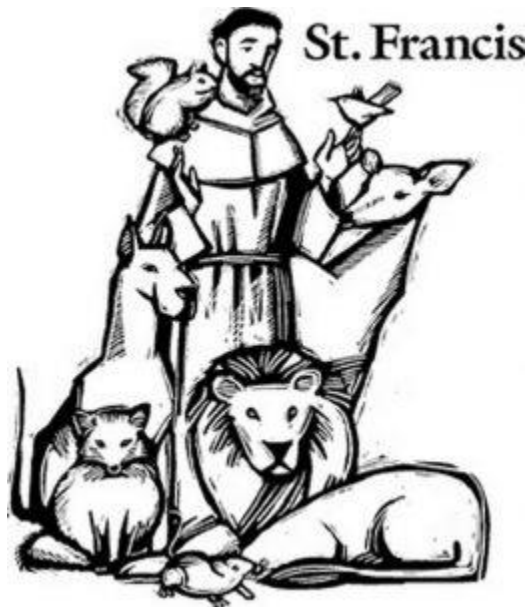


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

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

The Feast of St. Francis  
Blessing of the Animals

October 4 + 5, 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.

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Hearing assistance devices are available in labeled baskets by the sanctuary entrances.

# 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; 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; for the repose of the soul of 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.

**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](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)

**Christ Church Thrift Shoppe** - If the autumn crispness in the air has you thinking about something new for fall, why not stop by the Thrift Shoppe to take advantage of this week's specials:

Ladies Boutique items, pants, and jeans are all “buy one, get the second half-off.” If you are more in the mood for a new read, our selection of books has expanded, and are also priced at “buy one, get the second half-off.” And our glassware sale continues — for each piece purchased, get a second free!

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

**Celebration of Veterans Day at Christ Church November 9, 2025** - In 1918, On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, the U. S. honors veterans always on November 11 and is known as Veterans Day. Christ Church Parish invites our veterans to share their stories and photos in preparation for a special presentation on Sunday, November 10th. If you are interested in this project, please contact Lynne Neeley at [lneeley123@gmail.com](mailto:lneeley123@gmail.com) or 973-760-3063

**Help Wanted** - Parishioner and Vestry member David Greene is looking for someone to help him with his work with the Salvation Army picking up, boxing, and moving food. Ability to lift 25+ lbs. and availability twice a month on Tuesdays for 3 hours are required. The volunteer would meet Dave at the Salvation Army at 10:30 AM and be done by 2 PM. Email Dave at: [the4greenes@yahoo.com](mailto:the4greenes@yahoo.com) or phone him at 781-294-8486 with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you.

**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](http://seasonofcreation.org), and with the Episcopal Church's Season of Creation resources [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org).

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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):

**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)

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

**Sustainable Plymouth** [sustainableplymouth.org](http://sustainableplymouth.org) - a group of eco-conscious local volunteers focusing on environmental sustainability

**Our Diocesan Creation Care page** [diomass.org/creation-care](http://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.

## Week At - A - Glance \* October 5, 2025 – October 12, 2025

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>  11:30 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – Feast of St. Francis</b> Adult Sunday School <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II, outdoors (weather permitting) – Feast of St. Francis with Blessing of the Animals</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 6:30 PM	Companions Group Fore & Aft Invite Welcome Connect Book Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Vestry Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Thrift Shoppe Bible Study Fore & Aft Food Pantry Faith Based Book Study Food Pantry
<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>	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM <b>5:00 PM</b>	Food Pantry Thrift Shoppe <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Eighteenth Saturday after Pentecost</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>  9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>  11:30 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Church School, Grades PreK-5 Adult Sunday School <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Coffee Hour

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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  
Peter Litchfield, Accompanist  
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

**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,  
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**Office Hours**

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