**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH**
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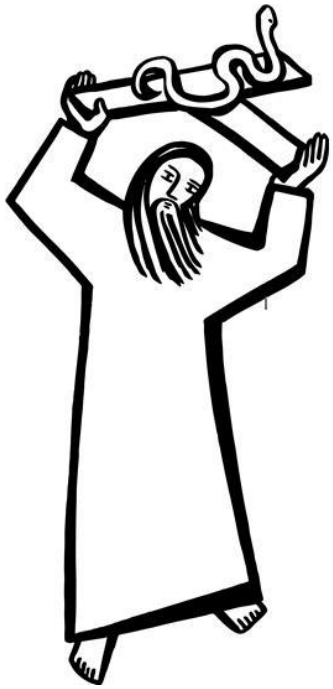
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 9-10, 2024



## *WELCOME*

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

# Announcements

**Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.**
Linda Garrone; Steven Mills-Price; Sharon Steadman; Scott Estes; Cindy Boyer; Tina MacAllister; Nicole Smith; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Owen Smith; Doug Perry; Maryanne Kerrigan; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Dianne Powers; Louise Woodruff; Norm Zinger; William Underhill; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Karen Romero; Margie Kaupp; Valerie B. Pflock; the family of June Smith; Richard Larraga; Jeff Carter; Carol Owen; Sam Barry; Bill Lutz; Gabriel; Wil Bernard; Nicole Zapolski

**We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:**
Josh Zabin, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Tory Boudreau

## From the Office

**In order** to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected,* please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

**Keeping Connected –** Christ Church's weekly eNewsletter can now be found on our website christchurchplymouth.org. Visit our website to view the newsletter or scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your name and email to have it sent directly to your inbox.

## Adventures In Learning

Greetings Church School Families,

Our Church School is bustling with activity as we gear up for the upcoming Easter celebrations. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for entrusting us with your children in both church school and worship. Beginning a Sunday morning in the church building with the warm greetings and high-fives from your child is truly special. Watching your child participate in the Lord's Supper and sharing in that sacred moment not only nurtures their faith but also enriches the spiritual tapestry of our entire community.

Being part of the communion experience alongside believers of all ages, witnessing the connection between adults and children as they share profound words about Jesus, and offering prayers with folded arms create visual reminders of Jesus' sacrifice for all of us. We understand that parenting is a demanding journey, and there might be Sundays when you crave a moment of quiet reflection. We also acknowledge that there may have been times when you wondered if your little ones truly belonged in the worship setting. Despite these challenges, we encourage you to persevere, because beyond the joy your children bring to our collective worship, you are actively shaping their path of lifelong worship—a journey we're privileged to undertake together.

## Church School Holy Week Schedule

### March 24th: Palm Sunday--Palm Procession

- Students will attend Church School at 9:30 and teachers will bring them into Church for the opening procession and blessing of the palms. We will return to class afterward to learn more about Palm Sunday.
- Prepared Communion class will meet as usual after their regular Church School class.

### March 28th: Maundy Thursday--Prepared Communion Class, Bread Making, and Foot Washing

- **5:00 PM Prepared Communion Class**: Bread Making, Soup and Supper in the Parish Hall. ALL families are invited to bring 1 cup of your favorite vegetable (or more!) for our community chicken broth soup. While the soup is simmering students will hear the story of the last supper and participate (if they choose) in a foot washing activity. We will share a simple supper together after the lesson.
- We will make Communion Bread for the 7PM service, visit the Sacristy and the altar with Robin Nielson. She will show them how to set the altar and show them the "secret door"! We will also make our very own Communion Bread to be blessed and used at the 7 pm service.

### March 29th: Good Friday--Stations of the Cross for All Ages

- **10:30 AM Story and Craft:** All families are invited to participate in a craft, story lesson, and snack focused on Good Friday and Easter.
- **12:00 PM Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross for students and families. This is a truly meaningful way to help students understand the events of that day and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

### March 31st: EASTER SUNDAY!!

- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages after the 10 AM service. We are providing special bags for collecting your eggs!

Please encourage your children to invite their friends to our Good Friday activities and stations of the cross and our annual easter egg hunt.

Blessings in Christ,

Donna Eby & Su D'Ambrosio
Interim Sunday School Coordinators

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We are preparing for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Church. We are kindly requesting donations of plastic eggs, small, individually wrapped nut-free candies, and Easter-themed items to fill these eggs with love and joy. Your donations can be dropped off at either the education office or the church office by Sunday, March 24th.

