

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, September 1, 2023

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

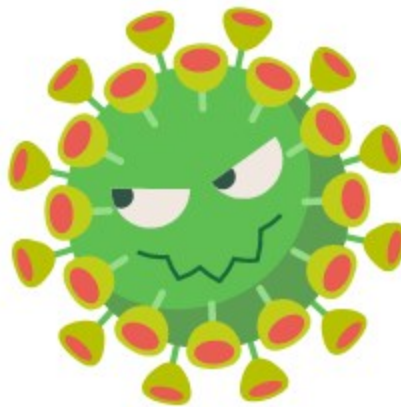
Out damned virus, out!

Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth was plagued by a dream in which she could not remove a large spot of blood on her hands - a sign of her participation in the murder of the monarch, King Duncan. "Out! Out!" she cries in vain.

Well, let's just say many of us have the same feeling about the COVID-19 virus and its various ugly offspring. Vaccinations, boosters, and masks have helped many. And all that is to the good as recent reports from Tacoma Pierce County Health and the CDC indicate a slight surge in infections and hospitalizations as we enter the Fall.

We have enjoyed being in church together and in various other church-related groups for some time. And we foresee that continuing unabated. At the same time, we are called to use our God-given reason and ensure that we are protected from not only the virus but also the flu and pneumonia and that we protect others through our actions.

I am amazed to read that Christians of a certain flavor continue to ignore or even resist the sound advice of medical staff and government leaders as they claim that "God will protect me." My physician would call that Stinkin' Thinkin'. We are endowed by our Creator with reason: let's use this capacity to protect ourselves and honor others by protecting them.

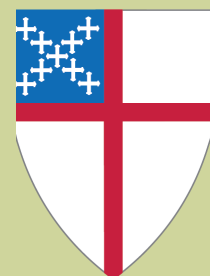


Upcoming Events

- Monthly Reading Group, **September 3**
- Evening Prayer at Table, **September 6**
- NA Meeting, **September 7**
- OPOP Meeting, **September 10**
- NA Meeting
Choir Rehearsal, **September 14**
- Third Friday Concert, **September 15**
- Tacoma Contra Dance, **September 16**
- **Gathering Sunday**
Adult Formation, **September 17**
- Vestry Meeting, **September 18**
- NA Meeting
Choir Rehearsal, **September 21**
- Organ 101, **September 24**
- CSLT Meeting, **September 26**
- NA Meeting
Choir Rehearsal, **September 28**
- Jazz in the Courtyard, **September 30**



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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**.

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:

Robert Reeves; Dee Schoenfeld; Cameron Frisch; Elaine Stafford; Robyn Potter; Barbara Pasi; Tammy Hess and Family, Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; and Danielle Olsson.

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Huston Camp & Conference Center, Gold Bar

• St. Andrew's House, Union • Refugee Resettlement Office

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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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. Formation. and Service

The Most Rev. Michael Curry



Fr. Curry serves as the presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church with dioceses in the United States and in Haiti, the Virgin Islands, Puer-

to Rico, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Venezuela, the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, and the Episcopal Church in Micronesia. The surgery originally scheduled for September 8 has been postponed until September 20. Bishop Curry will continue working from home until that time and afterward as he recovers from surgery. His estimated recovery period is two to three weeks, after which he is expected to resume his regular work schedule. Let us hold our beloved brother in prayer as we do all those in our parish who face challenges in body, mind, or spirit.

Monthly Reading Group Sunday, September 3

6:30 pm The Monthly Reading Group will meet at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 3**, at the home of King and Dee Schoenfeld to discuss *Rabbi Jesus* by Bruce Chilton, New Testament scholar and Episcopal priest. Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).

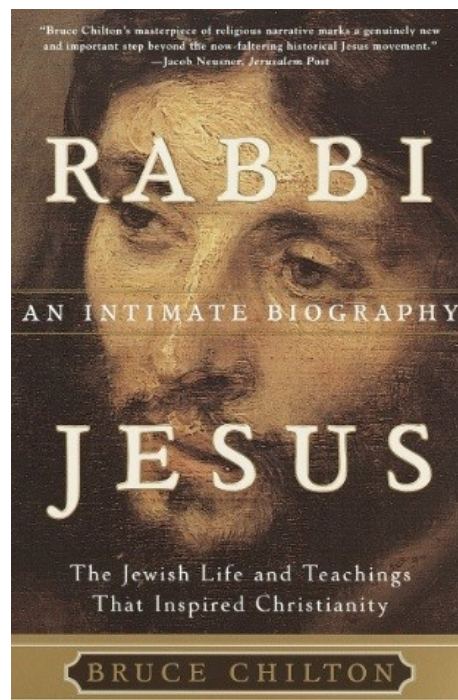
Adult Formation

[Click here](#) for a pdf of the latest calendar for Adult Formation. Copies will be available on Sunday.



