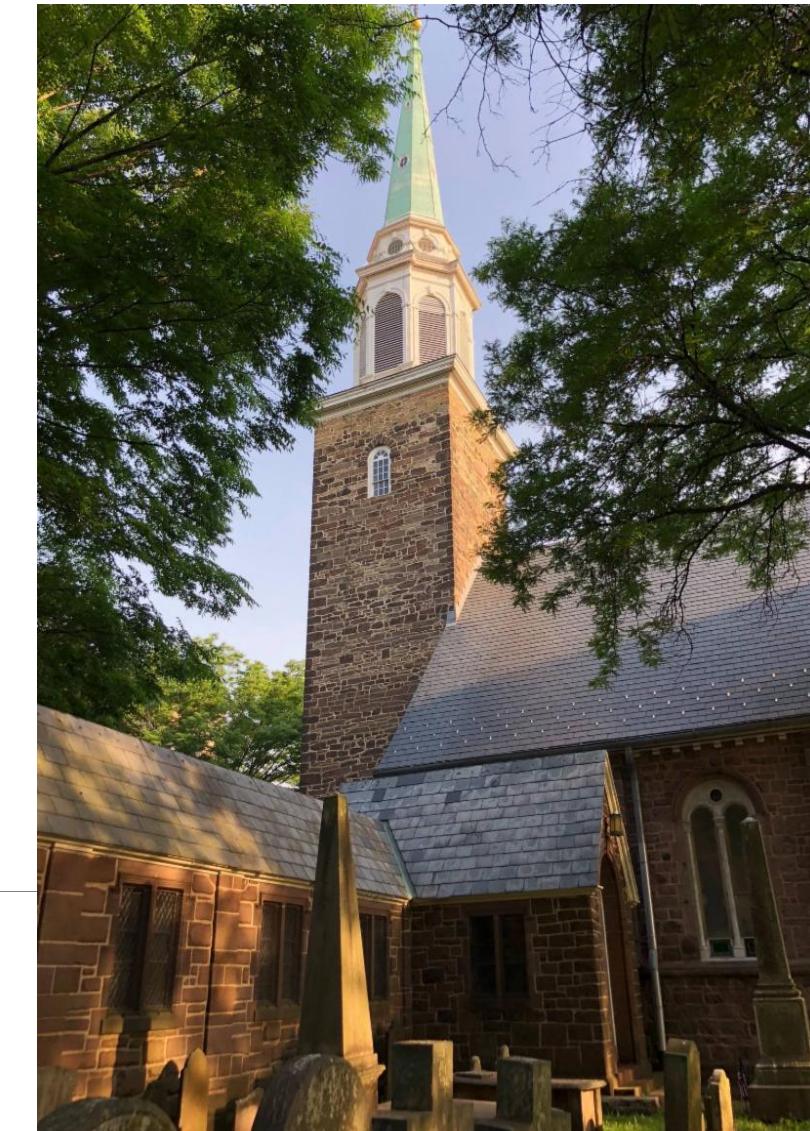


Christ Church 280th Anniversary Celebration

1742-2022

PRESENTED BY: ARTIE PHILLS



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CHRIST CHURCH: OUR PEOPLE IN SERVICE
- THEN AND NOW -

FOCUS ON:

PARISHIONERS
CHANGED ATTITUDES
EXPANDING DIVERSITY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH AND COMMUNITIES

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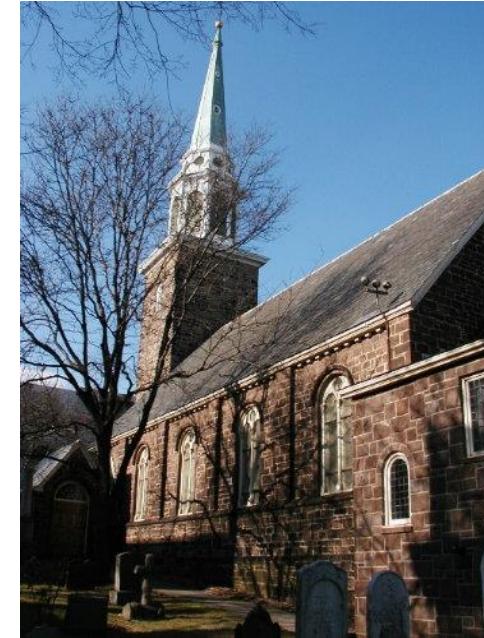
Our People in Service – “Now” and “Then”

“Now” equates from the mid 1970s to the

Present



A view of Christ Church from Neilson Street



A view of Christ Church from Church Street

**Christ Church today is probably the best parish
in the Diocese, and we all should be very
proud to be members of this parish.**

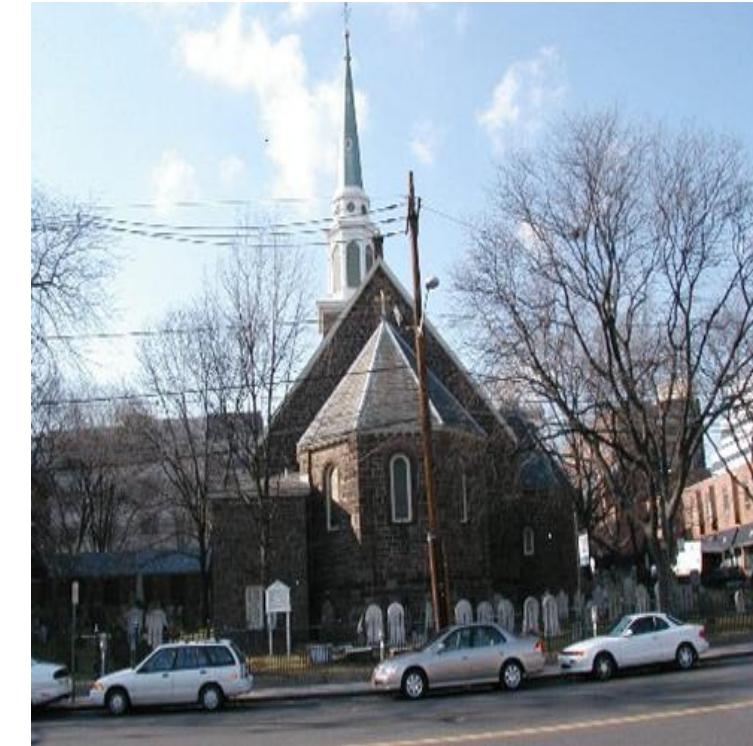
A view from 1975 to the present:

