

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, November 5, 2023

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

A Season Unto Itself

The month of November begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls - the commemoration of the saints, martyrs, and our beloved dead who are alive with God. And the month ends with the feast of Christ the King, commonly called the Reign of Christ. The Sunday gospel readings in this month are marked by conflict and warnings: no healing stories, no peaceful times of prayer. The gospel texts are intended to focus our attention on the future and how to prepare for that future now - a challenge for Americans who tend to be focused on the present moment, and maybe tomorrow.

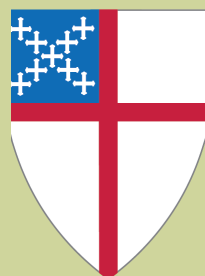
Well, there is much to prepare for at Christ Church: a new budget, a new rector, new members of the vestry, a new senior warden, new visitors. The great strength in our parish is that we are marked by members who are committed to all that is good in our common life: volunteers who frequently work quietly behind the scenes in the sacristy, in rehearsals, in the kitchen, in the parish office and library, in the gardens, in delivering food and meals, in welcoming a visitor. We are blessed with a spirit of generosity. Indeed, that's one of the concerns raised in the conflicts and warnings of November's gospel readings: When he comes to us, will Christ find us generous in love and labor?

Upcoming Events

- First Friday Kids Night Out, **November 3**
- Adult Formation, OPOP Meeting **November 5**
- Violence of Climate Change **November 7**
- Monthly Book Chat, **November 9**
- Veterans Day, Parish Office Closed **November 10**
- Town Hall, **November 12**
- Choir Rehearsal, NA Meeting **November 16**
- Greening Parish Meeting, **November 19**
- Vestry Meeting, Choir Rehearsal **November 21**
- Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist **November 23**
- Thanksgiving Potluck, **November 25**



SCAN ME



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.

Bring comfort and healing to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit:

Mark Morris; Bill Garriott; Mary Smiley; Jeremy Bacon; Judy Cullen; Sonsaray; Robert Reeves; Cameron Frisch; Robyn Potter; Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; and Dick Gregory. [+]

We commend to your mercy those who have died:

James Harris; Patricia Trytten; Josh Hundley; Meredith Noll; those who have died in Lewiston, Maine; and the many who have perished in Gaza and Israel.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Alban's, Edmonds • Redeemer, Kenmore

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

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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



One Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 AM on **All Saints (transferred), November 5**, with the renewal of the baptismal covenant and the announcement of the next rector.

The memorial service for James Harris will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 18, at 11 AM** in the church. A reception will follow in Wells Hall.

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.

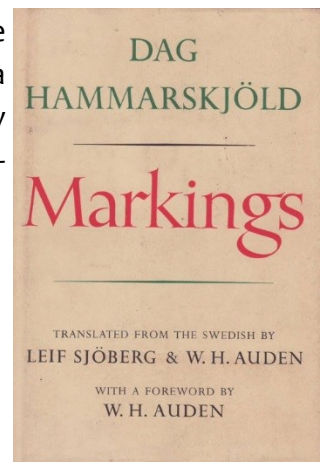


Monthly Reading Group

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](#).



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



Service and Community

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.



Veterans Village October Meal

Following the October 29 10:30am service, **Hector Arellano, Ronn Johanson, and Len Johnson** met in the church kitchen and



Veterans' Village Meal

prepared a hearty casserole for the Monday meal at the Veterans Village. The casserole was divided up between **Sandy and Ronn Johanson** and **Dee and King Schoenfeld** for baking on Monday followed by delivery to the village for serving along with a tossed green salad, dessert

comprised of **Phylis Gill** cookies, brownies, and apple cider as the beverage. Some Halloween treats were included in the spirit of the holiday! Additional thanks to **Deb Nastaj** for doing the provisioning and **Jim Limerick** for helping with setting out the meal at the village.

Food Pack Assembly

At the October 22 Coffee Hour, a group of parishioners formed an assembly line and produced another 100 food packs. These food packs will be available each Sunday during the Coffee Hour (look for them on the Wells Hall stage) for parishioners to put in their car to give out to people asking for assistance at stop lights and signs in lieu of cash.

A big "thanks" to each of you who joined in on this effort!



Food Packs being assembled, above, and left.

Community

LITTLE PANTRY. CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

Most of you know non-perishable food items that supply our Little Free Pantry are collected each Sunday, are brought forward to the altar at the Offertory, and then put in the pantry for our hungry neighbors. What isn't as visible are the members of our congregation that stop by the pantry during the week and add supplies to the pantry. One of the parishioners that has been doing this has been called away to support a family member for awhile so some reinforcements are needed. We are looking for assistance on Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday but can be flexible. If you feel called to help out, please contact [Dee](#) or [King Schoenfeld](#).

Worshippers at the 8:30 Holy Eucharist not only enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, but have become tasters for one of our member's emerging beer brewing work. And do we love to chat! Join us for a good time in church! (Note that there is no 8:30am service this Sunday, November 5.)



The 8:30am tasters enjoying community at Christ Church!



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!

Community

Episcopal Women of Piece Co.

****SAVE THE DATE****

Epiphany Brunch

January 6, 2024 9:30am-1:00pm

Get the Word Out

About Christ Church Events

Tell your friends! 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!

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 set-up time, outside rental events, which are not published for privacy reasons, and events still in planning stages.

A Quick Newsletter Favor—

If you are turning in news articles or information to the office for printing in our Weekly news, we ask that if possible, they are formatted in a Word document as an attachment, so that we don’t need to completely re-format the text. Unfortunately our program does not translate email text, which means it takes a vast amount of time to re-create your information—and there is potential for human error in the translation.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Community

Steward, etymology, [stig, “hall” + weard, “guard, watch out for”] – “one who has been entrusted with the responsibility to oversee and manage the household or estate of another”; representative, agent, deputy, guardian who manages holdings on behalf of the lord for whom he works

Our Christian stewardship consists of our faithful and prudent service to God with our time, talents, possessions, and self.

Luke 12:42 [parable vv 35-48]

⁴²[Jesus] said, “Who . . . is the faithful and wise steward whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their portion at the proper time? ⁴³Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing this when he returns. ⁴⁴Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

. . . ^{48b} From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

To sum up, stewardship is doing our part to help the community of faith to flourish:

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10



Soaring to new heights
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD

Stewardship – a key image of creation care

A steward (from stig, “house,” and weard, “to guard, watch over”) is a person who has the responsibility to oversee and manage the household or estate of another; a deputy who manages holdings on behalf of the owner for whom he or she works. In the creation story in Genesis, God places human beings in this role: “The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to serve [Hebrew *abadah*] God by protecting [Hebrew *shamirah*] it.” These words express the divine intention for humanity – for us to manage God’s earthly creation so that it flourishes. Simply put, we are called to manage the bit of creation that God has placed before us. Our task in response to the Creator is to discern what to take care of in the world and then to learn the skills to make our piece of the world flourish. Joseph in Genesis is a model good steward – his management skills helped establish his people in the land of Egypt. In the New Testament Jesus uses the parable of the talents to call us to be good stewards: we are to be productive in the situation God has given us. Creation care is part of God’s plan for creation through the stewardship God assigns us as God’s faithful people.

~Don Johnson

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
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Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

November 5, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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