**The Resource of Prayer: Six Week Lenten Series -** Join us this Lent as we explore the meaning and gift of prayer in the Christian tradition and share resources and practices to enrich our prayer lives. We will meet for six weeks, with two options for meeting times and "spaces:"

- Thursday evenings by Zoom from 6-7:30p, starting on 2/15
- Saturday afternoons in-person at church from 3-4:30p, starting on 2/17

If you have questions about the series, please contact Melissa: revmelissa@christchurchplymouth.org

**Creation Care Team -** Join our Church Creation Care Team and be part of a community dedicated to stewarding God's creation! We're looking for passionate individuals who want to make a difference in caring for our planet. Whether you're interested in gardening, environmental education, advocacy, or simply want to learn more about sustainable living, there's a place for you on our team. Together, we can work towards a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come. Join us in putting faith into action by nurturing and protecting the world that God has entrusted to us. Our next meeting will be in person on March 14th at 3 PM. Contact Connie at conmel@aol.com or 508.746.3805, if you wish to be included!

**Thrift Shoppe -** We are grateful to the many generous donors who are at the core of this ministry. The need for donations is endless as we work to meet the needs of our community. Donations of gently used housewares, in-style men's and women's clothing, and small furnishings from smoke-free homes can be dropped inside during shop hours, or at the garage on Saturdays from 10-1.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. For information please speak with any volunteer or contact a leader at christchurchplymouth.org

Needed - bubble wrap for wrapping of glassware. Please leave in the box located below the office mailboxes. Thank you.

Shoppe Hours: Thursday and Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2

**Palm Sunday Weekend Passion Readers Needed -** We are looking for people to read bit parts in the Passion for each of the three Palm Sunday weekend services. Please contact Connie (conmel@aol.com– 508.746.3805 if you would like to participate. Let her know for which service(s) you would be available.

**Prayer Vigil Watchers –** As has been our tradition, beginning after the Maundy Thursday service through early Friday morning, we have folks who take an hour block to sit in the chapel to watch and pray as Jesus did in the garden at Gethsemane. A sign-up sheet will be posted by St. Francis Garden door for those interested in participating., or you may call Connie 508.746.3805 or email at conmel@aol.com

**Easter Flowers and Musicians -** If you wish to remember or honor a loved one or give in thanksgiving, you may do so by sponsoring the flowers and guest musicians for our Easter services. The form will be included at the end of the service bulletins. In order to have your memorial listed in the Easter bulletins, please return the form to the church office by Sunday, March 24.

**Christ Church Food Pantry -** All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry!
We are open by appointment:
Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15.
Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

Christ Church Food Pantry uses its funding only for the purchase of food items, in accordance with our mission to help those in our community who are dealing with food insecurity. We welcome donations of food (see specific needs below) but also other items, such as personal care products, which are always needed by our clients. A collection box is available at the front entrance of the church, or donations may be made during Food Pantry operating hours. We also welcome financial donations. Our volunteers and clients are so appreciative of the ongoing support for our mission provided by Christ Church Parish.

The Pantry currently needs empty egg cartons as our cheapest source of eggs provides them in large containers inappropriate for using with our clients. We are currently in need of the following items:
Cheerios (name brand preferred), canned baked beans and pork, white tuna, any canned meals, such as Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Spaghetti O's (brand name preferred) and canned soups. Also, shampoo and toothpaste.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at eileenpca@aol.com

For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com

**Overnights of Hospitality Winter Emergency Shelter -**We want your help! The Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, in collaboration with the Fr. Bill's and Mainspring (FBMS) organization, offers winter emergency shelter to 20-25 single individuals which began here at Christ Church on Nov, 26th and will continue through Saturday, March 30. We can't continue this important ministry without your help. We want volunteer chaperones to commit to giving one evening of their time from 5pm-11pm to provide support to the Fr. Bill's staff person and to show our unhoused neighbors that they are not forgotten. We who have volunteered in the past have been touched by the appreciation shown by many of the guests. It has been a very rewarding experience!

Two people are needed at the shelter at all times. There are two Fr. Bill's staff from 11pm to 7am, so the volunteer chaperone is only needed for the evening until the second staff person arrives.

