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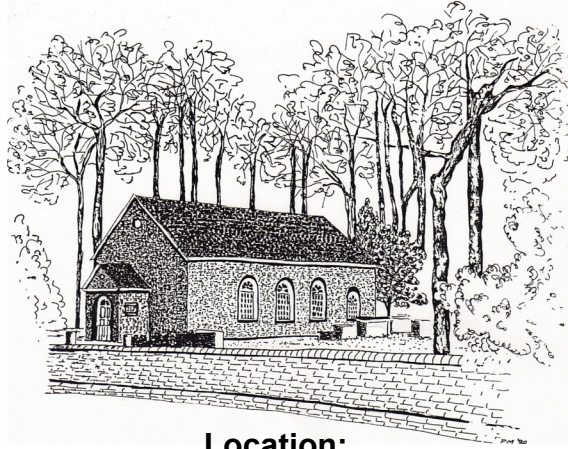
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Services:

Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 AM
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
The Rev. Stuart Wood, Rector
The Rev. Bob Prichard, Ph.D.,
Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Peggy Moncure

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex
Monthly Newsletter March 2023

Message From Our Rector



**“It takes a parish to grow a
parish”
Stay tuned.**



**Quote from Fr. Stuart,
“It takes a parish to grow a parish”.
Stay tuned.**



From the Deacon's Bench

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I wish to thank all of you for your care and concern during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, meals, and other gifts have been much appreciated. I hope to be back to full activity very soon.

Because I have recently become the chair of our outreach ministry, I am going to combine the current outreach activities in this article. Many of our ministries walk hand in hand and we work together on projects.

Plans for our Fine Arts Camp are moving ahead, and applications are starting to come in. Please consider helping with this important ministry.

We are currently collecting books for Middlesex DSS. They like to have books of all kinds to distribute to their clients who cannot afford them. This helps in many ways including promoting literacy in our community. There are collection boxes in the hallway of the parish hall. Please check your home libraries and see if you have some books to donate.

You will soon start seeing the construction of our Creation Care Garden. Please consider helping with your monetary donations and your offers to help build and maintain the garden.

Our Outreach Ministry distributed "Healthy Goody Bags" on 2/14 at the Cryer Center. See the picture on the next page. The bags contained one soup mix, two masks, a small hand sanitizer, one knit stocking cap, cough drops, a small package of Kleenex, and a card from our ministry.

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Volunteers participated in working on a Habitat Home and work on additional homes is planned for the future.

Clothing was distributed to a student in need at Christchurch School.

Many other ministry plans are currently moving ahead and we will keep you posted about how you can help.

Thanks for all you do.

Peace, Peg



Easter Flowers Donation Form

Suggested Donation \$25



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April 3rd

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◀ February	March 2023						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel ECW 1:15 pm Lenten Dinner and Program 5:30 pm	2 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	3 YOGA 10:00 am	4	
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Do We Need A New Hymnal?



A survey 12 years ago by the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music asked the following question: “Do you think that a new, revised version of the Hymnal is needed?” Now I don’t know who they polled, but I didn’t get a call.

As of the end of August 2011, over 12,500 people had responded. The conclusion was that most congregational members do not think we need a new hymnal by a 2-1 ratio. The opposite was true of responses by clergy and musicians. An analysis of that dichotomy would be an interesting discussion.

An excerpt from the Hymnal Revision Feasibility Study has some very insightful remarks that might explain why this is such an emotional issue for many people.

“For those for whom the Hymnal represents a sense of who we wish to remain, what they saw as the timeless quality of much of The Hymnal 1982 defines what it means to be an Episcopalian grounded within the Anglican tradition. By contrast, for others the Hymnal as it is today does not represent who we have become and, more importantly, prevents us from becoming who we would like to be. The Hymnal in this view is narrowly European, looking backward into the nineteenth century and not forward into the twenty-first; it does little to represent the cultural diversity of our Church, placing the music of those outside the older European tradition into hymnal supplements, not within “The Book,” creating a two-tier system of worship resources.”

In the conclusion, the report makes an interesting point: “While these results do not point towards an immediate revision of The Hymnal 1982, no denomination that has experienced the type of attendance and membership losses that have occurred in The Episcopal Church over the last ten years can afford to suspend a process of critical self-examination simply because the existing membership is content with the status quo.”

What do you think?

Libby Boyer, Music Director

Updates for Ushers.... From Sharon Colson



Here is some information that is pertinent to being an usher. Thank you for your service.

Emergencies that happen during church service

Since the ushers are sitting at the back, they can see what's going on and should be the first ones to call 911. That is their primary responsibility and while they are doing that, anyone nearby can start CPR if the person is not breathing. An emergency should be obvious. A person who collapses in the pew or demonstrates difficulty breathing.

John Hilliard provided guidance at the recent Brotherhood breakfast on the proper use of an AED. We have one in the parish hall on the wall near the office and we have one in the narthex under the table.

New Offertory Protocol

During Lent, there will be no Doxology sung as two presentation hymns are redundant. We will sing a post-communion hymn as the table is being cleared and people have returned to their seats. The ushers will bring the offering forward when they have finished collecting it. Ushers will come forward even if the presentation hymn is not finished.

New Usher Name Tags

I am ordering Episcopal church name tags with the word USHER on them to replace the ones we are using now that can be awkward to use and are starting to show wear.



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee's mantra is "We play where we pray." With that in mind, let's review upcoming opportunities for Fellowship, where stories are told and laughs are shared at the table and beyond.

Our first Lenten Dinner will be celebrated on 1 March starting at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, Father Stuart will share more in-depth presentations on what he saw and heard on the streets and in the cathedrals of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The lecture/discussion will conclude at 7 pm.

The Lenten dinners are scheduled for 1, 8, 15, and 22 of March. We could use help in meal preparation on those three nights. To volunteer, please call Mary Lynn at (703) 981-3914 for more information and to register.

Festivities will pick up the beat and the heat in May, specifically with our Cinco de Mayo party (5 May). We will provide some typical Mexican entrees and the rest is a covered dish. Mexican music and raffle tickets add spice to the night which can be quenched with "Cerveza" and Sangria. You will be south of the border and never leave town.

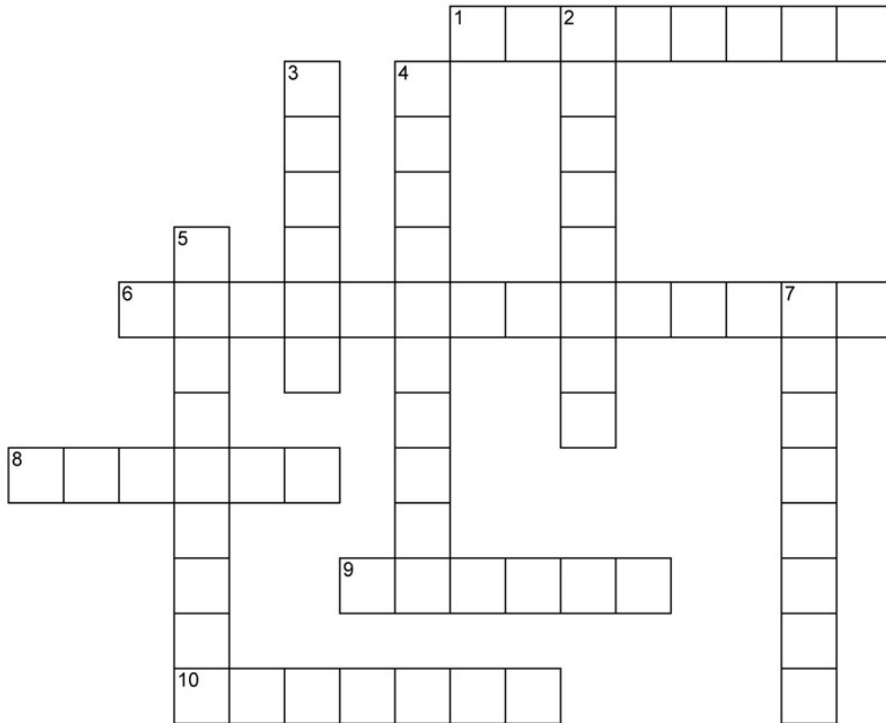
The Party Radar is registering an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on 28 July. Mark your calendars for great cones and Sundaes, music, and a double dash of nostalgia—A Cake Walk!

