CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

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

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation

September 6 + 7, 2025



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; Barbara Hulme; Brad Bradley; **Carol MacPhee; for the repose of the soul of Christel Voege;** Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Forrest Berardi; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Kenny Blackwell; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Peter Trenouth; Raymond Reid; Sandy Underhill; Sharon Steadman; Skip Nielsen; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Sylvia Wade; 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.

Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting September 7, Christ Church will transition to our regular worship schedule. We warmly invite you to join us for our Saturday service of Holy Eucharist at 5pm or Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 8am or 10am.

Christ Church Food Pantry – All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry! We are open by appointment: 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.

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

2025 Season of Creation - From September 6th through October 5th, we at Christ Church will join with parishes around our diocese and with Christians around the world to celebrate the Season of Creation, a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through prayer, worship, conversion, and commitment together.

Engage and pray with materials about the 2025 theme, "Peace with Creation," at seasonofcreation.org, and with the Episcopal Church's Season of Creation resources episcopalchurch.org.

Our worship and formation this season will be Creation-themed. We invite you to take note of these special services (stay tuned for more information as the dates approach):

Sunday, September 28th at 10a (weather permitting): Join us for outdoor worship and the Stations of Creation. While the 10am service will be entirely outside, the 5p Saturday and 8a Sunday services of Holy Eucharist will be indoors, with the option to go outside to pray the Stations of Creation.

Saturday, October 4th at 5p and Sunday, October 5th at 10a: Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals. Your leashed and crated critters are welcome at both services. (the 8am Sunday service will be humans-only)

If you are seeking ways to participate in creation care locally, you can connect with:

Sustainable Plymouth sustainableplymouth.org - a group of eco-conscious local volunteers focusing on environmental sustainability

Our Diocesan Creation Care page diomass.org/creation-care - links and resources for parishes and individuals

If you are interested in creation care ministry at Christ Church, please contact Connie Melahoures.

Faith Based Book Study: For several years now, a small group has been reading and discussing various faith based books; often incorporating music, art, poetry, and audio visual material. We are currently reading through the Psalms using a workbook and reading them from different bible versions. Our discussions are lively and thought provoking.

Our study group meets on most Thursdays from 1pm to about 2:30 pm at the church (space for this year TBD).

Each week a different person opens and closes the meeting with prayers, a reading, or meditation.

If you are interested in joining us please email Debbie Hill at ***hillysfilly@mac.com***. We will be starting up again on Thursday, 9/11/25, after our summer break. Space is limited.

2025 FALL BIBLE STUDY - Come join us for a Fall Bible study at our home.
HOSTED BY: Dee & Bill Ferguson, 35 Chipping Hill in the Pinehills
TOPIC: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
DAY & TIME: Sunday 4:00 – 5:30pm
DATES: September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 9
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 7 – 10
This is not a "drop in" study. We ask participants to schedule their calendars to be able to attend most or all sessions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN-UP: Please call Dee or Bill at 508-224-1680 or email us at fergusondandb@gmail.com.

We look forward to some interesting and lively group discussions!

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - You may have noticed the Thrift Shoppe's green donation bin in the church's narthex. It's there for an easy way to drop off small donations on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Of course, you can also come by the shop during our Thursday/Friday/Saturday hours to bring in donations — be sure to check the Thrift Shoppe's ministries page on the church's website (**christchurchplymouth.org**) for guidelines as to what items cannot be accepted. Note, too, that all items should be in good working order, clothing cleaned, and all from smoke-free homes. If you are bringing your donations directly to the shop, you may also want to browse through what's new. The clothing racks are brimming with fall clothing, and Halloween decor around the shop lends a festive (and not-at-all-spooky) air.

This week's sale: Buy one boutique item, and get a second boutique item half-off.

Thrift Shoppe Hours
Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-1

Week At - A - Glance * September 7, 2025 – September 14, 2025

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:00 AM	Sunday School and Youth Group Registration
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour and Ice Cream Social
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
	2:30 PM	Pastoral Care
	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
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	1:00 PM	Faith Based Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
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 – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	5:00 PM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fourteenth Saturday after Pentecost**
SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Baptism**
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour

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