

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

This past Sunday, October 2, we found magic marker graffiti on a glass panel next to one of the doors leading into the church (washed clean by our sexton, Tim Williams) and graffiti on the North K Street door leading into Wells Hall (a curse invoking the name of a Welsh goddess and cannibal was penned on the door - along with some basic misspelling: not the brightest gang of small time criminals). The graffiti is being reported to the Tacoma Police Department and we are working with a consultant on updating our security system, cameras, and locks.

I think it's helpful to recognize that the graffiti marked on two of our spaces is regrettable (and a pain to clean up) but also part of a larger pattern of unlawful activity that has grown rapidly over the past six years, a pattern of activity that includes houses of worship - Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh. In other parts of the country, Episcopal churches that have leaders of color, proclaim an open welcome to LGBT-identified people, and promote the church's position on making reproductive healthcare available to all women have been targeted by extremists who have defaced church buildings and sent threats via email or telephone messages. I see the mostly positive comments about Christ Church on our Facebook page - but I also see (and delete) the truly rare but incredibly hateful messages posted there by those poor souls who mock our presiding bishop (a Black man), make fun of

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Christ Church Parish



Friday, October 7, 2022

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Upcoming Events

- Ministry Fair, October 9
- Writing Healing & Reconciliation Workshop, October 9
- Coat Drive, October 9, 16 & 23
- Adult Formation: Seeing Jesus, October 10, 17, and 24
- Christian Faith and Animal Rights, October 13
- Secular Book Club, October 14
- Concert: Esoterics, October 15
- 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
- Jan Shoop Committal Service, October 30

MOVING
forward

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; Christi McCarren; Stephen Behr; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Pat Trytten; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks and her children; 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: Refugee Resettlement Office • Episcopal Mission to Seafarers • Seattle Service Corps

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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[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.

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women in leadership, heap scorn on our welcome to people of various sexual orientations, and claim that religion is nothing more than a money scam.

As you might imagine, the divisive nature of our political life, much of it marked by outright hatred, seems to have spilled onto our parish buildings and social media. The pandemic has brought more than sickness and death: it has prompted some members of our society to assume that the rule of law and respect for others no longer applies to them. While we are taking measures to secure and protect our worship spaces (chapel and church), our offices, and Wells Hall, I think it important to remember who we aspire to be as a people baptized and communed in the life of Jesus Christ: the One who defended others, acted with love (not retribution) toward his enemies, welcomed women and people of ambiguous sexuality, promoted peace at the cost of being mocked, and placed his trust in God: the center of his life.

Be sure of this: He is with us now. Let his life be our guide as together we face the future.



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All Saints and All Souls

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>). 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.

The Episcopal calendar also 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.

Adult Formation

All Souls November 2 continued from page 3.

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*.

As in the past, we will have an **altar of remembrance** in the church 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.

Adult Formation

Mondays, October 10, 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](#).

Thursday, October 13

Christian Faith and Animal Rights

7 PM in the Parish Library with

Dustin Crummert

On Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate the Blessing of Animals in the courtyard. Flowing from that blessing, we are glad to announce that Dr. Dustin Crummert, Christ Church worshipper and professor of philosophy at UWT, will lead a discussion on October 13 concerning Christian faith and animal rights. Dustin says: *Some influential schools of Christian thought have held that we have no, or only very minimal, obligations to animals. But if we consult sources like reason, the Bible, or Jesus, this turns out to be false, and the result is that we should often treat animals differently than we currently do. Save the date for what will be a fascinating and enlightening discussion.*

Sunday, October 23

Monthly Reading Group at 6:30 pm

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](#).



CHRIST CHURCH PARISH PRESENTS

FALL MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, October 9 | 11:45 am

Find your calling at Christ Church.

Coffee, tea, and treats for all.

Christ Church Wells Hall

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Children's Formation

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

Got any old men's coats or jackets around the house which you don't need anymore? Consider donating them to the [coat drive now](#) for the next three Sundays at the church- October 9, 16, and 23.

The recipients? Newly arrived persons seeking asylum in our country.



Service

Who is the end sponsor? AIDNW (Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest). AIDNW helps people who are released from the Detention center in the tide flats in Tacoma. AIDNW will see that the coats you donate go directly to the asylum seekers. Here's hoping you can help.



Little Food Pantry

Computer frustrations, anyone? Irritating. Car problems? Ouch! Well, that's life, isn't it. Life is full of frustrations, but we manage them (not always graciously). We get them done. And we can imagine the frustration of not having enough food. The world is full of that. And we, with the Little Pantry, are here to help! Thanks be to God we can help. Why not pick up an item of non-perishable

food from your pantry just before leaving the house on Sundays, and either place it directly into the Little Pantry in front of the church property or place it in the basket to be offered at the altar. Either way is fine and will help alleviate food frustration!~ **The Little Pantry Team**



*What is our Christian
obligation to animals?*

Christian Faith and Animal Rights

A discussion with

Dr. Dustin Crummert, PhD

Thursday
October 13, 2022
7:00pm



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Esoterics

Founded in 1992 by director Eric Banks, **The Esoterics** is a Seattle-based vocal ensemble dedicated to performing and perpetuating contemporary a cappella choral settings of poetry, philosophy, and spiritual writings from around the world. While cultivating artistic expression and cultural understanding among its singers and audience alike, **The Esoterics** aspires to reflect the beauty, power, and significance that are inherent in the music of our time.

The Esoterics has presented over 500 concerts in the PNW, many of which have been right here at Christ Church.

The Esoterics is pleased to present ***The Atlas of the Way***, by Forrest Farhad Pierce. Part of Pierce's work, **The Valleys**, this a cappella work is based on the epic Sufi poem, The conference of the birds (Mantiq ut-Tair) by Faid ud-Din Attar (1145-1221). Pierce's piece describes the journey of a gathering of curious birds who are led by their teacher - the hoopoe - to learn of their own origin. Through this vast landscape, the birds traverse seven evocatively-named valleys - of farawayfaring, lovestruckness, kenning, enoughing, onement, wonderstruckness, and noughtness - each representing a Sufi maqam, or spiritual station of progress. Between each musical valley, Pierce's interstitial sohjets capture quiet, intimate conversations between student and teacher in which they reflect on this spiritual journey.

You are invited to experience this world-premiere performance on **Saturday, October 15, at 8:00pm**. Tickets are available for \$20, student/senior \$15.



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.

Community

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

Dr. Andrew Koch serves as Director of Music and organist at St. Alphonsus Church in Seattle. He holds degrees in organ and sacred music from Furman University, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Washington. In addition to his work as a liturgical musician at St. Alphonsus, Koch serves as Director of Music at Emmanuel Anglican Church, teaches piano with Cascade Piano Studio, and maintains a private organ studio. He is also an active performer, giving recitals across the country including in his native Baltimore, Cleveland, St. Louis, and previously at Christ Episcopal. An avid climber, cyclist, and mountaineer, when not teaching or making music, Andrew can typically be found on an adventure in the mountains of Washington.



Organist Andrew Koch, who will perform works by J. S. Bach, Sweelinck, Buxtehude, and Rheinberger on **Friday, October 21, at 12:10pm.**

Dr. Koch's program includes works by J. S. Bach, Sweelinck, Buxtehude, and Rheinberger. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door.

third friday
concerts @ Christ Church



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Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 9, 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

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



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

Visit Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar for weekday Morning Prayer,
Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service Schedule

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