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Wednesday Eucharist 9:00 AM
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
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Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Peggy Moncure

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for August 2021

From Our Rector



In Mark 6:31 we read these words, “He (Jesus) said to them (the apostles), ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.”

By the time you read this, I will have returned from a two week break. During that time, I visited some friends in Northern VA that I haven’t seen in as much as 31 years, worshipped at my home parish (Grace Episcopal in Alexandria), did some site seeing including the Marine Museum in Quantico, George Washington’s boyhood home near Fredericksburg, and the Virginia Museum of

Fine Arts in Richmond, visited family and celebrated my mother’s 95th birthday. As I write this, I still have a few days to venture out on some other excursions or simply sit still and be quiet.

That verse from Mark shows us something that is very important. It shows Jesus’ concern for each of us as we journey through this life. Even Jesus, the Son of God, could find himself overwhelmed by the demands of this life and is frequently seen withdrawing to a quiet place to pray and be renewed. He knows how often we can find ourselves being pulled in so many directions by all the requirements of family and work. In our day and time, it is even harder to cut the lines that connect us without feeling a sense of guilt if we have turned off the computer and silenced our cell phones. But it needs to be done because the rings, vibrations, and pings of our digital equipment are just like the crowds that followed Jesus wherever he went.

I know how much I appreciate the time that I have had these past two weeks and I hope that you will listen to our Lord as he expresses his sensitivity and compassion for you. May you be able to enjoy some time apart where you too may find true leisure a

and an openness to the full life that Christ wants for you.

But I do want to point out that I didn't take a vacation from attending church services because the second Sunday I went to the Celtic service at St. Stephen's in Richmond.

Many thanks to Bob Prichard, Peg, and everyone else that filled in while I was away.

May God's blessings be always with you.

Fr. Stuart +

THANK YOU LETTERS

My Dear Christ Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful and extremely generous gift of the green and purple stoles. What a treasured addition they are to my collection. Yes, you have seen me wearing a few different ones, but these are so incredibly special and important because they came from people I love and care about so much. I am so thankful that God placed me at Christ Church to serve as your deacon. I am truly blessed.

Much Love and Light,

Your sister-in-Christ,

Peg +

Fellow Parishioners,

First of all a **BIG THANK YOU** to all that have signed up to be a part of Usher ministry. It's been rewarding to see it fall in place with so many willing to be a part of this team. It's such an important ministry as the ushers are first to greet our members and guests and as such make a positive first impression. I'm still looking for one person in March and two in May and I'll be delighted then to have a full roster. I'm looking forward to working with all of you for many months to come.

Sharon Colston



“We are a family of faith, growing in Christ through worship, learning and service, who strive to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Recently I was sitting in our office/library, and I began to think about all the books I have read during the COVID days. My feeling is that I am unlikely to ever read as many books in the days to come. My guess is that we are all once again ready for new adventures in the world both near and far away.

However, I did see two books on the shelves that stood out as books I might very well read again. They are Bishop Curry's "Love Is The Way" and "The Book of Joy" that highlights conversations between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. I am sure that many of you have also read these books. Both books are full of love, laughter and extraordinary wisdom.

If you have not read them, I highly recommend that you give them a try. They are both available to borrow from the church library.

Mid-week Eucharist

Please remember that we have a mid-week Eucharist here at Christ Church. The service is at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and will be celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.



from the Junior Warden's Workbench



Fellow Parishioners,

What we are doing:

The NARTHEX painting will take place the week of July 26th.

The RED OAK TREE PARISH PARKING LOT has been treated for beetles.

The BARTLETT TREE will re-evaluated in late September and when it will be decided to trim or remove it.

WINDOWS—The Church Northside window frames have been repaired and treated with copper azole to slow and stop rot. All the windows bottom sills have been treated and the windows will be bleached to remove the mold from the glaze, then the sills and repaired places will be painted. The Choir and Upper Narthex glaze will be repaired “soon”.

The KITCHEN DISHWASHER repair or replacement has been put out to bid.

CHURCH WALKWAYS GROUTING is on our schedule.

The CAMERA PODIUM WAINSCOT will be installed soon.

The MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR 2020 GOING FORWARD (posted in the Parish Hall) is being updated for 2021.

As always you can contact me for questions, suggestions or to help with projects.

Thanks John Quilter

September						
August 2021						
July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00am 10:30am	2	3 AA Group Noon-1pm	4 Holy Eucharist Service 9:00am Connecting Threads 1:00 pm	5 Fellowship Committee 11:15am AA Group Noon-1pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm	6 The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ	7
8 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00am 10:30am	9 Fine Arts Camp 9am-3pm	10 Fine Arts Camp 9am-3pm AA Group Noon-1pm	11 Holy Eucharist Service 9:00am Fine Arts Camp 9am-3pm	12 Fine Arts Camp 9am-3pm AA Group Noon-1pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm	13 Fine Arts Camp 9am-3pm	14 Fine Arts Camp Open House 1-3pm
15 Holy Eucharist Service 10:00am Fine Arts Awards and picnic after Church	16	17 Finance Committee 9:30am AA Group Noon-1pm Vestry 5:30pm	18 Holy Eucharist Service 9:00am	19 Outreach Committee 9:00 am AA Group Noon-1pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm	20	21
22 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00am 10:30am	23	24 AA Group Noon-1pm	25 Holy Eucharist Service 9:00am	26 Worship Committee 9:30am AA Group Noon-1:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm	27 Endowment Board 9:00am	28
29 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00am 10:30am	30	31 AA Group Noon-1pm				



Last month I introduced the question on interest in learning more about Daughters of the King. I have heard from one lady in the parish expressing interest. It takes only three to establish a chapter, but that would not reflect a very robust presence. The chapters with which I am most familiar tended to focus on the power of prayer. Do give this some thought and let me know.

If you know of someone who needs a little lift from a note, a card, a call or a visit, please let us know. It has happened that people would have appreciated hearing from us, but we didn't know they had some event in their lives that we could have prayed over or talked over. Our parish nurses try hard to keep the "pulse" of the parish, but they, too, need to know. Contact Father Stuart, Deacon Peg, Grace Parker, Jean Holt, Pat Anderson, Bev Hart...just let someone know!

Grace Parker, Verger

Catechism Corner



Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education

The **Four Marks of the Church**, also known as the **Attributes of the Church**, is a term describing four distinctive adjectives—"**One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic**".

The ideas behind the Four Marks have been in the Christian Church since early Christianity. Allusions to them can be found in the writings of a 2nd-Century early Christian bishop. They became doctrine at the First Council of Constantinople in 381 which modified the 56-year-old Nicene Creed by adding the affirmation: "[We believe] in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." This addition has remained in the Nicene Creed to this day.

One

"There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4: 5-6) affirming the oneness of the body, the church, through what Christians have in common.

Holy

The word *holy* means set apart for a special purpose by and for God. Christians understand the holiness of the universal Church to derive from Christ's holiness.

Catholic

The word "catholic" is derived from the Greek adjective meaning "general", "universal". Applied to the church, the adjective "catholic" means that in the church the wholeness of the Christian faith, full and complete, all-embracing, and with nothing lacking, is proclaimed to all people without excluding any part of the faith or any class or group of people.

Apostolic

This describes the Church's foundation and beliefs as rooted and continuing in the living Tradition of the Apostles of Jesus.

Miles Libbey

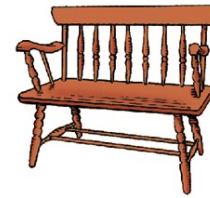
Outreach Ministry



The Outreach Ministry needs your help. The new school year is fast approaching. The community is being called upon to support our students by donating school supplies. A plastic bin will be placed outside the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Any help you can give will be most appreciated. We hope to pass on donations to Creative Productions, a philanthropic group in the County. They will fill backpacks with supplies at Social Services on a date to be announced sometime in August. As always, we appreciate your help for those in need in our community.

News from Habitat is that we are still several weeks away before our help is needed. We will keep you posted on a date.

Thanks, Judy Quilter



From the Deacon's Bench

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our first CCP Fine Arts Camp is getting ready to start. On Monday, August 9th we will welcome children and begin what we hope will be a wonderful event that will continue in future years. When I interviewed for my internship, which was to begin in January of 2020, Fr Stuart told me of his desire to have a music camp for children in our community. Well, that got put on hold due to COVID but we have finally reached the point where we can make that great idea happen. Thank you, Fr Stuart for leading us to this important event.



Folks who have been instrumental in bringing this idea to fruition are those serving on our Fine Arts Camp Committee:

Fr Stuart: Camp Director
Ellen Johnson and Jean Holt: Menus and Food Preparation
Anne Wilcox: Art Instruction
Harriette Floyd: Photography
Jeanette Adkins and Judy Quilter: Activity Planning and Assisting
Debbie Davis and Clayton Neal: Assisting with Music
Pam McClelland: Sunday Picnic
Charmaine Crowell-White: Drama

The Brotherhood and ECW have also offered great assistance. I will mainly be working on the music portion, but I could not have done it without the magnificent help that has been offered. We are very thankful for the financial backing we have received from the Sanders Fund. We have also had several volunteers who have offered their help during the week with various necessary duties. Thank you to everyone!!!.

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Camp will be in session Mon. 8/9 -Fri. 8/13 from 9:00-3:00. On Sat. 8/14 there will be a Showcase of the week's activities from 1:00 – 3:00 followed by a reception. **On Sunday 8/15, there will be ONE SERVICE at 10:00** and the children will be providing most of the music. This service will be followed by an indoor picnic for everyone.

Please support us by attending some of these activities.....drop in during the week and observe, attend the Saturday program and certainly join us on Sunday for the joint service and picnic!! You only need to bring yourselves to the picnic. Everything is being provided. Hope to see you there.

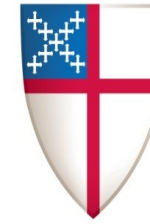
I want to thank all of you for the beautiful green and purple stoles which you gave me. They are magnificent. Since my ordination, I have acquired a few stoles, but these are certainly among my most treasured ones because they came from my dear Christ Church family. There is a more formal "thank you" posted at church but I wanted to also mention it here in case someone didn't see the other one.

After we finish with camp, I will be inviting you all to participate in other ministries to reach out and "Share the Love" with those in our community.

Peace, Peg +



The picnic menu will feature fried chicken, potato salad, Cole slaw, rolls, cookies, and assorted beverages.



THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH (EPISCOPAL)

HELP

Sunday, August 15th, there will be only one worship service at 10:00 AM. We celebrate the final day of the first Christ Church Parish Fine Arts Camp for Children 5th through 8th grades. The children will provide the music for our worship service. After the worship service, everyone is invited to join us for a community picnic celebration of the Fine Art Camp and its participant's achievements. The picnic will be held inside the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

The Brotherhood is being asked to set up tables and chairs and return them to the storage room after the picnic. The Brotherhood will also want us to take out the trash. This email seeks volunteers to set up on Saturday, August 14th, and takedown on Sunday, August 15th. Please respond and include which day(s) you volunteer to work on to get a feel for the number of volunteers.

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Mystics and Poets: Doorways to the Spiritual Path – Part II

Ann de Peyster and Sharon Colston

In the May newsletter we offered reflections on the Zoom class we had just completed that was taught by the Diocese of Virginia's Assistant Bishop Porter Taylor. In that article we also suggested we might follow up with a couple of our favorite readings from this course. We hope others will also be moved and inspired by these two poems from *For Lovers of God Everywhere: Poems of the Christian Mystics*, compiled by Roger Housden, Hays House, Inc., 2009. Housden also includes information about many of these poets. Our shorter versions below were adapted from Wikipedia.

