

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

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A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

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Caution: Things Have Changed

Those who watch the parish calendar will recognize that during the week and on weekends, during the day and into the evening, many spaces in the parish are now being rented to outside groups for meetings, rehearsals, receptions, and other projects. This means that we can no longer assume, as we did before the pandemic, that spaces once used and used frequently without reservation are available. They are not.

We are supporting our financial health by renting these spaces to various groups: the church, Wells Hall, the gymnasium under Wells Hall, the Fireplace Room, the kitchen, the Parish Library, and the Green Room. The staff ask this of all members and friends: *please do not assume that a space is available.*

Each and every parish event needs to be scheduled with our Parish Administrator, Deborah Breneman. Your request for space needs to be directed to Deborah. This includes any extended coffee hours (potlucks) on Sundays (as we have groups who begin to use Wells Hall at 1:30 PM which requires clean up and resetting the room), soup suppers, team or committee meetings, prayer gatherings, and classes. Please do not assume that a space is yours simply because it is a parish event: speak with Deborah. We ask for your kind assistance in this matter so that we have clear coordination of our many spaces and so that we can ensure that Christ Church Parish events are given priority in scheduling. Thank you.

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Upcoming Events

- Secular Book Club,
Choir Rehearsal, **April 13**
- Vestry Meeting, **April 18**
- Choir Rehearsal, **April 20**
- Third Friday Concert, **April 21**
- Veterans Village Prep, **April 23**
- Veterans Village Service, **April 24**
- CSLT Meeting, **April 25**
- Choir Rehearsal, **April 27**
- Celebrating the 90s Potluck
Monthly Reading Group, **April 30**
- Evening Prayer and Soup Supper,
May 3



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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:

Bill Tudor; Patty Botkin; Betsy Buck; Al Buck; Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Miri Hinde; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; Stephen Behr; Danielle Olsson; Melissa Glick, Ginny Peterson; and Jim Pierson.

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. David's, Friday Harbor • Grace, Lopez Island

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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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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Great Days at Christ Church 2023

I am glad to report that participation in the liturgies during these days - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day - increased substantially over the previous year; in some cases, attendance *doubled*. Many visitors joined us this year and a good number of Welcome Cards and emails concerning our common life were received.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated service of many people, some who serve in a variety of capacities. As a parish, we owe our thanks to these volunteers and staff who worked diligently to prepare all that was needed for what one visitor called, "a truly transformative experience of worship and community that now draws me to Christ Church." ~Fr. Samuel Torvend

THANK YOU

Altar Guild Pat Chen, Tim Chen, Ron Fields, Brianne Knudson, Liz Schroedel Lansing, Evelyn Tomter, Edith Abicht, Shelby Clayson, Caroline Woodhams, Robi Miller **Liturgical Artists** Ron Fields, Milana McLead, Pat Chen, Caroline Huckaby, Sue Stibbe, Christi McCarren, Tim Chen **Gardeners** Linda Johnson, Len Johnson, Ronn Johanson **Musicians** Paul Tegels, Sue Beer, Teresa Gutierrez, Pat Hendrix, Van Hardison, Tom Bradford, Ronn Johanson, Barbara Pasi, Kathryn Habedank, Jane Bertolin, Roxy Giddings, Bill Giddings, Barbara Williams, Dick Griffin, Mary Hanneman, Nancy Knudsen, Meg Mansfield, Ruth Moore, Nelson Williams, Larissa Gaulke, Rae Hyra, TJ Wheeler, Jack Burrows, Ruth Tweeten, Robin Okumu, Peach McDouall, Debby Hammond, Arthur Keast **Lectors** Don Johnson, Brianne Knudson, Shelby Clayson, Gordon Okumu, Ginny Peterson **Liturgical Ministers** Gen Grewell, Donna Arellano, Rod Blackburn, Shelby Clayson, Carol Gregory, Robert Hicker, Caroline Huckaby, Sandy Johanson, Pam Vidan **Ushers** Len Johnson, Linda Johnson, Hector Arellano, Joe Conklin, Holly Joseph, Winfield Giddings, Liz Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Dylan Hays **Reception Hosts** Dorie Hahn, Barbara Williams **Livestream** Winfield Giddings **Sexton** Tim Williams **Programs and more** Deborah Breneman **Photographers** King Schoenfeld, Winfield Giddings **Children's Formation** and **Easter Egg Hunt** Christi McCarren

Formation and Service

Earth Ministry

The leadership of Earth Ministry is unable to join us on Sunday, April 23, as previously announced. We look forward to rescheduling this event in June.

