

Christ Church Parish
Adult Formation in Fall and Early Winter 2023
TAKE THIS CALENDAR HOME



Sunday, September 17

12 Noon in the Parish Library

Greening Parish Gathering

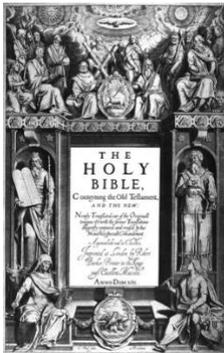
Those who are interested in becoming a greening people and a greening parish will gather with Don Johnson and Anne Avery to discuss how Ecotypes reveal our individual commitments to care for the creation. You don't need to take the survey to learn the significance of this work!

Sunday, October 15

4:00 PM in the Church

Singing with the Earth: Evening Prayer with the Christ Church Choir

Yes, engaging the music of creation is an exercise in faith formation. Join fellow Christ Churchers and friends from other Tacoma parishes as we publicly mark our commitment "to cherish and preserve the integrity and beauty of God's creation." A delightful reception follows in Wells Hall.



Sundays, October 15, 22, and 29

12 Noon in the Parish Library

The Bible in 21st-century America

"In the Bible, human words proclaim the Christ event with the power to evoke faith. To produce faith is precisely the work of the Holy Spirit," Fr. Reginald Fuller. Dr. Douglas Oakman, Christ Church member and distinguished biblical scholar, will lead three enlightening discussions on the role of Scripture in Anglican spirituality and history and how we can enter into a maturing understanding of Scripture beyond the literalism that abounds throughout much American religion. Eye-opening and enriching.

Sunday, November 5

12 Noon in the Parish Library

Dante on Visions of Heaven

Dr. Robin Okumu, expert in the works of the early Renaissance poet, Dante Alighieri, will lead a discussion on this feast of All Saints concerning Dante's vision of heaven in *The Divine Comedy*.



Tuesday, November 7

7 PM in Wells Hall

The Violence of Climate Change

Environmental ethicist, Dr. Kevin O'Brien, will present on significant figures in American life who offer contemporary Christians a model of peaceful resistance to global warming.

Sundays, November 19 and 26

12 Noon in the Parish Library

Christian Views of Aging

In this two part series, join Fr. Torvend as we explore how our Christian tradition views the aging process and offers support in what can be both a frustrating *and* grace-filled calling.



Saturday, December 2

9:30 AM to 12 Noon in Trinity Chapel

Advent Quiet Morning

This Quiet Morning begins with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel, followed by three short presentations with ample time for silence and rest between each presentation. Here is an oasis of *peace* in the midst of the hustle, bustle, and noise of the season of consumption.

Sunday, December 3

4:00 PM in the Church

Advent Lessons and Carols

Advent Lessons and Carols draws a large crowd to the parish church. Come prepared for beautiful singing from the Christ Church Choir under the direction of Dr. Paul Tegels.



Sunday, December 10

12 Noon in the Parish Library

No birth? What's up with that?

In contrast to Matthew and Luke, the Gospel of Mark offers no birth story of Jesus. Why is that singular event missing from the first gospel and what might that mean for us as we keep the feast of Christmas this year?.

Tuesday, December 12

7 PM in Wells Hall

Monastic Ecological Wisdom

Join Fr. Torvend for this presentation on monastic environmental practices for contemporary Christians and, if you are so moved, purchase a copy of his newly-released book, *Monastic Ecological Wisdom: A Living Tradition*.

Key dates to keep in mind

Thursday, November 2, **Feast of All Souls**, Holy Eucharist in the Church at 7 PM

Thursday, November 23, **Thanksgiving Day**, Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM in the Church

Sunday, November 26, **Feast of Christ the King**, the conclusion of this liturgical year

Sunday, December 3: **First Sunday of Advent**, Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 AM:

The Gospel of Mark leads us through the coming year

Wednesday, December 20, **Winter Solstice and First Flaring** bonfire and treats at 7 PM

Sunday December 24: **Christmas Eve**, Holy Eucharist at 4 PM; Choral Eucharist at 9 PM in the Church

Monday, December 25: **Christmas Day**, Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM in the Church

Sunday, December 31: **First Sunday after Christmas**, Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM