

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

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A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

During Holy Week and the Easter season, Episcopalians in this country have been drawn to consider our relationship with Anglicans in the Middle East. Indeed, it is our practice to send donations to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a diocese that counts members and leaders in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria.

Though it is a small diocese in terms of members, its presence is palpable: the diocese sponsors thirty institutions, including hospitals, schools, clinics, rehabilitation centers, guesthouses, and retirement homes. The diocesan cathedral is in Jerusalem and the bishop of the diocese is the Most Rev. Hosam Elias Naoum, a Palestinian Anglican. For more on this sister diocese, go to <https://j-diocese.org/wordpress/>.

You are welcome to make a donation to support the good work of our sisters and brothers in the land of Jesus by making a check out to Christ Church with "Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem" in the memo line or by making an online contribution to American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem at <https://afedj.org/give/overview/>.



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Upcoming Events

- Veterans Village Prep, **April 23**
- Veterans Village Service, **April 24**
- CSLT Meeting
Choir Rehearsal, **April 25**
- Celebrating the 90s Potluck
Monthly Reading Group, **April 30**
- Evening Prayer and Soup Supper,
May 3
- Choir Rehearsal, **May 4**
- Northwest Repertory Singers
Concert, **May 6 and 7**
- Choir Rehearsal, **May 11**



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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:

Sean Horner; Bill Tudor; Patty Botkin; Betsy Buck; Al Buck; Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Miri Hindes; 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. Paul's Mount Vernon • La Inglesia Episcopal de la Resurreccion, Mount Vernon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of Uganda

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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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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

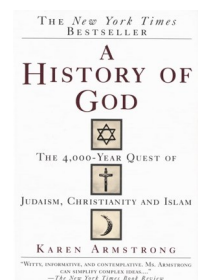
After you fetch a cup of coffee or tea in Wells Hall, you are welcome to join Fr. Torvend in the Parish Library at 12 Noon for a discussion of an often overlooked Christian conviction: that the resurrection of Jesus holds not only a personal dimension for each of us but also a global and cosmic dimension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



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.

Service

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

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 lljbrownspt@gmail.com.



HUNGER WALK

Community

Join Northwest Repertory Singers on a musical journey traversing from “the round earth’s imagined corners” to the landscape of the Red River Valley to the Shenandoah. Enjoy as we share the tender beauty of “A Red, Red Rose” and the boisterous adventures of “The Wellerman.”

Featuring old and new sea shanties, we will also present Gwyneth Walker’s powerful and poignant song cycle exploring humanity’s relationship to water, “Down to the Sea.” In addition, we will perform works by two of our own members, Tom Walworth’s “Song of the Whaler’s Wife” and the premiere of a new composition created by Sharon Stearnes-Szigeti, which musically paints a picture of “Where the Ocean Meets the Sky.”

Please join NWRS on **May 6 at 7:30 p.m. and May 7 at 3:00 p.m.** right here at Christ Church. This extraordinary setting is the perfect location for our choir to share the final two concerts of our 22nd season. We look forward to seeing you May 6 and 7!

[Click here to purchase your NWRS tickets](#) for SONGS of LAND, SEA and SKY

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Northwest Repertory Singers

Kyle Haugen, artistic director | Marjorie Skreen, collaborative pianist

Songs of Land, Sea & Sky

May 6

7:30 PM

May 7

3:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church 310 North K Street Tacoma, WA | **TICKET SALES NWRS.ORG**

Community

1st Quarter Statements Sent

We're trying something new this year—emailed statements rather than sending through snail mail. Unless we don't have your email address, you should have received your **1st Quarter statement** on **Thursday, April 20.**



The return address of our email says "comms@aplos.org" and asks you to click on a link to see your statement; the program then asks you to complete a sign-in process. Have no fear; this email is from our office and does contain your statement. We apologize for surprising you with this new method, but know you'll appreciate the savings in stamps!

Note that if we don't have your email, your statement will still be mailed; these remaining few statements should go into the mail early next week.

Please feel free to contact our office by **emailing** or calling 253.383.1569 x 101 with any questions or concerns.

~Deborah Breneman

2023 Annual Deacons' Retreat

This year's Annual Deacons' Retreat met this past March at the Seabeck Community Conference Center. The focus at this year's retreat was **Transitions.**

"Deacon Missy Couch had these thoughts about the retreat: '...As we reunited we laughed, played, and prayed together with a specific topic on which to ponder and reflect: Transitions. Archdeacon **Gen Grewell** announced that, after

much discernment and prayer, she is leaving the role as our Archdeacon on June 30. However, she will still be semi-active as a deacon in the community. **

'With that knowledge our community went through the weekend imagining what our Diocese will be like in this time of transition.... The myriad of duties, which Gen has performed so capably, is vast and wide. The Archdeacon serves as the Bishop's right-hand in all things Diaconal. What will it take to fill the shoes of our beloved Gen? After several sessions of prayer and discussion about what our community may need and want in our next Archdeacon, our facilitator, the Rev Canon Arienne Davison, asked us to continue praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to ponder our own role in this Transition. We will be regathering in mid-June to pray once more and share our insights.

'In this time of transition our Community will continue to take Christ's redemptive love into the world, especially to those on the margins, and to interpret to the Church the hopes, needs, and concerns of the world.' " (ecwww.or/2023-annual-deacons-retreat, Josh Hornbeck, April 19, 2023)



****Christ Church will celebrate Archdeacon Gen Grewell this June. Stay tuned for more info!**

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.

A-L please bring a salad and/or bread, M-Z please bring a luncheon entrée. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. ~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



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 23, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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