CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 29 + 30, 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; **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

Unclaimed coats - We have a number of unclaimed coats in the parish hall hallway that are waiting to be returned to their owners. If you've left a coat behind, please be sure to pick it up soon. Any coats not claimed by the beginning of next month will be donated to the Thrift Shoppe / Food Pantry to help those in need.

Thank you for your attention, and we appreciate your help in making sure these items find their way home or to a good cause!

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 Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtklewicz@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.

Brass Polishing - The Altar Guild is inviting anyone who wishes to participate in the Brass Polishing of all of our sacred holy hardware in the sanctuary, in order to get us ready for our Easter celebrations.

Saturday April 5th beginning at 9:30 until 12:30; come anytime during that period, giving an hour or more or just 1/2 hour…many hands make light work with an opportunity for fellowship while doing good work for our beautiful sanctuary.

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/508.746.380) for further information.

Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th: Healing Prayers and Holy Unction - On the last weekend of Lent, as we prepare together to enter Holy Week, we will hear the Gospel story of the faithful woman (sometimes named, sometimes unnamed) who anointed Jesus. Prayers for healing and the sacramental rite of Holy Unction will be offered at all three of our worship services. Holy Unction is the rite of anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands, by which God's grace is given for the healing of spirit, mind, and body.

Saturday, April 5th at 5p - Holy Eucharist with a Public Service of Healing - Holy Unction and communal and private prayers for healing will be offered during the service.

Sunday, April 6th at 8a and 10a - Holy Eucharist - Holy Unction and prayers for healing will be offered after both of our Sunday services.

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

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 / 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.

The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Today is "Ingathering Sunday" for the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Please place your gift in the Offering today. If you do not have your gift with you, you may bring it next Sunday or mail it back directly to the diocesan office. The appeal newsletter and donation envelope are available at church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for your generous support.

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 * March 30, 2025 – April 6, 2025

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer – The Fourth Sunday in Lent**
	9:00 AM	Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)
	10:00 AM	**Matins – The Fourth Sunday in Lent**
	11:15 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:00 PM	Overnights of Hospitality Begin
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Companions Group
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Office Closed
	5:00	Evening Women's Group
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	1:00 PM	Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	9:30 AM	Brass Polishing
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	5:00 PM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fifth Saturday in Lent with a Public Service of Healing**
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	Overnights of Hospitality End
	8:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Fifth Sunday in Lent with Holy Unction**
	9:00 AM	Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fifth Sunday in Lent with Holy Unction**
	11:15 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:15 AM	Creation Care
	11:15 AM	Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting

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
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Ray Rogers, Treasurer
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Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM