaos. In light of such chaos, the Haitian prime minister, Ariel Henry, has asked the United Nations to send a large contingent of troops to restore order and peace. Clean water sources are low and cholera has broken out among the population. Many are without adequate food and

basic medical supplies. Children, the future of this island nation, are hungry.

## How can we assist our sisters and brothers in Haiti?

Join **Prayer Partners**, sponsored by Episcopal Relief and Development:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/worship-resources/let-us-pray-2/join/>

Make a **donation** to one of the following groups working on the ground in Haiti:

Episcopal Relief and Development's Haiti Fund:

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief>

Doctors without Borders:

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/where-we-work/haiti>

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Hope for Haiti:

<https://hopeforhaiti.com/>

**Join the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, in his prayer for Haiti:**

Eternal God, send forth your Spirit to encourage and strengthen the people of Haiti in these difficult times. Encourage and strengthen those who help and support others. In your mercy, receive the souls of those who have died; comfort their families and loved ones. Surround with your presence the sick and suffering. Empower medical and aid workers and all who labor to heal. Enfold and uphold the people of Haiti—from the youngest newly born to the oldest—in the arms of your love and the strength of your might. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you.

~Fr. Samuel Torvend



**Third Friday Concert, October 21 at 12:10pm, featuring Andrew Koch**

Donations will be gratefully  
accepted at the door.

A poster for "Esoterics" featuring a white, stylized, abstract graphic resembling a bird or a flame against a dark blue background with vertical light blue stripes. The word "Esoterics" is written in a white, serif font.

**Esoterics**

**Appearing at**  
**Christ Church Tacoma**  
**Saturday, October 15 at 8:00pm.**  
For tickets, visit their [website](#).  
General admission \$20, student/senior \$15.  
Appearing at Plymouth Church in Seattle  
Sunday, October 16 at 4:00pm.



# Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 16, 2022:

## Daily Office at Christ Church

◇ Monday 9:00am\*

[Morning Prayer](#)

◇ Tuesday 7:30am\*

[Lectio Divina](#)

◇ Thursday 7:30am\*

[Morning Prayer](#)

◇ Saturday 9:00am

[Morning Prayer](#)

\*zoom link available at  
[christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

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 Schedule

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