

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM / 8:00 AM / 10:00 AM

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30 + December 1, 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.

## A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

# Announcements

**Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.**

**Any names added this week are in bold.**

Anita Chase; **Bea Estes**; repose of the soul of Sr. Brigid Courtney; repose of the soul of Bruce Oliver; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Darlene Parnass; David Greene; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Fred Thornton; Gail Elliott; Greta Couter; Harvey LeSueur; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; the family of Kent Kopke; Kim Fillian; Jack Bersani; Jim Davis; John Crosby; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Lynne Neeley; Maryanne Kerrigan; Rev. Melissa Howell; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Paula Darsch; Polly Chadwick; Ray Rogers; Ron Kleiner; Sandy Burgess; Sam (Samantha) and Mike (Michael); Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Tim N.; Tina MacAllister; Tyler Christian; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

**We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:**

Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin

## 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.

**Christmas 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 Christmas services. The form is included at the end of the bulletin. In order to have your memorial listed in the Christmas bulletins, please return the form by Monday, December 16.

## Church School

**Sunday December 1:** Families and parishioners are invited to learn about the tradition of the Advent Wreath and create your own family wreath. All materials are generously provided by Lynne Neeley. The activity takes place from 9-10 am in the Parish Hall. If you are not able to attend at 9 am, some supplies will be available to take home at coffee hour.

**Pageant 2024:** The deadline to sign up for non-speaking parts in the annual Christmas Pageant is Friday December 6. Please email [education@christchurchplymouth.org](mailto:education@christchurchplymouth.org) to sign-up. Rehearsals are after church on: December 1, 8, 15, 22 with a dress rehearsal TBD. The pageant is on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 pm. Please spread the word!

**Church School Schedule:** There are regular Church School classes for PreK-5 scheduled for: December 1 (Advent Wreath making), December 8, and December 15. December 22 will be a Pageant Rehearsal and December 29 there is NO Church School.

**Resources for Families in Church:** Just a reminder that there are activities for kids, including a small table and chairs, in the back of the church. We are also providing special bulletins for kids that are aligned with the week's lessons at the front and back entrances. These bulletins have a variety of coloring, brain teasers, puzzles, and other fun activities. For students in grades PreK-1, Su will be available in the nursery to monitor young students who need a separate space during the church service. We hope that these resources will support family attendance at the 10 am service. Please let us know if you have any other ideas for ways to welcome children and families at Christ Church: [education@christchurchplymouth.org](mailto:education@christchurchplymouth.org)

**Cookbook Update** – We still have a long ways to go before we can submit our recipes for publishing. The good news is that we still have plenty of time without any stress. Please drop off your recipes to the office when possible or submit recipes through the website [typensave.com](http://typensave.com)  
Username: CCParish  
Password: garlic547

With much appreciation ~  
~Anne & Robin

**Meal Train Program at Christ Church** - Parishioners Melissa Pechey and Robin Nielsen are in the process of offering a Meal Train program available to our Christ Church Parish community. Contact Robin Nielsen if you would like to know more [robinmarianielsen@gmail.com](mailto:robinmarianielsen@gmail.com)

**Buildings & Grounds – Help needed!** Weather permitting, the Buildings & Grounds committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to about 1pm. We'll be cleaning up around our buildings before winter arrives. Coffee and breakfast goodies will be provided. Please bring your own work gloves. Remember, many hands make light work!

**Evening Women's Group** - The annual Christmas gathering of the Evening Women's Group will be held on Weds., Dec, 11th at Connie's house at 5 PM. Please note the change of date.

We are asking folks to bring a sock filled with trinkets for our special activity.

Please let Connie know if you plan to attend via email, text or calling ([conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com), 508.746.3805).

All women are considered members of the EWG. We do ask for a donation of up to \$10 to assist with meal costs and outreach projects.

## **Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Happy Thanksgiving**

*It is with an abundance of gratitude that we wish a Blessed Thanksgiving to our volunteers, donors, and shoppers, all of whom have greatly contributed to the Thrift Shoppe success.*

November 28- closed for Thanksgiving

November 29-30 **Wreath Sale**

### **Shoppe Hours**

Thursday and Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-1

**Overnights of Hospitality** - Starting Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, The Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, in collaboration with the Fr. Bill's and Mainspring (FBMS) organization, will offer winter emergency shelter to 20-25 single individuals through Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We can't continue this important ministry without your help.

We need folks to serve as Shelter Volunteers and Meal Providers. Shelter Volunteers commit to give one evening of their time from 4:45 to approximately. They provide support to the FBMS staff. Meal Providers prepare meals at home to serve at the shelter.

By volunteering we 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!

The shelter rotates weekly among three congregations beginning Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 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 Shelter Volunteer or Meal Provider, go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k4w5gd>. Slots for Meal Provider tend to fill up quickly. To review the Shelter Volunteer and Meal Provider guidelines, go to <https://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>

Questions? Call Connie Melahoures, President of the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness at 508.367.0516 or email [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com) or call Kat Libretto, our shelter coordinator at 201.286.5591 or email [katlibretto@gmail.com](mailto:katlibretto@gmail.com)

The first two weeks of the shelter season begins at Christ Church on December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We especially need Shelter Volunteers representing CCP for those first two weeks.

**Join Us in Spreading Cheer! - Join Us in Spreading Cheer!** - Dear Friends, this year, our Christmas outreach program at Christ Church will be in collaboration with the Salvation Army. We're deeply grateful for their support, especially as Donna Eby recovers from her recent back surgery.

We invite you to contribute to this wonderful cause by providing gifts for children ranging from newborns to 14 years old. You can choose to donate clothing, toys, or any item that you feel would be appropriate. Please ensure that each gift is unwrapped and placed in a bag, with the age, size, and gender clearly marked on the package. **The deadline for donations is December 4th.**

You can deliver your gifts to the Salvation Army located at 52 Long Pond Rd. in Plymouth. If getting there is a challenge, Donna Lawrence has cards with children's names from the Salvation Army to give out to those that can't get to Long Pond Rd. Please see her in the bookkeeper's office after the 10 AM service to take a name.

On December 9, 2024, the Salvation Army will be distributing these gifts. If you feel inclined to come and help distribute these gifts to these needy families, please feel free to just show up at 9 AM at the Salvation Army at 52 Long Pond Rd. It would be wonderful to have as many as we can of Christ Church parishioners passing out these gifts to these families.

**CORRECTION:** Gift cards for food or gas:

We would like to reach out to those who are interested in sponsoring gift cards for food or gas to assist our parishioners in need.

- Gift cards will be collected until Wednesday December 18th.
- Cards should be in denominations of \$25.00.
- We will give these cards out to church family members during December.
- Both Stop & Shop and Walmart deliver.
- Stop & Shop also sells gas.
- Cards may be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office.
- If you know of someone who might need this help, please reach out to Donna Lawrence or Bill Ferguson.
- Also, you may also write a check to Christ Church Parish and add "Gift Card Outreach" on the memo line. Your donation will be converted into cards.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact Donna Lawrence, at 508-243-2293 or via email at [donnaml21@comcast.net](mailto:donnaml21@comcast.net).

Thank you for your generosity and support as we spread joy this holiday season!

## Christ Church Food Pantry –

All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry!

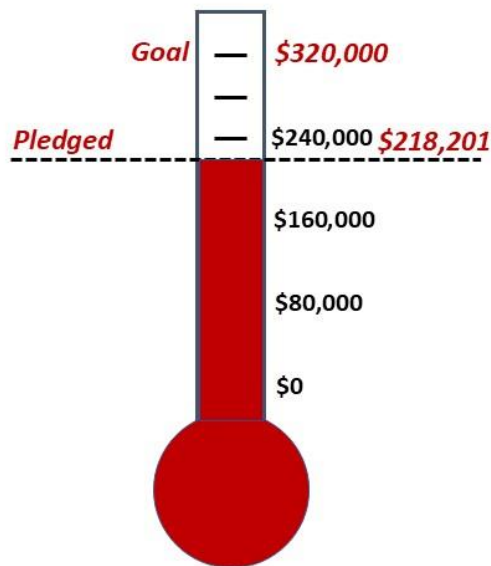
We are open by appointment: Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15. Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you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

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at [eileenpca@aol.com](mailto:eileenpca@aol.com)

For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at [barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com)

## 2025 Stewardship Campaign Walk in Love Support Christ Church and its Ministries





## **CHRIST CHURCH PARISH ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, November 30, Advent I**

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, December 1, Advent I**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Saturday, December 7, Advent II**

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, December 8, Advent II**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM Greening of the Church

### **Saturday, December 14, Advent III**

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, December 15, Advent III**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Traditional Lessons & Carols (No Communion)

### **Saturday, December 21, Advent IV**

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Music with The Hills

### **Sunday, December 22, Advent IV**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM The Annual Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Saturday, December 28, The First Saturday after Christmas Day**

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, December 29, The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II



**Week At - A - Glance \* December 1, 2024 – December 8, 2024**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 11:15 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent I</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent I</b> Coffee Hour
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Companions Group Fore & Aft Pastoral Care
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Office Closed
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	Office Closed Bible Study Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Food Pantry Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM <b>5:00 PM</b>	Property Cleanup Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent II</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 11:15 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent II</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent II</b> Coffee Hour

**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. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas  
David Tyler, Parish Administrator  
Lea Tyler, Choir Director  
Su D'Ambrosio, Sunday School Coordinator

**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,  
Ellen McTighe, Becky Metzger, Amanda Peterson, 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 Christmas bulletins, please return this form to the parish office no later than*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

**Christmas Instrumentalists**



Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

As a Thank Offering: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Amount Enclosed:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope Number:**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please put 2024 Christmas Memorials in Memo Line.**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

**Christmas Flowers**



Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a Thank Offering: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Amount Enclosed:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope Number:**\_\_\_\_\_

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