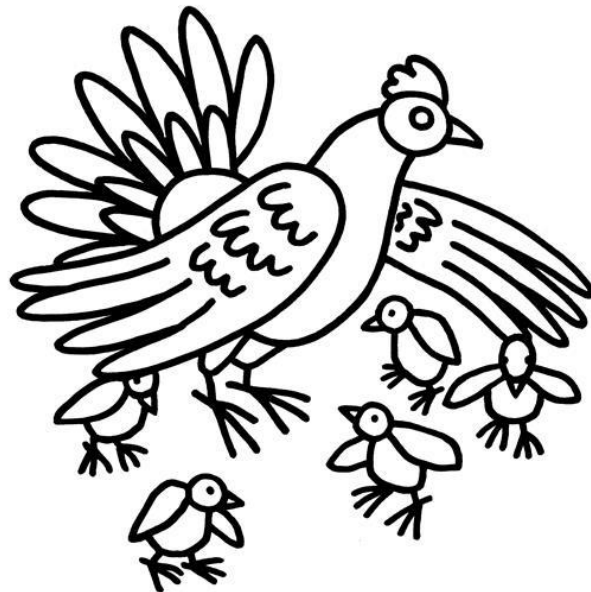


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH**  
**EPISCOPAL**

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

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 15 + 16, 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; Christy Godfrey; Donna Eby; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; 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)

**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)

**Help Wanted** ~The Altar Guild is looking for someone who loves to do handwashing and ironing or who would love to learn the ministry of handwashing and ironing the fair linen used for offering the Holy Eucharist at all services.  
Previous experience is not required; training will be provided by Robin Nielsen, ministry leader.  
If interested please call Robin @ 774 454 2776; or come into the sacristy following a Sunday 10:00 service to inquire about this special ministry.

**Are you Episco-curious? Consider being part of our Inquirers' Class**

**(The Episcopal Church 101)** - Are you interested in becoming confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church? Are you a newcomer who would like to learn more about The Episcopal Church? Or, are you a long-time member who would like to re-connect with what it means to be a practicing Episcopalian? For all the Episco-curious, Melissa will be facilitating an Inquirers' Class, running for 5 weeks from the end of Lent into the season of Eastertide.

Thank you to everyone who took the survey on timing! The class will be held at the church (room TBD) from 6p-7:30p on the following Tuesday evenings in April and May: April 8th, 15th, (off April 22nd and 29th); May 6th, 13th, and 20th

If you took the survey or already emailed us, you are on our list. If you haven't reached out but are interested in attending, please email Melissa or David in the office to register by Sunday, March 23rd. Please note that this is not a drop-in class... participants must register in advance and be able to attend at least 4 of the 5 sessions.

**Christ Church Thrift Shoppe** - In last week's Keeping Connected Rector's Reflections, Melissa suggested we might consider "*trying on*" rather than "*giving up*" as a way of keeping the 40 days of Lent holy. She specifically mentioned the "*trying on*" of a new ministry such as the Thrift Shoppe. As we gear up for Spring, and with the upcoming task of transitioning seasonal clothing, we are again reminded that many hands make for light work. Volunteer opportunities are a meaningful way to bring us closer to God and we encourage and welcome you to "*try on*" the Thrift Shoppe ministry during this Lenten season.

Or, for those considering "*giving something up*" during Lent, we encourage you and your family to consider a Lenten purge of items you no longer need. Over the next 40 days, gradually fill a box with household decor, kitchenware, jewelry, fiction books, and/or gently worn seasonal clothing. As your box fills, consider how '*40 Days and 40 Items*' of decluttering and intentional generosity during Lent will benefit the needs of those in our community.

Shoppe Hours:

Thursday and Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-1

**The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal** - As a diocesan community, we have been asked to support the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In this year's Appeal, Bishop Julia Whitworth highlights three areas of our life together: Strategic Curacies, Collaborative Ministries, and Equipping Churches for Growth:

*"Each of us, in this generation, is called to give to the witness of the Church in our own time, both locally in our worshipping communities and collectively in our diocese to strengthen and expand the work to which God calls us. I want to highlight three areas of our life together which this year will be strengthened by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal."*

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth

- **Strategic Curacies...** so we can not only ordain but retain more talented new clergy who will be serving the Church in decades to come.
- **Collaborative Ministries...** to create full-time positions and/or provide clergy housing.
- **Equipping Congregations for Growth...** opportunities for congregational growth and evangelism, sustainable use of our church properties, and deeper commitment to ministries that serve our neighbors and transform our communities.

The appeal newsletter and donation envelope are available at church or by contacting the parish office. Please place your gift in the Offering on "Ingathering Sunday," March 30. You may also mail it back directly to the diocesan office. Together, we are able to accomplish that which we cannot do alone!

**Week At - A - Glance \* March 16, 2025 – March 23, 2025**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>  11:15 AM 11:45 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Second Sunday in Lent</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Sunday in Lent</b> Coffee Hour Worship Committee
<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>	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Fore & Aft Food Pantry
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Parish Ministry Network
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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
<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 Third Saturday in Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>  9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>  11:15 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Third Sunday in Lent</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Sunday in Lent</b> Men's Group Brunch

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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

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

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**Office Hours**

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