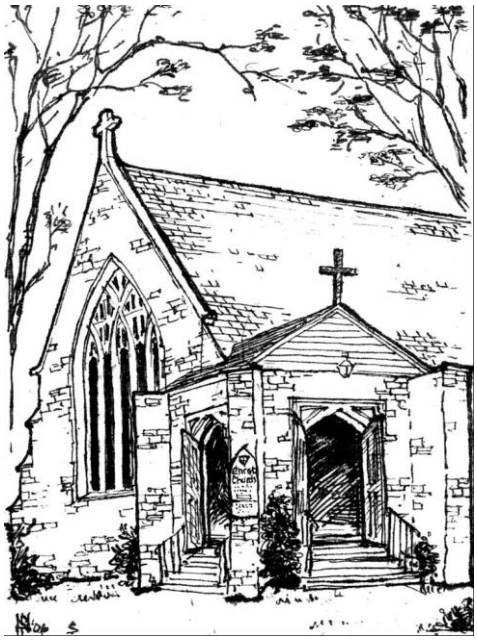
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 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.

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; Barbara Hulme; Carol MacPhee; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Forrest Berardi; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; 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; 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.

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

Celebration of Veterans Day at Christ Church November 9, 2025 - In 1918, On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, the U. S. honors veterans always on November 11 and is known as Veterans Day. Christ Church Parish invites our veterans to share their stories and photos in preparation for a special presentation on Sunday, November 10th. If you are interested in this project, please contact Lynne Neeley at lneeley123@gmail.com or 973-760-3063

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Thanks to the generosity of Thrift Shoppe volunteers, donors, and shoppers, the Thrift Shoppe has, over the course of 2025, been able to continue its ministry of outreach, making allocations to a number of groups. Earlier in the year, funds were directed to the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund for the California fires and Texas floods, to the Salvation Army summer camp scholarships and back-to-school backpack program, to Amazing Grace summer camp, to Plymouth Pride, to Barbara C. Harris Camp scholarships, and to our own Christ Church Food Pantry. Moving forward, the Thrift Shoppe leadership team has taken recommendations from volunteers and parishioners, and with the approval of the Vestry, has been able to allocate half of the third quarter proceeds to the Peace Abbey Foundation, which supports grassroots efforts to link the many dimensions of the peace movement with a committed emphasis on human rights and animal rights, to the Salvation Army's Christmas program, and to Rev. Melissa's Discretionary Fund (parish purse). Again, thanks to all who have made this possible.

Thrift Shoppe Hours
Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-1

Help Wanted - Parishioner and Vestry member David Greene is looking for someone to help him with his work with the Salvation Army picking up, boxing, and moving food. Ability to lift 25+ lbs. and availability twice a month on Tuesdays for 3 hours are required. The volunteer would meet Dave at the Salvation Army at 10:30 AM and be done by 2 PM. Email Dave at: the4greenes@yahoo.com or phone him at 781-294-8486 with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you.

Apple Pies – The Evening Women's Group is taking Apple Pie orders $15 each. The last day to order is Sunday, November 2. Contact Cynthia, Connie or Donna L. Claim November 5th after 8 PM, frozen, unbaked.

Choral Evensong for All Souls – Sunday, November 2nd at 5PM we at Christ Church will hold a service of Evensong to commemorate all faithful departed. All are invited to attend this service of music and remembrance.

Dear Christ Church Family,

As we look around our world today, we are painfully aware of the many conflicts, uncertainties, and hardships that affect people across our country and our world. The images of turmoil and stories of suffering weigh heavily on our hearts, and it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of these challenges. In such times, we are reminded all the more of our calling as followers of Jesus: to be instruments of His peace, to shine His light in the darkness, and to hold fast to hope.

Our parish stands as a haven—a place where all are welcomed, supported, and loved. Here, we gather not only to worship but to care for one another, to encourage each other in faith, and to serve our neighbors with compassion. In the midst of a world in need, our church community is a living sign of God's presence, offering comfort, strength, and a sense of belonging to all who seek it.

We are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ, both in word and in deed. Each act of kindness, each prayer, and each effort to serve others reflects His love. Together, we are making a difference—whether feeding the hungry, clothing those in need, comforting the grieving, or teaching our children about God's grace. The work we do as a parish is vital, and it is made possible by your generosity, prayers, and commitment.

To continue our ministries and to care for our church home, we rely on the faithful stewardship of our members. Maintaining our facilities, supporting our staff, and reaching out to those in need all require resources. This is why we enter once again into our annual stewardship season, inviting each member to reflect on how you might support our shared mission in the coming year.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute—financially or through your time and talents—according to your ability. Stewardship is not merely about fundraising; it is about gratitude, trust, and partnership with God in building His kingdom here and now. We know that each family's situation is unique, and we are deeply grateful for whatever you are able to give. Your pledge, no matter the size, is an expression of faith and a testament to your commitment to our community.

Thank you for being a part of our parish family, for your prayers, your presence, and your support. Together, we will continue to be a beacon of hope in uncertain times, trusting in God's promise and sharing Christ's love with the world. May God bless you and your loved ones with peace, courage, and joy as we journey together.

With gratitude and hope,

Your Resource Ministry

Week At - A - Glance * October 12, 2025 – October 19, 2025

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Office Closed
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	6:30 PM	Invite Welcome Connect Book Study
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	Parish Ministry Network
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	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
	5:30 PM	Youth Group
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 Nineteenth Saturday after Pentecost – Music with The Hills** **Committal prayers for Sharon Steadman will immediately follow the service**
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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
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

Officers and Vestry Representatives
Robb Pflock, Senior Warden
John Steele, Junior Warden
Ray Rogers, Treasurer
Amanda Peterson, Clerk

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