

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, February 3, 2023

## A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

### Who are we?

An annual meeting is significant event in the life of an Episcopal parish as it expresses who we are: **a representative democracy**. Ours is *neither* a congregational model in which every single decision must be approved by all members of the parish *nor* a hierarchical model in which every decision is handed down by the priest to the members. Since 1789, the Constitution of the Episcopal Church mandates that we elect members of the parish to represent us in the vestry, the parish council, as well as elect members to serve as our delegates to the annual diocesan convention in which lay and clergy consider resolutions and make decisions for the diocese.

It is of some interest that **clergy are prohibited from voting** at the annual meeting, and this is so for two reasons: priests and deacons are members of the diocese and thus “attached” to the bishop - they are not voting members of the parish; and priests and deacons should not sway the parish in terms of voting that would favor them. It is the members of the parish who make decisions for the parish by their votes. Consequently, friends of the parish are welcome as auditors at the meeting who refrain from voting.

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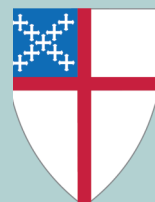
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## Upcoming Events

- **Annual Meeting, February 5**
- Secular Book Club, **February 10**
- Adult Formation, **February 19**
- Monthly Book Club, **February 19**
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, **February 21**
- Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist, **February 22**
- First Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist, **February 26**
- Lent Quiet Morning **March 4**

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(Wells Hall)  
Capital Campaign



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:

Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Debbie Oakman; Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; Roby and Marie Dodd; Dick Gregory; Lois Garriott; Bill Garriott; Stephen Behr; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Morrie Stafford; and Jim Pierson.

**Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:** Ellen Kjesbu; Barbara Bertolin; Doralin Burrows; Leilani Ordway; and Jessie Van Vorhis.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Matthew's/San Mateo, Auburn • St. Elizabeth's, Burién

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of Papua New Guinea

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### Christ Church Calendar

To submit an article to the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the Parish Administrator.

Articles must be submitted by Tuesdays 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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# Worship and Formation

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In anticipation of this year's annual meeting, your senior warden, Christi McCarren, and I reviewed the list of all potential voters at the annual meeting. The importance of this review will be found in the list you are asked to sign when entering Wells Hall on Sunday. We need a **quorum** in order to conduct the required business of the meeting. So, please, kindly set aside the 60 minutes plus for a light lunch and what will be an excellent review of how we have moved forward in faith together through a challenging 2022.

Each member and friend of the parish will receive a copy of **the annual report**: it is a remarkable document that expresses our resilience, generosity, and creativity in a year that saw us moving out of pandemic isolation and welcoming visitors and newcomers to our common life. Many thanks to those who submitted reports and many thanks to our Parish Administrator, Deborah Breneman, who has created the report in an easy to follow format. This report will be available to those who are applying for the position of rector: in addition to our Parish Profile, and the annual report is an excellent window into the daily and weekly life of Christ Church.

**Sunday, February 12**

**11:45 am in the church**

**The Worship Committee** will meet in the Parish Library after the 10:30 Holy Eucharist.

**Sunday, February 19**

**A New Look at the Spiritual Practices of Lent**

**11:45 am in the Parish Library**

Since 1970, major changes have taken place in the practice of Lent: changes that accord with our emphasis on a baptismal and eucharistic spirituality. This is a change from the late medieval view of Lent that survived into the 20th century! Join us as we consider a fresh emphasis that departs from a long period of focusing on one's personal sin.

**Sunday, February 19**

**at 6:30pm**

**Monthly Reading Group**

Meet at the home of Don and Wanda Johnson to discuss *In the Upper Country: A Novel* by Kai Thomas. Newcomers are welcome! Questions?

[Contact Don Johnson.](#)

**Wednesday, February 22**

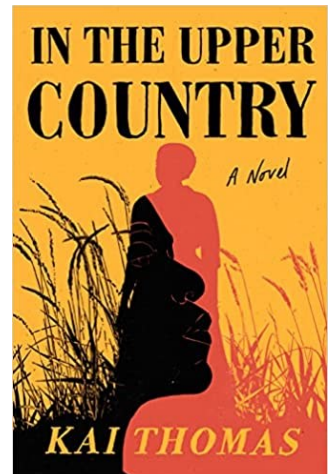
**7:30 pm in the church**

**Holy Eucharist with  
Distribution of Ashes**

**Sunday, February 26**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

**Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am**



# Formation and Service

Saturday, March 4

## Lent Quiet Morning

10:00am to 12:00 noon

### In the church

Come away to this oasis of peaceful reflection, meditation, and prayer as we consider how ancient monastic wisdom informs our distinctive spiritual practices of Lent.

