

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

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

Palm Sunday

April 12 + 13, 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; **Jim Kelly**; 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

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

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - It is with gratitude that we report the Q1 proceeds for 2025 exceeded \$20k, thus allowing for the following volunteer recommended and Vestry approved designations;

- Christ Church- in-reach \$10k
- Amazing Grace- a faith-based summer camp program in Sandwich. This organization's mission is to break the cycle of incarceration by supporting healthy relationships and experiences for children of past or presently incarcerated parents. \$2500
- Salvation Army Plymouth- funds will support summer camp sponsorships for children with financial need from Plymouth, Kingston, and Carver. \$2500
- Rev Melissa's discretionary account \$2500
- Christ Church Food Pantry \$2500

The Thrift Shoppe leaders again thank our committed volunteers, shoppers, donors, and Vestry members for their ongoing support in making outreach possible.

Shoppe Hours:

Thursday and Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-1

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

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 / 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

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Week At - A - Glance * April 13, 2025 – April 20, 2025

SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Coffee Hour
MONDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	Fore & Aft Food Pantry Episcopal Church 101
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Tenebrae
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 5:00 PM 7:00 PM Overnight	Bible Study Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Food Pantry Church School Family Activities Maundy Thursday Gethsemane Watch
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Church School Family Activities Stations of the Cross Good Friday
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 10:00 AM 8:00 PM 8:30 PM	Food Pantry Thrift Shoppe Holy Saturday Gather at the New Fire The Great Vigil of Easter
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II – Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt 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
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Su D'Ambrosio, Sunday School Coordinator

Officers and Vestry Representatives

Robb Pflock, Senior Warden
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Ray Rogers, Treasurer
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<https://www.christchurchplymouth.org/>



Office Hours

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



In order to have your memorial included in the Easter bulletins, please return this form to the parish office no later than

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.



In order to have your memorial included in the Easter bulletins, please return this form to the parish office no later than

Monday April 14, 2025

Easter Flowers

Given by: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

As a Thank Offering: _____

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