

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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.**

Barbara Hulme; Donna Eby; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Nancy Boulanger; Norm Zinger; Sharon Steadman; Skip Nielsen; Steve Blanchard; Suzanne and Dave Salois; 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.

**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)

**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 Monday, April 14.

**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.

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)

**Creation Care** - Now that we have reached the goal of installing solar panels, it is time for the Creation Care Committee to reconvene to determine what our next steps/focus should be. We will meet after the 10 AM service on Sunday, April 6th. We are inviting others, including young people, to attend to share ideas. Contact Connie ([conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com)/508.746.380) for further information.

**Christ Church Thrift Shoppe** - Spring items are out and browsers, shoppers, and proceeds continue to be unprecedented. In order for us to reach the ministry goals of providing in-reach to our church budget and outreach to our neighbors in need, we are in need of more volunteers as we approach our busiest season.

Please consider joining our volunteer team to help with sorting, organizing, pricing, and sales. No experience necessary and orientation is provided. For more information please share your contact information at [Office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:Office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com)

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

**Looking Ahead to Holy Week...** We will need readers for the following...

Palm Sunday Weekend, April 12 & 13  
For bit parts in the Passion for all three services.

Tenebrae  
For the 7 PM service on Wednesday, April 16.

Please let Connie know if you are willing and for which service(s) you are available – [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com) / 508.746.3805

We will also need folks, including families, to participate in the Gethsemane Watch (Prayer Vigil), beginning on Thursday, April 17 after the Maundy Thursday service. More than one person can sign up for a slot. Families are invited to participate. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the St. Francis door.

**Christ Church 2025 Holy Week Schedule:  
All are welcome to join us for these sacred days.**



**Eve of Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 12**

5:00 PM – Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist

**Palm Sunday - April 13**

8:00 AM – Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM – Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist –  
all are invited to gather outside before 10AM for the Liturgy of the Palms

**Tenebrae - Wednesday, April 16**

7:00 PM – A service of candlelight, Psalms, Lamentations, silence, and simple responsory chant  
in the style of Taizé

**Maundy Thursday - April 17**

5:00 PM – Church School Family Activities

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Footwashing and Holy Eucharist

Overnight – Gethsemane Watch in the Mary Chapel (advance sign-up required)

**Good Friday - April 18**

11:00 AM – Noon – Church School Family Activities

Noon – Stations of the Cross for all ages - please dress appropriately for the weather, as we will walk  
and pray the Stations, rain or shine

7:00 PM – Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the reserve Sacrament

**Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil - April 19**

10:00 AM – Quiet and meditative Holy Saturday liturgy outside in the St. Francis Garden  
(or in the Mary Chapel in the case of inclement weather)

8:00 PM – Optional prayerful gathering outside (weather permitting) for the lighting of the New Fire,  
with music and luminaria-making

8:30 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter (bring bells!)

**Easter Sunday - April 20**

8:00 AM – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM – Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist Rite II with Choir

11:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour

Christ Church Parish, Episcopal \* 149 Court Street, Plymouth

**Week At - A - Glance \* April 6, 2025 – April 13, 2025**

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 7:00 AM<br><b>8:00 AM</b>   | Overnights of Hospitality End<br><b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Fifth Sunday in Lent with Holy Unction</b>  |
|                  | 9:00 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b>  | Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)<br><b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fifth Sunday in Lent with Holy Unction</b>                               |
|                  | 11:15 AM<br>11:15 AM<br>11:15 AM  | Coffee Hour<br>Creation Care<br>Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>10:30 AM – 11:30 AM   | <b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live<br>Fore & Aft   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM<br>4:00 PM – 5:15 PM<br>5:30 PM<br>6:00 PM  | Fore & Aft<br>Food Pantry<br>Finance Committee<br>Episcopal Church 101  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>10:30 AM – 11:30 AM<br>6:30 PM  | <b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live<br>Fore & Aft<br>Vestry Meeting   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 10:00 AM<br>10:00 AM – 4:00 PM<br>10:30 AM – 11:30 AM<br>12:00 PM – 1:15 PM<br>1:00 PM<br>4:00 PM – 5:15 PM | Bible Study<br>Thrift Shoppe<br>Fore & Aft<br>Food Pantry<br>Book Study<br>Food Pantry  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>10:00 AM – 4:00 PM<br>10:30 AM – 11:30 AM<br>5:00 PM                                      | <b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live<br>Thrift Shoppe<br>Fore & Aft<br>Youth Group   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM<br>10:00 AM – 1:00 PM<br><b>5:00 PM</b>   | Food Pantry<br>Thrift Shoppe<br><b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Eve of Palm Sunday</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>8:00 AM</b><br>9:00 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b><br>11:15 AM  | <b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – Palm Sunday</b><br>Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)<br><b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Palm Sunday</b><br>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**

Robb Pflock, Senior Warden  
John Steele, Junior Warden  
Ray Rogers, Treasurer  
Amanda Peterson, Clerk

Wil Bernard, David Greene, Don Hill, Barb Hurney, Kat LiBretto,  
Judy Lutz, Makenzie Manchester, Melissa Pechey, and Nancy Ricks

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**Office Hours**

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



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**Monday April 14, 2025**

Easter Instrumentalists

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

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

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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**Monday April 14, 2025**

Easter Flowers

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