## Godly Play, our Children's

Formation, is now every Sunday



through mid-June.

Ann Welton, David Pierce and Christi McCarren lead this Montessori-based Sunday School program. Meet in the Narthex at 10:30 am

to travel to Wells Hall together on Sundays.



Can you spare a little hands-on volunteer time? It's one day a week, probably less than an hour. You would take some supplies from the church kitchen and put them out in the outdoor pantry. Helpers!

[Contact Jim Limerick.](#)

## Weekly Altar Flower Donations Available

There are still a few Sundays available for flower donations. The sign-up is in the Narthex; your suggested donation is just \$50. ***Please note that due to our arrangement with our florist, we are unable to accept specific floral requests.***

## Office Volunteers Needed

We have a vacancy in our afternoon Parish Office volunteer schedule and are wondering if YOU would like to join our team!

We have availability Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, any time between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. You would not need to be here the whole time if that doesn't work for you.

No particular skills necessary! Thank you for considering,

*~Deborah Breneman, Parish*

*Administrator, with Pam Vidan, Cynthia Anthony, and Susan Manning*

## Enter the Mending Cross Lottery

Donate to the Deck the Halls/Wells Hall Fund and receive a chance to win a Mending Cross, created by Christ Church artist Jean Tudor. These beautiful crosses are created especially for our church, and all proceeds go to renovate Wells Hall. The Lottery winners will be chosen at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 5, 2023, but of course, you are always welcome to donate to the fund.



# Community

## The Wells Hall Work Party, Saturday, January 28

The Wells Hall Work Party was an incredible success!! Thirty parishioners and three members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church pitched in to bring Wells Hall closer to her former glory.



The first load of 5,200 pounds of broken and unused items.



The Pledge Hog goes to his new home.

While there is still much work to do, the new empty spaces that have been created by purging 5,200 pounds of “junk” open up possibilities we could not see before. I am so grateful for the dedication and commitment of this parish to come together for one goal: **Christ Church Moving Forward...**

~Christi McCarren, Senior Warden

# Annual Meeting and Celebration of Ministry 2023

The Parish Annual Meeting will take place this **Sunday, February 5, 2023**, immediately after the 10:30 Holy Eucharist, in Wells Hall. In order to have a quorum to conduct business, we encourage all members of the parish to mark the date and participate in the meeting. A light lunch will be served.

[Click here to read a copy of the Annual Report 2022.](#) To save printing costs, only a small number of copies will be available at the meeting.



Our next Third Friday Concert will be held Friday, February 17, at 12:10 pm, featuring organist Susanna Valleau.



Organist **Susanna Valleau** appears Friday, February 17 at 12:10 pm.

Susanna serves as music director of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Shoreline, where she proudly plays the newly-installed Ortloff organ. She also directs the St. Dunstan's choir and oversees their music program. Susanna is a faculty member of the Seattle Girls' Choir, where she works with the Allegra and Prime Voci Choirs, along with teaching in her private studio and maintaining a busy performing schedule.

Susanna will be performing works by Buxtehude, Bach, Jessica French, Vaughan Williams, and Mendelssohn.

## THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION 2023



Dear friends in Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythm of days and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us note the year's culmination, the Paschal Triduum, the Three Days of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising, celebrated between the evenings of April 6 and April 8, 2023.

January 6, 2023

**The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

January 8, 2023

**The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

February 2, 2023

**The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**

February 21, 2023

**Shrove Tuesday**

### THE PASCHAL CYCLE

February 22, 2023

**Ash Wednesday**

February 26, 2023

**The First Sunday in Lent**

April 2, 2023

**Palm Sunday | Sunday of the Passion**

*Lent ends with sunset on Thursday, April 6*

### THE THREE DAYS: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 6, 2023

**Maundy Thursday: Institution of the Holy Eucharist**

April 7, 2023

**Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

April 8, 2023

**Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter, the Lord's Passover from Death to Life**

**Mark your calendar well for these holy days when the people of God  
gather as one to celebrate the great mystery of our salvation**

### 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)

## Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

February 5, 2023:

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

*Online Daily/Weekly Devotion information:*

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