

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, October 6, 2023

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

Always with the people

For centuries, state and church have been intertwined with each other in many countries. In some nations that relationship has continued: Vladimir Putin was eager to gain the blessing of the Russian Orthodox Church for his invasion of Ukraine; Charles III was “divinely anointed” a monarch in Westminster Abbey - a church. Indeed, the Church of England, our mother church, is the state church in England.

Consequently, many Brits view the church as a government entity and its ministers as agents of the state (one’s priest as a federal employee?). Church attendance in England is so low that on any given weekend there are more Muslims in English mosques than Anglicans in English churches.

In 1789, those who signed the U.S. Constitution were the first to break the relationship between state (political) and church (religious). Thus, the government cannot prefer one religion nor can it prevent the establishment of a religious community.

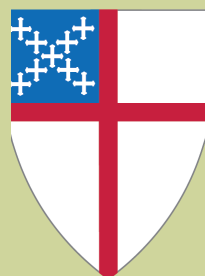
What this means is directly related to our common life at Christ Church: while we have leaders - both lay and ordained - ours is a form of spiritual life utterly dependent on *volunteers*, on people of goodwill and energy who support the life of the parish. It will not be long, we hope, before a candidate for rector is submitted to the vestry. We will have a rector, an ordained leader, and that is good. But let us never forget that the vitality of the parish always - *always* - rests with the people.

Upcoming Events

- First Friday Kids Night Out, **October 6**
- Work Party in Wells Hall, **October 7**
- Ministry Fair, Blessing of Animals, **October 8**
- Monthly Book Chat, NA Meeting Choir Rehearsal, **October 12**
- Adult Formation, Parish Library Open, Singing with the Earth, Monthly Reading Group, **October 15**
- Vestry Meeting, **October 17**
- NA Meeting Choir Rehearsal, **October 19**
- Tacoma Contra Dance, **October 21**
- Adult Formation, Parish Library Open, Veterans Village Prep, **October 22**
- NA Meeting Choir Rehearsal, **26**



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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:

Michael Curry; Sonsaray; Robert Reeves; Dee Schoenfeld; Cameron Frisch; Elaine Stafford; Robyn Potter; Barbara Pasi; Tammy Hess and Family, Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; and Joseph Fietze.

Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them: Patricia Trytten, Diane Feinstein, Josh Hundley; Meredith Alvord Noll, and the thousands who have died in Libya and Morocco.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Annie Wright School, Tacoma • Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma

• The Table: University of Washington Episcopal Campus Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

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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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Formation. Service. and Community

Monthly Reading Group Sunday, October 15

6:30 pm

The Monthly Reading Group will meet at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15** at the home of Doug Oakman to discuss Doug's latest book, *The Radical Jesus, the Bible, and the Great Transformation*. Questions? Contact

[Don Johnson](#).

LITTLE PANTRY.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

Who are those who avail themselves of our Little Pantry? Any guesses? The homeless? People short of cash at the end of the month? People temporarily looking for work? Bet you can come up with more categories. It doesn't matter. Jesus didn't ask questions when he fed thousands. We don't ask questions either. Our loving work is to share so many will be nourished. Let's continue our good work of bringing something to be blessed the altar and shared.

Food Pack Party

October 22, noon in Wells Hall

On Sunday, October 22, there will be a Food Pack Assembly Party in Wells Hall after the 10:30am service. Lots of fun! Join the party.

ONE PARISH || ONE PRISONER

It was wonderful to meet long-time partners in this ministry at the Convene gathering in Everett! Learning from those who have run into rough patches was very encouraging. We need that encouragement just now, as the OPOP team figures out how to navigate the SECURUS application system that is the sole communication channel for anyone to call, email, or text a person in our state prisons. Yet, we are undaunted; we will figure this out!

Your prayers are wind in our sails. The units of time allowed for our incarcerated friend are small and expensive. Thanks So Much to those who have already made contributions to our OPOP Committee Fund! For those who are able to

make donations, however small, we will have pre-addressed envelopes at this Sunday's Ministry Fair, at the Deacon's Table.

See you there! ~Deacon Donna

Blessing of the ANIMALS

You are welcome to bring your pet to the courtyard. Treats for humans and pets provided.

Sunday, October 8
4:00pm



Mystery Dinner Night

The Mystery Dinner, which had been scheduled for Saturday, October 14, is now postponed until early next year. Please stay tuned for more clues regarding our new event night!



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

*zoom link available at
christchurchtacoma.org/calendar

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

October 8, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

FALL MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 11:45 am

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