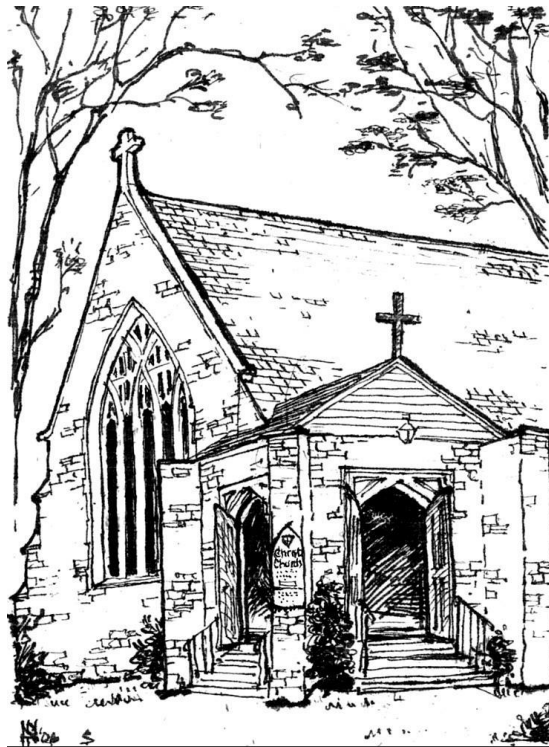


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

The Twenty-sixth Saturday after Pentecost

November 16, 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.

The Word of God

ENTRANCE SONG

Fill My House

Don & Debbie Hill

Fill my house unto the fullest.
Eat my bread and drink my wine
The love I bear is held from no one.
All I have and all I do I give to you.

Take my time unto the fullest.
Find in me the trust you seek.
Take my hands to you out reaching.
All I have and all I do I give to you.

Christ our Lord, with love enormous,
From the cross this lesson taught:
Love all men as I have loved you.
All I have and all I do I give to you.

Join with me, as one in Christ love.
May our hearts all beat as one.
May we give ourselves completely.
All I have and all I do I give to you.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever.**
 Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING ANTHEM

The following is said, all standing

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Daniel 12:1-3

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Daniel.

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 16

Remain seated.

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- ²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING:**Hebrews 10:11-25***The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:**Mark 13:1-8***All stand.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him

privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Scott Bellows

THE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon / Leader: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's great gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople, remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia and Carol our Bishops, Melissa our Priest, James and Natalie our Deacons, Scott our Supply Priest, and all of the lay people of Christ Church Parish.

Silence

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I bid your prayers for our nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, and for all those around the world affected by climate change remembering especially those who are suffering after hurricanes Helene and Milton. We pray for a spirit of goodwill among all people. We pray for our citizens and for leaders who serve with love.

Silence

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

Silence

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we

love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with God's grace. May we be inspired to share our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church.

Silence is held for a time as people share their thanksgivings.

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, for those who mourn, for Rena Melahoures, Mathias Brandt, and Jill Lorraine Hester in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given, and for those we name now with our lips or in our hearts.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and grace as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of
Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the
plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online.
Thank you!*



OFFERTORY SONG

Litany

Don & Debbie Hill

O Lord, our God, we lift up our hearts to you,
O Lord, our God, your people rejoice in you.
God of the living. God of all people.
Father of life, we lift up our hearts to you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words: Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive the Sacrament, come forward and hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms as you pass by the cup bearers to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a blessing, come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

COMMUNION SONG

Why Me Lord

Kris Kristofferson

Why me Lord, what have I ever done
To deserve even one
Of the pleasure I've known
Tell me Lord, what did I ever do
That was worth loving You
Or the kindness You've shown

Refrain

Lord, help me Jesus, I've wasted it
So help me Jesus, I know what I am
But now that I know that I've needed You
So Help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand

(last time) Jesus, my soul's in Your hand.

Try me Lord, if You think there's a way
I can try to repay
All I've taken from You
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else
What I've been through myself
On my way back to You. *(refrain x2)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

CLOSING SONG *For You Are My God* Don & Debbie Hill

Refrain

For you are my God.
You alone are my joy;
defend me, O Lord

You give marvelous comrades to me: the faithful who dwell in your land;
those who choose alien gods have chosen an alien band.

You are my portion and cup; it is you that I claim for my prize. Your
heritage is my delight the lot you have given to me.

Glad are my heart and my soul; securely my body shall rest. For
you will not leave me for dead: nor lead your beloved astray.

You show me the path for my life; in your presence the fullness of joy. To
be at your right hand forever for me would be happiness always.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.

*The people respond: **Thanks be to God.***

Announcements

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

Any names added this week are in bold.

Anita Chase; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Darlene Parnass; David Greene; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Fred Thornton; 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; Michael Petringa; 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 Pageant: It's time to get ready for our annual Christmas Pageant which is presented on December 24 at the 4 pm service. There are parts for everyone! Rehearsals start in November. For more information or to sign up, contact Su D'Ambrosio at education@christchurchplymouth.org.

Next Youth Group Meeting - Our next youth group meeting will take place on Friday, November 22nd at 5:30. We will meet for a light dinner and then watch this month's movie, Inside Out! We should be finished by 8:00. Please let me know if you plan to attend radmetzger@gmail.com.

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

Username: CCParish

Password: garlic547

With much appreciation ~
~Anne & Robin

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, feel free to bring your donations to the church and leave them in the volunteer office across from the main office.

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.

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

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

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - November Updates~ Save the dates!

Nov 15-16 Senior Day ~1/2 off sales
Nov 17 Volunteer Meeting ~11:30am
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Parade~Shop Closed
Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving~Shop Closed

Shoppe Hours

Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-1

Parish Nurse Ministry - Two Registered Professional Nurses have joined the Parish Nurse Ministry with Drew Lench and Judy Lutz. We are pleased to welcome Danielle Ecobacci and Andrea Colby to this Ministry. Please see the bulletin board outside the Hospitality Suite for pictures and professional information about each one of us.

We continue to present timely educational information on the bulletin board and in Keeping Connected, as well as monitoring the AEDs and First Aid supplies in all locations. If you have a topic you would like us to present, please let us know.

We are available for phone calls or personal conversation if you have medical concerns or questions. Please call the Church Office to reach us.

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

Overnights of Hospitality - Starting Sunday, December 1st, 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 5th. 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 1st through Saturday, April 5th - 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 or call Kat Libretto, our shelter coordinator at 201.286.5591 or email katlibretto@gmail.com

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

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





As a minority member of Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on the stewardship theme and the call to "Walk in Love." My journey to this community began nearly 30 years ago when I immigrated from Sierra Leone in West Africa to pursue a better life for myself and my family.

Since then, I have been blessed to serve in various capacities within my church and broader community. My involvement as an usher, livestream volunteer, lector, vestry chaplain, and Eucharistic minister has been a source of great joy and fulfillment. These roles have allowed me to express my dedication to the Anglican Church, a commitment that has been a central part of my life since childhood. My life's journey has provided me with a unique perspective on the concept of stewardship. As the African proverb goes "It Takes a Village" expresses the notion that success and overcoming obstacles frequently involve the assistance, collaboration, and group effort of others, which was deeply ingrained in my upbringing and highlighted the value of community, cooperation, and teamwork in achieving long-term objectives.

This makes me aware of the value of community, the importance of supporting one another, and the power of love in transcending cultural boundaries. Stewardship, to me, is about more than just financial contributions—it is about giving of oneself, sharing one's talents, and fostering a spirit of love and inclusivity within the community. Matthew 25:14-30 is a parable that teaches about the importance of using one's talents or abilities wisely.

As I reflect on the phrase Walk in Love, I am reminded of the profound impact that love can have when expressed through our actions. Walking in love demonstrates care and concern for others, fosters a sense of belonging, and builds a community rooted in compassion and empathy. Through this lens of love, I approach my stewardship responsibilities, seeking to nurture a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported. Together, let us walk in love, embracing our differences and nurturing a community where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique gifts to the greater good. | tens.org

Questions for Reflection:

What is an experience of collaboration you have had in your life that demonstrates how we combine our skills to create community?



Bismarck Maddy is a parishioner at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento and walks in love with his beloved community of faith

Week At - A - Glance * November 17, 2024 – November 24, 2024

SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost Coffee Hour Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting
MONDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Buildings & Grounds Committee
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 5:00 PM	Fore & Aft Food Pantry Parish Ministry Network
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Vestry Meeting
THURSDAY	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	Bible Study Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Food Pantry Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 5:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Holy Eucharist Rite II – Christ the King
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Christ the King Church School (Adults) Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Rite II – Christ the King Coffee Hour Worship Committee

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