CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

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

The First Sunday of Advent

November 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.

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; Arnie Kaupp; Barbara Hulme; Carol MacPhee; David Flynn; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; **Evelyn Ferioli;** Forrest Berardi; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jim Kelly; John Powderly; John Steele; Karen Guerra; Katharine LiBretto; Kathy Rust; Kenny Blackwell; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Peter Trenouth; Raymond Reid; Sandy Underhill; Skip Nielsen; Stephanie "Petie" Blanchard; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Sylvia Wade; Theodora; for the repose of the soul of Thomas Salmon; Mark Ouellette; 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, Peter Leone

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

Advent Wreath Making - Families and parishioners are invited to learn about the tradition of the Advent Wreath and create your own family wreath. All materials are generously provided by Lynne Neeley. The activity takes place Sunday November 30th from 9-10 am in the Parish Hall. If you are not able to attend at 9 am, there will be materials and "to-go" kits available at coffee hour.

Special Advent Collection and Offering - *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." – Hebrews 6:19*

As an act of sharing God's gift of hope this Advent, at all three services on both the weekends of December 7th and December 14th, all non-designated plate offerings and online donations will be split between:

- The Rector's Discretionary Fund, which provides financial support to individuals and families in need in the wider Plymouth community. So far in 2025, the fund has provided over $8,500 in direct support to over 30 households and individuals.
- The purchase of grocery gift cards, which will be mailed to parishioners who may be in need of extra support this Christmas season.

When making your gift by paper check or online at our website, please write or type "Advent offering 2025" in the memo line. Thank you for all of the ways you generously and prayerfully support our neighbors.

Christmas Toy Drive - As we know, the holidays can be a particularly challenging time for many families in our community. Christ Church will be partnering with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas toys for neighboring families who need our help in ensuring a magical Christmas for their children.

Beginning Sunday, November 30th through Sunday, December 7th, please visit the decorated Christmas tree in the parish hall. Choose a tag/tags that describe a specific toy for you to purchase. Please then deliver your unwrapped gift to the Salvation Army at 52 Long Pond Road in Plymouth. All gifts must be delivered by Thursday, December 11th.

We are grateful for this opportunity to partner with the Salvation Army and thank you for your support and generosity.

Please contact Heidi Hunter for questions. Gopinkgirl505@gmail.com

Evening Women's Christmas Gathering - The Evening Women's Group will be gathering for its annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 5PM at Connie's house, 15 Fremont St. Bring a sock filled with trinkets ($15 limit).

All women of the parish are invited to attend with a suggested of up to a $10.00 donation.

Please RSVP by email to Connie or call 508.746.3805

2026 Stewardship Campaign

Shining Our Light

Support Christ Church and its Ministries



Week At - A - Glance * November 30, 2025 – December 7, 2025

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The First Sunday of Advent**
	9:00 AM	Advent Wreath Making
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The First Sunday of Advent**
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
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
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 PM	Evening Women's Group
THURSDAY	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	Faith Based 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
	11:00 AM	Funeral for Thomas Salmon
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	5:00 PM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Saturday of Advent**
SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Second Sunday of Advent**
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Youth Formation
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Sunday of Advent**
	11:30 AM	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
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Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

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