First Love (Excerpt) by Denise Levertov

*This flower:
Suddenly
There was Before I saw it, the vague
past, and Now. Forever. Nearby
was the sandy sweep of the Roman Road,
and where we sat the grass
was thin. From a bare patch
of that poor soil, solitary,
sprang the flower, face upturned,
looking completely, openly
into my eyes.
I was barely
old enough to ask and repeat its name.
'Convolvulus,' said my mother.
Pale shell-pink, a chalice
no wider across than a silver sixpence.*

*It looked at me, I looked
back, delight
filled me as if
I, not the flower,*

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*Were a flower and were brimful of rain.
And there was endlessness.
Perhaps through a lifetime what I've desired
has always been to return
to that endless giving and receiving, the wholeness
of that attention,
that once-in-a-lifetime
secret communion.*

Pied Beauty by Gerard Manley Hopkins

*Glory be to God for dappled things—
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.*

*All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise Him.*

Priscilla Denise Levertov (24 October 1923 – 20 December 1997) was a British-born naturalised American poet. She was a recipient of the Lannan Literary Award for Poetry. During the course of a prolific career, Denise Levertov created a highly regarded body of poetry that reflected her beliefs as an artist and a humanist. Her work embraced a wide variety of genres and themes, including nature lyrics, love poems, protest poetry, and poetry inspired by her faith in God.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (28 July 1844 – 8 June 1889) was an English poet and Jesuit priest, whose posthumous fame established him among the leading Victorian poets. His manipulation of patterns of rhythm and sound – particularly his concept of sprung rhythm approximating normal speech – established him as an innovative writer of verse, as did his technique of praising God through vivid use of imagery and nature.

Special August Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 3 *Bill and Sue Newman*
- 8 *John H. and Judy W. Quilter*
- 9 *Don and Ann Harris*
- 13 *Gordon and Mary Anne Harris-White*
- 17 *Arthur and Evie Wilton*
- 26 *Andrew and Ellie Wilton*
- 27 *Rip and Doris Radcliffe*
- 28 *Byron and Linda Parker*
- 31 *Chip and Mary Buxton*

Birthdays

- 1 *Jack Fackler*
- 2 *Anne G. Wilcox*
Elizabeth "Betsy" Evans
Henry Moncure
Jack Tarran
Jean Hill
- 5 *Merri Hanson*
- 6 *Vernon W. Norris*
- 11 *Charles G. "Gibbie" Mangum*
Linda Irwin
- 12 *Virginia Dare Bishop*
Barry L. Spence
Kelly Pollok
- 13 *Ginger Hellem*
- 18 *Barbara Cockrell*
- 20 *John Hilliard*
- 21 *Rosanne Moncure*
- 22 *Clayton Neal*
- 23 *Jack Hellem*
- 25 *Jane Bunnell*
- 27 *James M. "Jamie" Barnhardt*
- 29 *Steve Gahan*
- 30 *Andrew Wilton*



ARTICLES ACCEPTED!

This newsletter is for information and articles that are germane to Christ Church Parish. That being said, if you are a member of Christ Church Parish you may submit an article of interest for consideration to be published in the newsletter.

To ensure that the newsletter is published and distributed in a manner that all will receive it before the month it pertains to begins, the submission deadlines for 2021 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
September 2021	Thursday August 26, 2021
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November 2021	Monday October 25, 2021
December 2021	Friday November 26, 2021
January 2022	Monday December 27, 2021
February 2022	Monday January 24, 2022
March 2022	Monday February 21, 2022

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to wire-paladin@hughes.net. Pictures may also be submitted and will be used on a "space available" basis.