

Christ Church Woodbury



Christ Church
62 Delaware Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096



In interest of sound financial planning, we invite the return of the enclosed pledge card by **Sunday, September 27th**, either by placing it in the offering plate before Mass, or by mailing it to the parish office at 62 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096

*Thank you for your faithful
Stewardship!*

With Grateful Hearts

While 2020 has been a tough and unforgettable year, we have many reasons to give thanks. As a parish, we have overcome various challenges this year which have felt mentally and spiritually exhausting; however we must remain grateful for our ability to remain flexible and appreciate our perseverance to move forward.

From January 1st through August 31st, and while under severe State of New Jersey and Diocesan mandates ceasing all gatherings for public worship in the face of COVID-19 quarantine measures, this parish has realized the continued, uninterrupted offering of:

- 10 services of Christian Burial
- 318 offerings of the Daily Offices
- 78 weekday offerings of the Holy Eucharist
- 130 private Communions
- 61 Sunday Masses
- 74 services or rites that convey the pastoral concerns of the Church such as Holy Unction, Viaticum, and Confession
- Sermons, homilies, and service sheets with the proper readings for each Sunday, were posted to the website for the benefit of those who prayed the Mass at home

In addition, because your vestry worked so diligently on defining social distancing and contact tracing measures, we were one of only a handful of parish churches that were approved to invite public worship as early as June 21st. Even though the parish of Christ Church may have had to suspend public worship in interest of the well-being of your body, it never stopped interceding and pleading before the throne of God's grace in interest of the salvation of our souls. Realizing that only two or three at a time were allowed to gather, the services were offered as if there were two or three hundred present.

The stacked stones of our gothic church have long been, and remain saturated with prayer. The Church never closes. All to the glory of God and on behalf of the people He came to redeem.



Please Join me in providing the necessary financial strength invited by our future. If we were to lose our smart phones or checkbooks, let those who find it see who our God is rather than what is our favorite restaurant. The reason why I love Christ Church Woodbury is because together we refuse to be children of lesser gods.

Sarah Rash, Vestry Stewardship Chair
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A Challenge to Our Millennials

Commemorating the first martyr of Britain, **The Society of St. Alban** recognizes expressions of thanksgiving made by Millennials (ages 22 to 39) who like no other generation have been entrusted with many personal/private resources. **Please join this campaign.** This will send a message to those who raised us that being the Church is not something we purchase when needed, but something we stand to inherit from them. The challenge: Break forth from anonymity that has no place in the kingdom of God.

Ponder anew, all the Almighty can do, . . .

Dear Beloved of Christ:

Regardless of where you are located in the Anglican Communion, a favorite Hymn that defines our true theological bearing is the Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*. It is robust, triumphant and it offers to Almighty God the acclamation He is due in thanksgiving for all that His loving hands "so gently sustain-eth." But in typical American fashion, The Hymnal 1940 and The Hymnal 1982 of the Episcopal Church USA omits all that constitutes Part 2 of that Hymn. And because each of these sources do, we are found to be deficient in our limited understanding of God's providence. I would even argue that these three stanzas have become necessary in the face of the American experience today:

*Praise to the Lord, who when tempests their warfare are waging
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.*

*Praise to the Lord, who when sickness with terror uniting,
Deaf to entreaties of mortals, its victims is smiting,
Pestilence quells,
Sickness and fever dispels,
Grateful thanksgiving inviting.*

*Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light,
Chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.*

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Whose we are; and what we are; and where we are; is exactly why the godless can't have us singing our Hymns aloud for all the world to hear. Why?

They recognize how it is we are the kingdom of God, come now. We are the remedy to all that confounds the world in its inherent disease, profitable discord, manufactured confusion, fear, and civil unrest. As I shared recently in a parish newsletter, "There is no kind of spiritual poison or sickness in the world for which the Catholic faith does not provide the antidote."



I invite you and your family into the full realization that our Father is King. Only then will our stewardship, our mission reach, our thirst for evangelism, our expressions of hospitality, and our need to worship Him without ceasing follow. As a parish, Christ Church is faithful, generous, patient, and recognizably sacrificial. We are the parish church that others reach toward when the skies begin to darken and the violent waves begin to beat against the gunnels of the boat. For these and many other reasons only our very, very best will do.

Please send a resounding message to our parish leadership and on to our Diocesan that all that we are and all that we are becoming is essential to the salvation of the world in Jesus Christ. If we do not believe this, then we may as well fold-up camp and go home. We may as well return to Egypt where at least we were able *to sit by flesh pots, and where we did eat bread to the full* (Exodus 16:3). But I will caution us; scripturally, there are no altars in Egypt.