Sunday, April 23

The Cosmic Dimension of the Resurrection

After you fetch a cup of coffee or tea in Wells Hall, you are welcome to join Fr. Torvend in the Parish Library at 12 Noon for a discussion of an often overlooked Christian conviction: that the resurrection of Jesus holds not only a personal dimension for each of us but also a global and cosmic dimension that guides our care for the earth.



faithful participant in this important community event for many years.

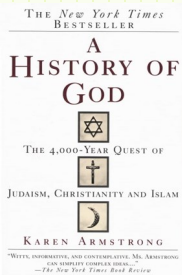
We have the opportunity to make contributions **now through May 31**. We invite you to join this year's event by making a financial donation to our Christ Episcopal Church Tacoma team.

Please make a donation at:

[Christ Church Tacoma Hunger Walk](#)

- ♦ **Select Donation (top of page)**
- ♦ **Select Team Fundraiser (scroll down on right)**
- ♦ **Select Christ Episcopal Tacoma (scroll down until you locate)**
- ♦ **Donate**

Emergency Food Network (EFN) is the central non-profit food distributor for Pierce County, serving a network of more than 75 food pantries, meal sites, and shelters. In 2022, EFN distributed more than 13 million pounds of food and supported 2 million food pantry visits. A large percentage of the food pantry visits were on behalf of children and seniors. These are the neighbors most in need of our help. They are able to distribute a meal for just \$0.50, so every dollar you give will have an incredible impact in our community.



Sunday, April 30 at 6:30pm

Monthly Reading Group

Meet at the home of King and Dee Schoenfeld to discuss chapters 7-11 of *A History of God* by Karen Armstrong. Newcomers are welcome! **Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).**

Godly Play, our Children's Formation, is now every Sunday through mid-June. Meet in the Narthex at 10:30 am to travel to Wells Hall together on Sundays.

Emergency Food

Network is kicking off Pierce County Hunger Awareness Month with the 43rd annual Hunger Walk! Our congregation has been a

Thank you for helping to make sure that no person goes hungry in Pierce County!

If you have any questions or would like to sign-up to walk as part of our Christ Church team, please contact Linda Johnson at 253-802-6824 Or Iljbrownspt@gmail.com.

