

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

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

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 11 + 12, 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.**

Amy Dunlap; Anita Chase; Bea Estes; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Darlene Parnass; David Greene; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Ellen Nordquist; Fred Thornton; Gail Elliott; Greta Couter; Harvey LeSueur; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; **Katharine LiBretto**; the family of Kent Kopke; Kim Fillian; Jack Bersani; Jim Davis; John Crosby; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Lynne Neeley; Maryanne Kerrigan; Rev. Melissa Howell; Michelle and Michael Almeida; **for the repose of the soul of Nancy Jean Bernhardt**; 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; Ursula Gari; 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.

**There will be no 10am service of Holy Eucharist here Sunday 1/19. Instead, please join our wider community at a 10:30am interfaith service of prayer honoring Martin Luther King, Jr at Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth.**

**Our Saturday 5p and Sunday 8a services of Holy Eucharist will take place here as normal.**

**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 Thrift Shoppe** - The Thrift Shoppe leaders are pleased to announce Q4 outreach designation in the amount of \$2500 to Hope Floats Healing and Wellness Center in Kingston.

Hope Floats is a non-profit foundation whose mission is bereavement support and education for adults, children, teens, and their families who are grieving, dealing with illness, or facing other life challenges.

The center offers free support services including yoga, meditation, group discussion, retreats, and mini-body treatments that bring hope and healing to those in need. For more information, visit them online at [hopefloatswellness.org](http://hopefloatswellness.org) or call 781.585.4221

**Overnights of Hospitality** - Starting Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 8 PM. 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 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:conmel@aol.com) or call Kat Libretto, our shelter coordinator at 201.286.5591 or email [katlibretto@gmail.com](mailto:katlibretto@gmail.com)

### 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](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)

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



## Week At - A - Glance \* January 12, 2025 – January 19, 2025

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>  11:15 AM 11:15 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – The First Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – The First Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Coffee Hour Nominating Committee
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Building & Grounds Committee
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	Fore & Aft Pastoral Care Food Pantry Finance Committee
<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 Second Saturday after the Epiphany – music with The Hills</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>  9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal – at Church of the Pilgrimage <b>Interfaith service of prayer honoring Martin Luther King, Jr at Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth</b>

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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  
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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