Changes at Christ Church began to change after the mid-1970s when more parishioners from Africa and the Caribbean began to join the parish.

Also changes began as more female clergy emerged as Rectors and Curates/Assistants to the Rectors. The parish became more and more diverse over time in its functions, activities and leadership.

From 1750 through 1993, the Missionaries and Rectors of Christ Church (Episcopal) in the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey have been white males.

The Organists and Choir Directors were predominantly male as well.



Women in the Ordained Ministry

The following Women Served at Christ Church as Priests and Deacons.
Some were sponsored by Christ Church:

The Rev'd. Carol Kerbel (Deacon) 1977;

The Rev'd. Linda Strohmier, 1987-1988;

The Rev'd. Suzzanna Williams, 1988-1991;

The Rev'd. Deborah Piggins (Deacon and Priest) 2000;

The Rev'd Joan E. Fleming – (Rector) 1993-2004;

The Rev'd Dr. Judith Lee – (Deacon and Priest) 2003-2005;

The Rev'd Margaret Forsythe - (Deacon) 2006;

The Rev'd Dr. Deborah A. Meister – (Rector) 2006-2011;

The Rev'd Joanna P. Hollis – (Rector) 2013 - Present



The Rev'd Joan Fleming



Joan Fleming served the parish as interim vicar and Rector for over 12 years. She was the first female to be elected Rector of Christ Church. She was inducted as Rector in 1993. During Pastor Fleming's rector-ship, the parish grew immensely. Diverse is a word to describe the parishioners and their backgrounds, ages, lifestyles, economic levels and interests. Pastor Fleming led the parishioners in a variety of parish ministries.

The Rev'd Dr. Deborah Meister



Deborah Meister was the second female to be elected Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, NJ. She was inducted as rector on June 15, 2006. She quickly secured the respect of the parishioners of Christ Church. The parish felt fortunate to have attracted someone who brought erudition, compassion, grace, devotion and spirituality to her ministry of reconciliation. Her preaching was enriched by her knowledge of history and literature, and empowered by human experience. She had a passion for the poor, and extensive experience in caring for people in all of the most difficult parts of their lives.

The Rev'd Joanna Hollis



Joanna Hollis – Joanna, our current Rector, was the third female to be elected Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, NJ.

She came to Christ Church as a young and energetic Rector, pursuing initiatives and strategies from a Missional Leadership Cohort (MLC) process, and from The Way of St. Paul (WoSP), which is designed by the Diocese of New Jersey. The results of these two efforts strengthened both the Rector and the entire parish.

During her rectorship, Joanna has revealed that she is a strong leader, an extraordinary pastor, role model and spiritual advisor. She is committed to holding the Christ Church Family together.

The Rev'd Joanna Hollis – Rector,
Deacon Catherine Brunson,
Deacon Pete Cornell

The Rev'd Deacon Pete Cornell joined Christ Church in June 2006, and had worked to strengthen our outreach ministries and our spiritual formation for men. He left in 2020 and relocated to Delaware.

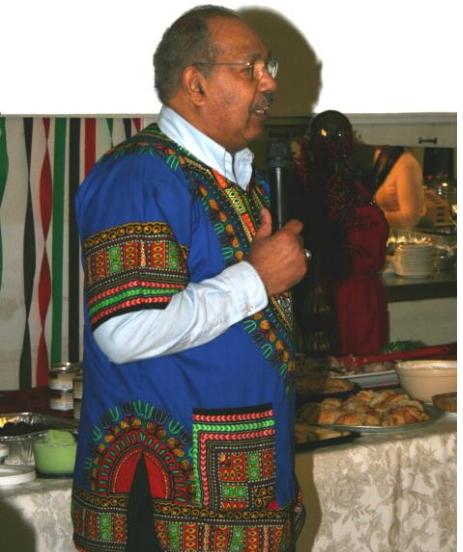


Black Heritage Event - Outreach

15th Black Heritage Celebration - Historic

Christ Church Auditorium

Saturday February 23, 2008 - 5:00 p.m.-Until



Artie Phills - Black Heritage Chairperson



Rector's Warden Artie Phills being recognized for managing the Black Heritage event for 15 years by Nancy Walworth (People's Warden) and Rector Deborah Meister in 2008

Mr. Ken Vanloo succeeded Artie Phills, and Dr. Penelope Lattimer succeeded Ken Vanloo

Black Heritage Event - Outreach

Currently Facilitated by Penelope Lattimer,
Ph.D



The Homeless Ministry – Outreach



Laundry Love - Outreach

Currently Facilitated by Catherine Ambos



The Ambos family has been very active volunteering during the Tuesday and Saturday distributions at the Choice Food and Resource Center (CFRC) at Unity Square, New Brunswick, NJ.

Catherine is the founder, advocate and coordinator of the Laundry Love Ministry for assisting people in the neighboring communities

Parish Events



Progressive Christ Church

