

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, October 20, 2023

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

We are afflicted in every way but not crushed

On Tuesday, October 17, Christians throughout the Holy Land and members of the Anglican Communion throughout the world joined in prayer and fasting for an end to the conflict between Hamas and the State of Israel. The Anglican archbishop of Jerusalem, the Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, noted that this international communal prayer was a great and comforting sign of encouragement for Christians in the Holy Land, most of whom are Arabs.

But, then, this prayer was interrupted by a catastrophic explosion at the Anglican Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Over 500 patients and healthcare providers died instantly, the largest number of innocent civilians killed in what Archbishop Naoum and other observers call an Israeli airstrike. Israeli military leaders have denied complicity in the attack and blamed it on a Gazan rocket gone astray. This horrific bombardment, that included the destruction of the Anglican church attached to the hospital, has led Archbishop Naoum to call upon international leaders to condemn a sacrilegious act perpetrated against innocent civilians, including those who were praying in the hospital church.



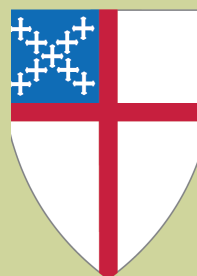
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Upcoming Events

- Tacoma Contra Dance, **October 21**
- Adult Formation, Parish Library Open, Veterans Village Prep, **October 22**
- NA Meeting Choir Rehearsal, **October 26**
- Adult Formation, Parish Library Open **October 29**
- Evening Prayer at Table, Choir Rehearsal, **November 1**
- Feast of All Souls, NA Meeting, **November 2**
- First Friday Kids Night Out, **November 3**
- Adult Formation, OPOP Meeting **November 5**
- Violence of Climate Change **November 7**
- Monthly Book Chat, **November 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**.

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:

Margaret Woodhams Fuchs; Jeremy Bacon; Judy Cullen; Sonsaray; Robert Reeves; Cameron Frisch; Elaine Stafford; Robyn Potter; Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; and Dick Gregory.

Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them: James Harris; Patricia Trytten; Josh Hundley; Meredith Alvord Noll; and the many who have died in Israel, Gaza, and Afghanistan.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Diocesan Council, Board of Directors, and Standing Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Korea

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The Rev. Samuel Torvend, Priest for Worship, Adult Formation, and Pastoral Care
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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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We can assist the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Al Ahli Hospital by giving generously to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem: <https://afedj.org/give/give-online/>

The Sound and the Fury

Good people of Christ Church: the church sound system was transitioned from the sacristy to the mixer that controls our livestreaming capacity during the week before October 8. As those of you who were in church on October 8 know, the sound system has not reached its full potential. There was a muddiness and loss of sound when using the microphones during worship. A number of worshippers indicated that they could hear very little of what was spoken. Thank God for our outstanding choir, organ, and congregational singing. We are in the process of retooling the sound system and trust that we might have improvement soon. Part of our challenge is that we have only one speaker in a very large space that needs more than one speaker, and we need speakers in front of microphones (not behind them). All this is to say: **thank you for your patience.** Work is being done to improve the sound.

Click [here](#) for Fall and Winter Adult Formation Schedule.

For our Beloved Dead

On **Thursday, November 2**, the Feast of All Souls, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the church at 7:00 PM. During the liturgy, we will pray for our beloved dead by name, "because we trust that those in God's presence will grow in God's love" (Book of Common Prayer 862). Please send the names (first name and last name) of your beloved dead to Parish Administrator, Deborah Breneman, no later than **Friday, October 27**. You will find the **Altar of Remembrance** at the table next to the reflecting pool glass wall. You are most welcome to bring a framed photograph of your loved ones.

The Bible in the 21st Century

Sundays, October 22 and 29
12 Noon in the Parish Library

"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.

Dante on Visions of Heaven

Sunday, November 5

12 Noon in the Parish Library



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.

The Violence of Climate Change

Tuesday, November 7
7 PM in Wells Hall



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.

Formation and Service



Join us for
Evening Prayer at Table,
November 1 at 6:00pm in
Wells Hall.

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



Friday, November 3, is our next First Friday Kids Night Out in Wells Hall starting at 5:00pm. Tell your friends (aged 5-12)!

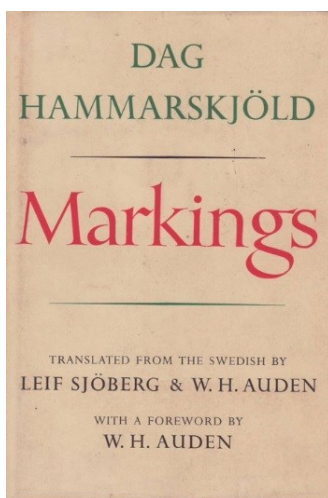
Contact [Christi McCarren](#) to sign up.



Monthly Reading Group **Sunday, December 3**

6:30 pm

The Monthly Reading Group will meet at **6:30pm** at the home of Don and Wanda Johnson to discuss *Markings* by Dag Hammarskjöld. Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).



Jesus instructed Peter, "Feed my sheep." Jesus said it to Peter several times. Was Jesus thinking of food, or of a spiritual feeding people. Many people lean toward the spiritual side. But the mere use of the word "feed" has profound implications. It means more than "caring." Feeding, as Jesus used it was intentionally ambivalent. We know Jesus cared about the physical well-being of his sheep as well as their souls. Isn't there a serious way in which when we help bring food to people we are feeding them spiritually?

Food Pack Assembling

This Sunday is the day! Come on over to Wells Hall after the 10:30 service and assist in putting packs of food together. You'll enjoy the camaraderie and be of help to those in need.

Christ Church Welcomes New Members



On Sunday, October 15, Christ Church welcomed new members **Michael and Kathy Collier, Floyd and Lani Frisch, Elizabeth Keathley, Lisa Kinoshita, Lisa Mason, John and Margaret Maxwell, Jim Smith, Lissa Valentine, and Linda and Richard Wegener.** If you are a new-comer interested in participating in our common life, have a chat with Fr. Torvend or our Senior Warden, Christi McCarren.

Parish Administrator Out of Office

Deborah will be out of the office from Friday, October 20—Friday, October 27, returning on Monday, October 30.

During this time:

For prayers, pastoral care, or liturgical questions, contact [Fr. Torvend](#).
For questions regarding our facilities, contact our [Sexton, Tim Williams](#).
For any other questions or issues, please contact the [Senior Warden, Christi McCarren](#).

The *Weekly News* will be on a break until November 3.

Community

Assisting Jeremy Bacon

Jeremy is the spouse of former intern rector, Ruth Anne Garcia. He has been diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer. The cost of caring for Jeremy is not fully covered by insurance. Should you want to donate to the GoFundMe site established by his friends, here is the link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/uniting-for-jeremy?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

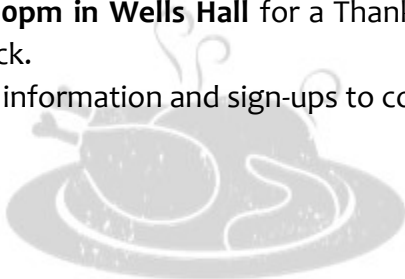
American Guild of Organists Presentation

Saturday morning, **October 21, at 10:30 AM**, the Tacoma chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents David Dahl discussing "Hymn Interpretations," his first publication, with assistance from members who will play selected works. The program takes place in the sanctuary of Christ Episcopal Church using the Brombaugh organ. Church members and friends are welcome to attend. More information is available in the AGO calendar at the following URL: <https://tacomaago.org/events/hymn-interpretations-and-conversation-with-david-dahl/>

Thanksgiving Potluck

Please join us on **Saturday, November 25, at 5:00pm in Wells Hall** for a Thanksgiving Potluck.

More information and sign-ups to come!



How to Find Out about Events at Christ Church

Want to find out what is happening and when? Our website calendar is kept as up-to-date as possible; you can easily click on our [website](#), and go to the tab marked "connect," and there you'll see "calendar." Here is the direct link: <https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar/>

If you seek information on whether various spaces in our facility are available for your event, it is best to contact the [Parish Administrator](#) for this information. What the calendar does not show is our internal cleaning and setup time, outside rental events, which are not published for privacy reasons, and events still in planning stages.



Get the Word Out About Christ Church Events

We've had several requests for electronic versions of our posters so that they can be sent out to friends and family members, or posted on social media. *We love this idea!* **We will make an effort to include copies of all event posters on the day of the event in our [website calendar](#).** Simply click on the poster, save to your computer, and send away.

If this does not work for you, please feel free to [contact the office](#) for posters.

Thank you for helping to get the word out!

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday,
November
12

OPEN TO ALL

Everyone is invited to attend

12:00 noon
Wells Hall

Topics of Discussion:

General Updates
Safety and Security Plan
Progress Toward 2023 Parish Goals

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The Daily Office at Christ Church

◇ Monday 9:00am*
Morning Prayer

◇ Tuesday 7:30am*
Lectio Divina

◇ Thursday 7:30am*
Morning Prayer

*zoom link available
at
christchurchtacoma.org/calendar

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

October 22, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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