Community

Maundy Thursday



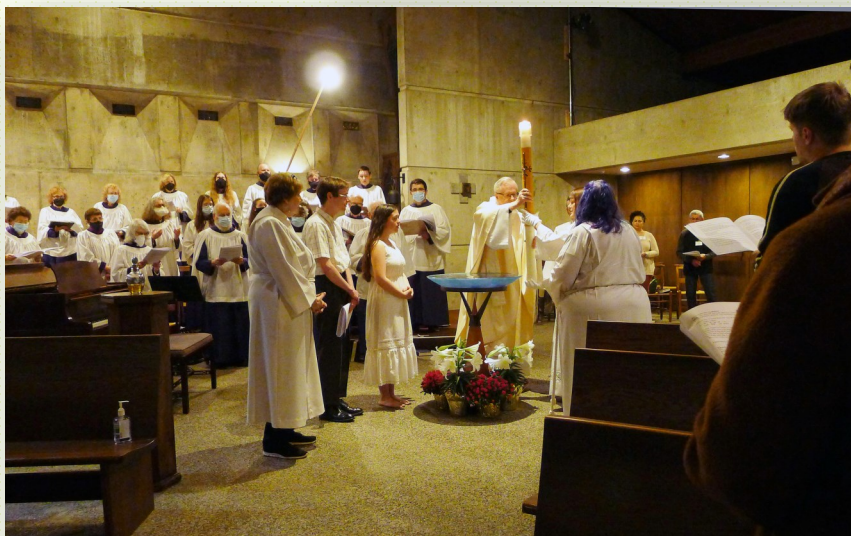
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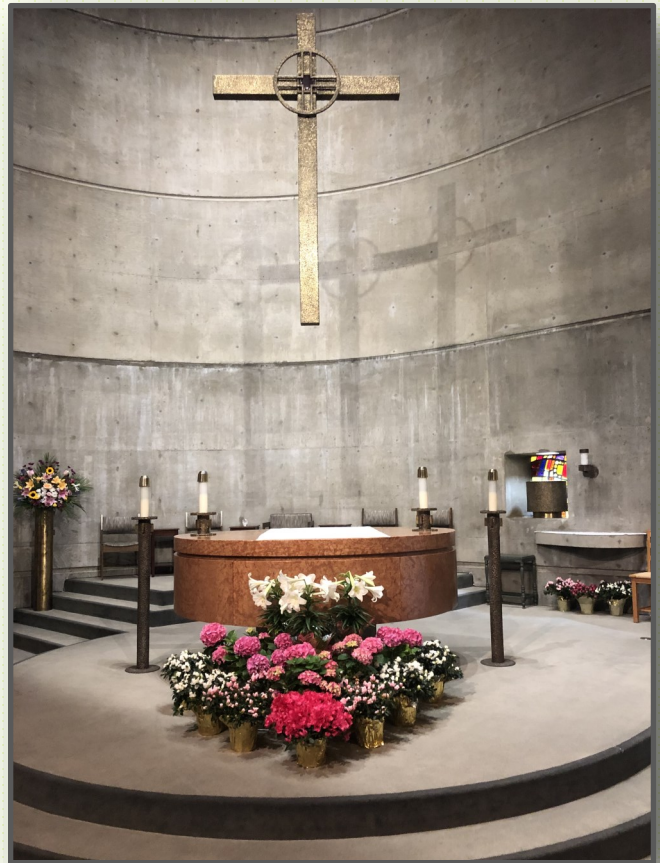


Easter Vigil

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Easter

at Christ Church Parish

Alleluia, He is Risen! Happy Easter to all!

Easter is indeed a joyous day. But alas, it means that we have come to the culmination of Lent Madness. The finals happen quickly, with lots of difficult battles.

In the round of the Elite 8, we are offered Saintly Kitsch along with more background to make our choices. It is fun to see what they find!

LENT MADNESS

2023 GOLDEN HALO WINNER



JONATHAN MYRICK DANIELS

Joanna the Myrrhbearer trounced Blandina; as did Jonathan Daniels over Florence Li Tim-Oi. On the other hand, it was closer, but Chief Seattle beat Bertha of Kent. And Martin de Porres barely squeaked by Bach (I wonder if they had to do a recount?). Where else do you see such choices?

Joanna then soundly beat Martin (I was hoping that Martin would make it through) and Jonathan soundly beat Chief Seattle (this made me 0-for-2 in the Finals). Setting up Jonathan vs Joanna, which Jonathan took 56%-44%. A worthy wearer of the Golden Halo indeed.

I hope those of you who played this with me enjoyed it. I love learning about new saints, and more about those who are familiar to me. In the end, it is encouraging to know how many people, from all walks of life, have been inspired by Jesus to do the amazing things they've done. Makes me think that I can walk with them. Reminds me of our hymn, "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God."

Peace to you all, and a Happy, Joyous Easter! ~**Deacon Donna**



Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is working on the preliminary steps toward the search for a new Rector. The Diocese recommended that we wait to officially open the search until after Holy Week.

~**Shelby Clayson, Search Committee Reporter**

Community



A person between the ages of 90 and 99 is referred to as a “nonagenarian.” There are already some of you in the congregation and others who have or are going to join this exclusive club in 2023. Parish Life would love to celebrate you young folks at the next Christ Church Potluck on **Sunday, April 30, in Wells Hall**, following the 10:30 service. If you or someone you know in our congregation is in the club, please let the office know so we may include you/them in the celebration. ~**Parish Life Committee**



Interested in Charity Needlework? If you knit, crochet, quilt, or do other needlework, we welcome all interested to an informational gathering during coffee hour on **April 23rd**. A table will be identified in the rear of Wells Hall.

Don't know how but want to learn? We will assist you. Do come with your interests and questions.

~ **Pat Chen, Alyce Schaffer, and Margaret Maxwell**



CHARITY
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GROUP

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

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](https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

April 16, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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