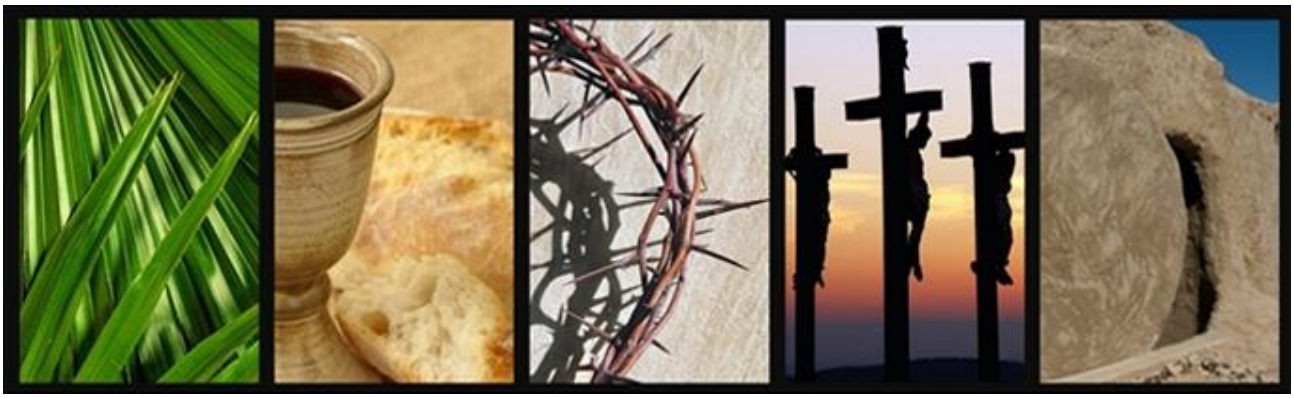
The shelter rotates weekly among three congregations which began Sunday, November 26 and will continue through Saturday, March 30 - Christ Church, First Baptist Church and St Mary's and St Joseph Collaborative at St Mary's Parish Center, using the fellowship halls. Orientation is provided.

To sign up as a chaperone, go to **https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k4w5gd**
To review the chaperone guidelines, go to **https://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org/volunteer/**

Questions? Call Connie Melahoures, President of the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness at 508.367.0516 or email **conmel@aol.com**.

The next week that Christ Church will be hosting begins March 17th.

# Christ Church 2024 Holy Week Schedule



**Saturday March 23**
5:00 PM – Palm Saturday Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Sunday March 24**
8:00 AM – Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 AM – Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Tenebrae Wednesday March 27**
7:00 PM – Tenebrae Service

**Maundy Thursday March 28**
5:00 PM – Church School bread making and soup supper
7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Holy Eucharist

**Good Friday March 29**
10:30 AM – Noon – Children's Activities
Noon – Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM – Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday March 30**
10:00 AM – Holy Saturday Liturgy outside or in Mary Chapel
7:30 PM – Gather outside for lighting of the New Fire
8:00 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter (bring bells!)

**Easter Sunday March 31**
8:00 AM – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 AM – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir
11:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour

## Week At - A - Glance * March 10, 2024 – March 17, 2024

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| **SUNDAY** | 2:00 AM | Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| | **8:00 AM** | **The Fourth Sunday in Lent** |
| | **10:00 AM** | **The Fourth Sunday in Lent** |
| | 11:15 AM | Coffee Hour |
| **MONDAY** | **9:00 AM** | **Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| **TUESDAY** | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM | Food Pantry |
| | 5:30 PM | Finance Committee |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **9:00 AM** | **Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 6:30 PM | Vestry Meeting |
| **THURSDAY** | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:00 AM | Bible Study |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM | Food Pantry |
| | 1:00 PM | Book Study |
| | 3:00 PM | Creation Care |
| | 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM | Food Pantry |
| | 6:00 PM | Lenten Series Zoom |
| | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| **FRIDAY** | **9:00 AM** | **Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live |
| | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| **SATURDAY** | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Food Pantry |
| | 3:00 PM | Lenten Series |
| | **5:00 PM** | **The Fifth Saturday in Lent – music with The Hills** |
| **SUNDAY** | **8:00 AM** | **The Fifth Sunday in Lent** |
| | **10:00 AM** | **The Fifth Sunday in Lent** |
| | 11:15 AM | Coffee Hour |
| | 11:15 AM | Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting |
| | 5:00 PM | Overnights of Hospitality Begin |

**Christ Church Parish**
Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

**MINISTERS**

All the people of Christ Church Parish

**Staff**
The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacon James Thomas
Connie Melahoures, Verger
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Elijah Langille, Organist
Donna Eby, Interim Sunday School Coordinator
Jae Johnson, Sexton

**Officers and Vestry Representatives**
Bill Ferguson, Senior Warden
John Steele, Junior Warden
Ray Rogers, Treasurer
Brenna Buckley, Clerk
Wil Bernard, Barb Hurney, Kat Libretto, Judy Lutz, Makenzie Manchester, Becky Metzger, Amanda Peterson, Randy Pond, and Jack Willett

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**Office Hours**
Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM



*In order to have your memorial included in the Easter bulletins, please return this form to the parish office no later than*

**Sunday March 24, 2024**

Easter Instrumentalists

**Given by**: _____

**In Loving Memory of**: _____

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**As a Thank Offering**: _____

*Amount Enclosed:_____ Envelope Number:_____

**To honor your request appropriately and in keeping with standard accounting practices, checks must be made out for each fund with a notation in the memo line with the fund's name, i.e, Flowers, Music. Thank you.**



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**Sunday March 24, 2024**

Easter Flowers

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