Those constituting Christ Church Woodbury have been the direct beneficiaries of God's providence since 1856. We are wonderfully made, and we are given voice as the means of bringing glory to Almighty God. This invitation is intended to orchestrate a single expression of high thanksgiving for what it is that truly resides within the hearts of

those who keep holy day. If we do that, then our time, our talent and our money will follow. Please join us in this act of praise.

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
adore him!*

*Let the amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.*

In the peace of God, which passeth all understanding;

Fr. Brian K. Burgess, Rector



Men of Christ Church's Brotherhood of St. Andrew gathered after the Eve of the Feast of St. Andrew Mass



Mission team at work in the coal-mining community of Dante, Virginia

Ensuring the Future

Now more than ever is an ideal time to address the topic of stewardship and flexibility. During these times, we have resorted to commitment and flexibility which can be directly applied to stewardship within Christ Church. I invite you, along with committing to your annual pledge, to consider committing to electronic giving. Giving can be considered a spiritual act which should feel easy, and this moment presents the perfect opportunity as there are countless benefits of e-giving for both parishioners and Christ Church which include:

- the ability to give weekly/monthly although we may be absent from Christ Church which encourages more consistent pledges
- convenient and time saving for parishioners (the ability to have your weekly/monthly pledges withdrawn from your account without writing a check or putting cash in an envelope)
- the ability to better evaluate and create our annual budget as electronic giving helps to create consistency and stability with our revenue budget

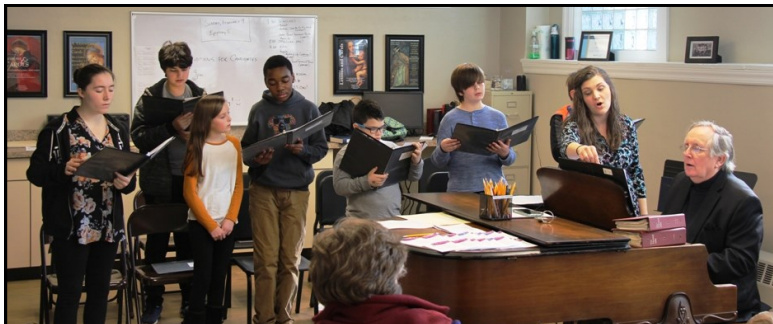
Committing to electronic giving is secure, simple and easy as it requires little information: just your name and a copy of a voided check. As we make a bold step into the future together, we invite you to join us and submit your pledges along with your electronic giving card by Consecration Sunday on Sept. 27th. Please reach out to **Sarah Rash** (sarahrash12@gmail.com) or any member of the Stewardship Committee with questions.

To enroll in electronic giving, simply return the enclosed card, along with a voided check, by Sunday, September 27th.

A Goal of Maintaining at Last Year's Level

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| WEEKLY INCOME | BEYOND A TITHE | | TITHE | UPPER RANGE GIVING | | | MIDDLE RANGE GIVING | | | LOWER RANGE GIVING | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| | 15% | 12% | | 9% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% |
| \$ 200 | 30.00 | 24.00 | 20.00 | 18.00 | 16.00 | 14.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| \$ 300 | 45.00 | 36.00 | 30.00 | 27.00 | 24.00 | 21.00 | 18.00 | 15.00 | 12.00 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| \$ 400 | 60.00 | 48.00 | 40.00 | 36.00 | 32.00 | 28.00 | 24.00 | 20.00 | 16.00 | 12.00 | 8.00 | 4.00 |
| \$ 500 | 75.00 | 60.00 | 50.00 | 45.00 | 40.00 | 35.00 | 30.00 | 25.00 | 20.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| \$ 600 | 90.00 | 72.00 | 60.00 | 54.00 | 48.00 | 42.00 | 36.00 | 30.00 | 24.00 | 18.00 | 12.00 | 6.00 |
| \$ 700 | 105.00 | 84.00 | 70.00 | 63.00 | 56.00 | 49.00 | 42.00 | 35.00 | 28.00 | 21.00 | 14.00 | 7.00 |
| \$ 800 | 120.00 | 96.00 | 80.00 | 72.00 | 64.00 | 56.00 | 48.00 | 40.00 | 32.00 | 24.00 | 16.00 | 8.00 |
| \$ 900 | 135.00 | 108.00 | 90.00 | 81.00 | 72.00 | 63.00 | 54.00 | 45.00 | 36.00 | 27.00 | 18.00 | 9.00 |
| \$1,000 | 150.00 | 120.00 | 100.00 | 90.00 | 80.00 | 70.00 | 60.00 | 50.00 | 40.00 | 30.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 |
| \$1,100 | 165.00 | 132.00 | 110.00 | 99.00 | 88.00 | 77.00 | 66.00 | 55.00 | 44.00 | 33.00 | 22.00 | 11.00 |
| \$2,000 | 300.00 | 240.00 | 200.00 | 180.00 | 160.00 | 140.00 | 120.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 60.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 |
| \$3,000 | 450.00 | 360.00 | 300.00 | 270.00 | 240.00 | 210.00 | 180.00 | 150.00 | 120.00 | 90.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 |



Choristers rehearsing for worship, with joy and dedication

Giving Societies of Christ Church

The Bishop Doane Society: Recognizes parishioners in good standing who have pledged and contributed \$80.00 a week or more to our Annual Giving Campaign.

The Rev. Herbert Norris Society: Recognizes those parishioners in good standing who have increased their pledge over the last calendar year and met it.

The 1856 Society: Recognizes those parishioners in good standing who have maintained an un-interrupted pattern of meeting pledged giving over the past five-years or more.

The Society of St. Alban: Recognizes Millennials (ages 22-39) of this parish who make a pledge, return an electronic giving card, or make an annual gift of \$100.00 or more.

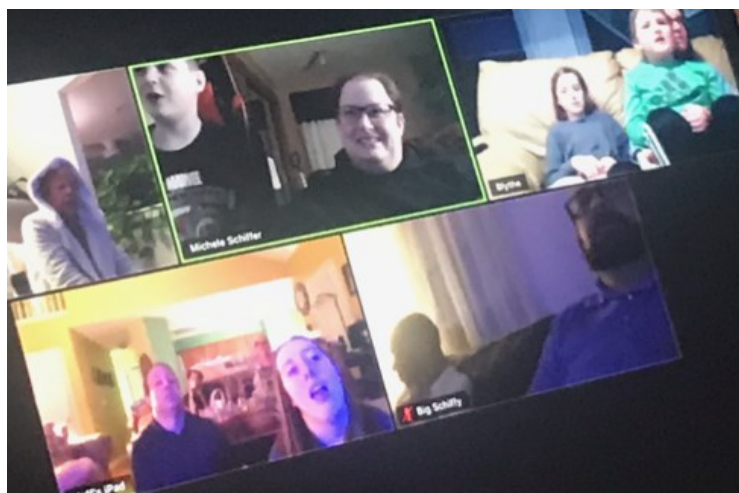


Acolytes process during the Feast of St. Nicholas

Life at Christ Church Continued During the Pandemic



Drive-by celebrations



Online family gatherings



Online classrooms



Virtual offices



New safety procedures for health care workers



Continuous cleaning, inside and out

As Did Worship in Our Sacred Space



Lent



Palm Sunday: The Beginning of Holy Week



Good Friday



Easter

Join Our Reach Across the Pond



An Invitation

Sunday September 27th - Michaelmas (tr.)

*We invite the return of all 2021 pledge and
electronic giving cards at this time*

Holy Eucharist - 8:00 AM

Festive Eucharist - 10:00 AM (w/incense)

Then

Video link with St. Anne's in Tottington, Bury, England

Upon making your Holy Communion and returning your pledge/electronic giving card, please join us at 11:30 AM for pre-packaged refreshments and a live video call between students of Christ Church Woodbury and students from our sister parish, St. Anne's in Tottington, Bury, England (being the name sake of our city). Social distancing measures will be in place. No more than 30 per floor of the assembly hall. All who participate in person will be expected to wear face masks.

Please join us!

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Worship Schedule at Christ Church

Monday

Morning Prayer..... 7:30 AM

Evening Prayer..... 5:00 PM

Tuesday

Morning Prayer..... 7:30 AM

Evening Prayer..... 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Morning Prayer..... 7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist..... 10:00 AM

Evening Prayer..... 5:00 PM

Thursday

Morning Prayer..... 7:30 AM

Evening Prayer..... 5:00 PM

Holy Eucharist..... 6:00 PM

Friday

Morning Prayer..... 7:30 AM

Evening Prayer..... 5:00 PM

Saturday

Morning Prayer..... 9:00 AM

Evening Prayer..... 5:00 PM

Sunday

Holy Eucharist..... 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist..... 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist..... 5:30 PM

*Prayer Book Feast Days outside of this schedule will be
announced on our website, or through email.*