Children's Formation

Classes will begin Sunday, September 17 at 10:30am, and feature Montessori-based "Godly Play." Meet in the Narthex. [Click here](#) to see the Godly Play schedule.



The Little Pantry

Think of the importance of food in the scriptures. Manna from heaven. Feeding of the five thousand. The green pastures. Give us this day. Food is life. We have it or not. We share. In a novel by Alexander McCall Smith, two women visit an elderly, clearly poor woman. The poor woman has her dignity and offers the two some food. One of the visitors protests. The second visitor says, "She wants to." And they eat. Let all have food.

We need to get the word out

We are working to let the larger public know about events at Christ Church. Prior to concerts, blessing of animals, and other events, we need help in distributing posters to areas businesses. If you can spend *one hour in one month* distributing posters, please let Deborah know ASAP. We really need help from members who have a few free hours during the day. Thank you!



Formation and Service



CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

Natures Best Hope: Native Trees and Shrubs

Tuesday, September 19
at 6:00pm

*Join via zoom for this native plant class
with the Tacoma Audubon Society*

This class is inspired by entomologist and wildlife ecologist Douglas Tallamy's bestselling book, *Nature's Best Hope*. He proposes that because of the benefit they provide to insects at the bottom of the foodchain, the best hope for plants, animals, and earth to survive is to plant native species.

This class teaches you how to do just that by introducing 20 trees and shrubs native to Western Washington. Sally Larson, Habitat Steward and Board member at Tacoma Audubon Society, will describe each tree's expected height, watering needs, color and size of blooms, blooming season, food produced (seeds, nuts, berries), what insects and birds they benefit, and any unique tree features.

Sally will also introduce TAS's new initiative, 10,000 Trees for Tacoma, an exciting project that aims to increase the tree canopy in heavily developed parts of Tacoma. Fundraising has already started and a \$10,000 grant was received from the Murray Family Foundation.

Cost for this class is \$10 with all fees going to support 10,000 Trees for Tacoma. [Register here.](#)



Tremendous thanks to **Len and Linda Johnson**, who braved the Genie's transport to the upper most heights just to change the ceiling light bulbs in Wells Hall. New LED bulbs mean we won't have to do this for a while, thankfully! Thanks also to our **Sexton, Tim Williams, and Project Manager, Nancy Gow Knudsen.**

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH



Service and Community



Wells Hall Work Party Saturday, October 7 8:00am - 10:00am

Feeling strong? We are in need of some folks to help clear out our boiler room.

Please [contact the office](#) if you are able to join in!



First Friday Kids Night Out

First Friday of each month, from 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Food, Fun, and Friends

Kids from age 5 - 12

**Starting Friday, October 6,
in Wells Hall**



Join us for

**Evening Prayer at Table,
Wednesday, September 6 at
6:00pm in the Wells Hall.**

Let us know you'll be there by
signing up in the Narthex or
[contact the Parish Office](#).

**OCTOBER 6 & 8, 2023
PANTAGES THEATRE**



**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR THE
MUST-SEE CARMEN OF THE YEAR**
tacomaopera.org

Tacoma Opera Presents
Georges Bizet's
October, 2023
Pantages Theater

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Interim Music Director Paul Tegels and Marley Tegels introducing Jazz in the Courtyard performers Cassio Vianna and Elliott Turner before their performance on Saturday, August 26. Our final concert this year will be on **September 30 at 7:30pm**, featuring **Kate Olson** on saxophone, **Cassio Vianna** on keyboard, and **Clipper Anderson** on bass.

Christ Church Choir
rehearsals begin
Thursday, September 14

*Thank you **King Schoenfeld** for all the beautiful new photos of the organ!

Community

Using Wells Hall

We are pleased to report that Wells Hall's September schedule is fully booked, and October is becoming quite busy.

There is an event going on in the hall each and every day and many evenings during September, and, **so that we respect the privacy of our renters, ask that you do not enter the hall—including the kitchen and pantry—without checking with the office first.**

Christ Church members know that we need rental income to sustain our operating budget. Without this rental income, our flourishing will be seriously diminished. And so we need to rent our spaces. And let's be clear: Rental income has grown and for this we are thankful. But it does mean that we need to honor the requests from renters regarding our common spaces.

Because church activities come first, we need to make sure the dates for these events are in our calendar so that we don't offer them as rental options.

Please make sure we have any activity, including events that have occurred on an annual basis, in our calendar by checking in with the office.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday, from 10:00am—1:00pm, and by appointment. You can call 253.383.1569 x 101, or [email](#).

Thank you!



Please check the flower donation schedule in the Narthex for available dates! Thanks!



Worship at Christ Church

The 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

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

September 3, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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