

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

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## A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

### Disruptive behavior and your safety: please read carefully

At its annual retreat on May 21, the vestry spent the majority of its time working on plans to provide heightened security and safety for staff and volunteers working in the office, Wells Hall, and the church, for those who rent space from us, and for those who come to worship in Trinity Chapel and the church. This is a high priority for vestry and staff.

Before the pandemic and since our return to in-person worship, parish gatherings, and office hours, we have had persons enter our spaces: **some benign**, just seeking a bit of food, and **others disruptive**, usually due to some form of mental illness. It is the latter that concerns us here. To care for the safety of staff, volunteers, renters, and worshippers, the Christ Church staff has agreed to the following:

**If a person or persons exhibiting disruptive behavior come on church property, they will be asked to leave. If a person or persons who have exhibited disruptive behavior in the past come on church property, they, too, will be asked to leave. If they refuse to leave, staff, vestry members, or volunteers will call the Tacoma Police and ask that a police officer and a crisis intervention officer take the person under their care.**

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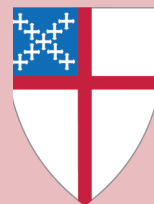
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## Upcoming Events

- Tacoma Contra Dance, **June 17**
- Farewell BBQ for Archdeacon Gen Grewell, **June 18**
- Vestry Meeting, **June 20**
- Sanctuary Tour, **June 25**
- CSLT Meeting, **June 27**
- Tacoma Contra Dance, **July 1**
- RSCM at Christ Church, **July 2**
- Earth Ministry, **July 9**



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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:

Barbara Pasi; Steve Oakman; Dylan Hays; Greta Johnson; Tammy Hess and Family, Tim Williams; Patty Botkin; Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; Stephen Behr; Danielle Olsson; and Jim Pierson.

**Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:** Natasha Oakman; Betty Sporrer; Steve Skramstad; Dori Conklin, and Ann Combe.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Christ Church, Tacoma • Holy Family of Jesus, Tacoma

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Australia

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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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It is important to bear in mind that a person in a **psychotic state** can appear pleasant and calm one minute and aggressive and threatening the next minute. The need to remove someone who can threaten or disrupt takes into consideration the number of parishioners who cannot move quickly to an exit in order to avoid potentially harmful behavior. The safety of those who come to worship or work at Christ Church is our first concern.

We kindly ask that all members of Christ Church exercise caution and **not admit** persons unknown or persons who have exhibited disruptive behavior to the church entryway, the sanctuary, Trinity Chapel, the office space or parish library, and Wells Hall. If you encounter someone who asks to be admitted, kindly go outside with doors closed behind you and ask what the person seeks. Then return to the space, closing the door, and seek a staff person or vestry member to assist the person.

Perhaps thirty years ago, we would not need to consider such measures. But now, we find ourselves needing to take measures to ensure the safety and security of those who work and worship at Christ Church.

Christi McCarren, Senior Warden  
Samuel Torvend, Priest for Worship and Formation

## Guided tour of Christ Church

On **Sunday, June 25, at 12 Noon**, Ron Fields, Professor of Art History Emeritus at UPS, Christ Church member, and a leader in our Liturgical Arts Team will give a **guided tour** of the space. If you have time, join Ron for this walk through our amazing *beton brut* space.

## Save the Dates

Sunday, October 8: the annual **Blessing of Animals** in the afternoon in the courtyard. On Sunday, October 15, Christ Church will host **choral Evening Prayer** with music and readings focused on the creation. This will be the first choral Evensong we've sponsored in a long, long time. Other Episcopal and local parishes will be invited to join us.

## Sunday, July 9 11:45 am in the Parish Library Earth Ministry

Join Keah Callucie who will discuss the benefits of Christ Church becoming a partner parish with Earth Ministry in our ongoing work to become Green Parish.

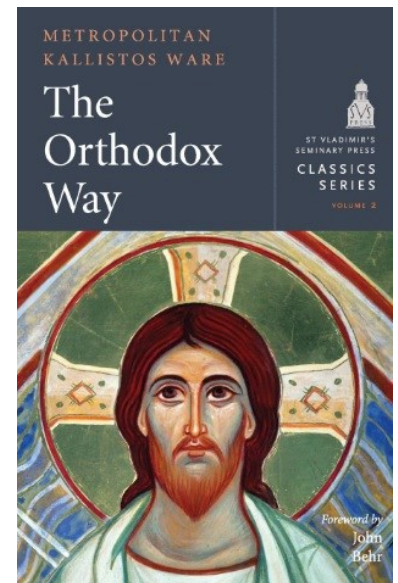


**Sunday, July 23**

**6:30 pm**

## Monthly Reading Group

The Monthly Reading Group will meet next at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 23**, at the home of Sandy and Ronn Johanson to discuss *The Orthodox Way* by Kallistos Ware. (There will be no meeting in the month of June.) Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).



## Summer Choir

If you'd like to participate in the pick-up choir, there is a sign-up [here](#) where you can put your name for the Sunday(s) that you can participate. The sign-up is also available in hard-copy in the narthex. There is a separate sign-up for each Sunday. Contact me with any questions! Thank you,

~[Paul Tegels](#),

**Interim Director of Music**



# Service and Community

## Call for Volunteers!

Are you looking for a once-every-five-weeks job with big impact? Coffee hour teams would benefit from a few extra people! These teams set up for coffee hour, bring goodies to share, and help clean up afterwards. If you would like to join a team, please contact Sandy Johanson by text 252-905-1051 or by [email](#).

## Flower Donations

We have some spots available for altar flower donations in the upcoming weeks. The sign-up list is located in the Narthex. Once you sign up, you will be contacted by the Parish Office for your flower acknowledgement, which will be printed in our weekly bulletin. *Thanks so much!*



## Wells Hall Clean Up Day

**We need you!!**

**The next phase of cleaning out Wells Hall is upon us.**

We are now tackling the “foosball” room and various storage rooms to take items to the dump.

We are hoping to take away another 2,000 pounds of our unused items and clean up our spaces right away.

**We are looking for a few strong people on June 24 from 9:00 am-noon.**

*Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday!*



**Save the Date!** Join Episcopalians from across the Diocese at this exciting new event open to everyone! Gain new resources and support, and spend time learning from and networking with churches from every corner of Western Washington! **Convene 2023** will feature multiple workshop sessions throughout this day-long opportunity for learning and connection, preparing us all for the future of our communities, helping us discover (and rediscover!) new ideas, and giving us the time and space to share information about programs and ministry opportunities.

**September 30th, at Everett Community College.**  
More information to come!

ARTHUR & SUPERB YOUNG OPERA SINGERS

## Father's Day Concert!

Where **ELVIS** Meets **Mozart** & More

June 18 Sun 3pm Fox Island United Church of Christ

Benefit for Arthur's Chicago Summer Opera  
Free Admission. **Reserve seats via Eventbrite**

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 Lindsey Hansen

 Arthur Keast - Music

 Ellie O'Brien

 Jack Burrows

 Caitlyn Babcock



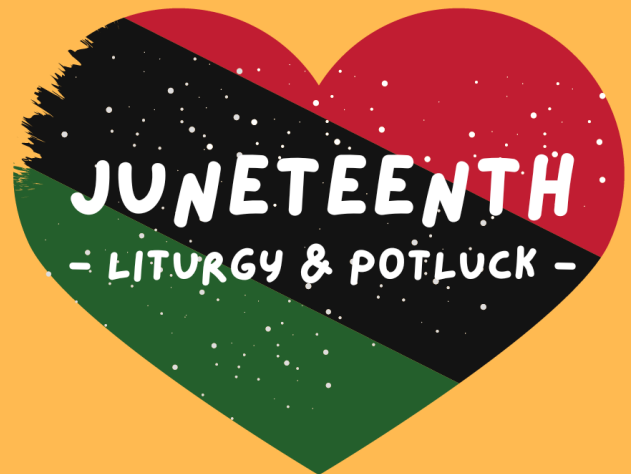
## Community



Gift from the Diocese to retiring Archdeacon Gen Grewell from last Saturday, June 10. Our Parish celebration for the Rev. Gen will be this Sunday, June 18 at our Parish BBQ.

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The Black/African American Circle invites you to a special Juneteenth liturgy and potluck BBQ at St. Mark's Cathedral on **Saturday, June 17** from **noon to 3:00pm**. Featuring poetry, African American spirituals, and drumming, along with a BBQ on the Cathedral Lawn. [RSVP here](#). All are welcome to this special celebration of Juneteenth! To learn more about this commemorative day, [click here](#).



HOSTED BY THE BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN CIRCLE

*Courtyard*  
**BBQ and FAREWELL  
PARTY**



you're invited to join us  
as we celebrate the retirement of

**Archdeacon Gen Grewell**

**Sunday, June 18**  
12:00noon

Please sign up in Narthex to bring a side dish;  
we'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and  
condiments!

**Christ Church Courtyard**

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*Join us as we welcome*



THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

AMERICA

***Sunday, July 2, 2023***

***10:30 am***

*The Royal School of Church Music West will be singing during the Holy Eucharist, including parts of the Berkeley Missa Brevis by Gerald Near, several anthems, and will lead us in the psalm and congregational hymns.*

*Arrive ten minutes early for an organ prelude and choral prelude.*

*The RSCM West is the western presence in the US of the English Royal School of Church Music.*

*Melanie Malinka, Choral Director  
Susan Matthews, Organist  
Christopher and Astrid Caruso-Lynch,  
RSCM West Managers*

***rscmwest.org***

## Worship at Christ Church

### 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)

### Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma June 18, 2023

10:30am Morning Prayer in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

Visit [Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar) for weekday Morning

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