We look forward to seeing you at the festivities!

Bev Hart and Mary Lynn

People in the Bible

Daniel



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ACROSS

- 1 1st of three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace
- 6 Made a golden image to worship that was over ninety feet tall
- 8 Was thrown into the lion's den
- 9 Took Daniel to interpret the king of Babylon's dream
- 10 2nd of three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace

DOWN

- 2 Master of the king's eunuchs
- 3 Put Daniel in charge of all of his princes and presidents.
- 4 A hand appeared and wrote on his wall
- 5 The people of his kingdom were attacked and taken captive to Babylon
- 7 3rd of three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace



THE VERGERS VIEW

There is a bit of a tendency to dread the Lenten season as one of deprivation and somber messages. However, may I suggest it also may be viewed as an opportunity for introspection and self-improvement. As I find the quiet time of winter in Middlesex as a welcome season free of the demands of holiday celebrations or needy gardens, Lent can also provide respite for our hearts and minds. Let it be so for you.

Grace, VR, the verger

VALENTINES BREAKFAST...

with hearts from “across the pond”.

Thank you Nigel





The ECW held the first general meeting of 2023 on January 11th, with our new officers. They include Karen Brown and Helen Tarran, Co-Presidents; Ginger Hellems, Vice-President; Virginia Miller, Treasurer; Susie Loustaunau, Recording Secretary and Judi Snider, Corresponding Secretary. It was a very productive meeting, as we are going into the year with the ability to support many of our causes from the successful fundraising held in 2022. At our March 1st General Meeting to be held at 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall, we will be approving our 2023 Budget and activities for the year. There are so many opportunities for us ahead in 2023 which we will discuss more in the March Meeting! Looking forward to our having a meaningful impact in the year ahead.

Please be reminded that all the women who are members of Christ Church are automatically members of the ECW and welcome to all our meetings and activities.

SAVE THE DATE

Our ECW Fun Game Day with Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on May 12th in the Fellowship Hall. Start planning your table of four for your game of choice!

Karen



Mid-week Eucharist

Please remember that we have a mid-week Eucharist here at Christ Church. The service is at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and will be celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.

SPOTLIGHT ON



BETTY EVANS

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Betty Evans has been a member of Christ Church Parish for 36 years. She has been in an Episcopal choir since she was a teenager, adding her beautiful voice to our choir when she joined the congregation. Recently, Betty has had to give up her membership in the choir for health reasons. It just doesn't seem right to not see her shining face up there in front of the Church. But we hope to soon see her sitting with us in the pews.

Chesty Puller, whose grave is visited by many visitors and fellow Marines, was Betty's brother-in-law. Over the years she has been an unofficial consultant to many people who come here asking about our church history. She is always willing to share so many interesting details.

Betty and her husband, Bob "McC", moved twelve times during their marriage due to his career with Pan American Airlines. Their four children were all born in different states or countries. They all graduated from high school at different locations. Some had to go to two or three different high schools because of these moves. Despite these changes and because of their mom's support, they all managed to lead fulfilling lives as adults. (Her daughter, Betsy, is a Vestry member and has done an outstanding job as our Junior Warden).

Betty managed to slow down long enough to obtain her RN degree at age 50. She worked in hospital intensive care (ICU) cardiac units. She served as a paramedic when she moved to Urbanna.

Betty was an important part of the Christ Church bake sale tent at the Urbanna Oyster Festival for 34 years. She also organized and supervised the assembly of our famous ham biscuits. One of her major accomplishments was to get Ellen Johnson to begin working in our kitchen. What a find!

Our dear Betty Evans is a true PILLAR of Christ Church Parish Episcopal Church.

Special March Celebrations

Anniversaries



6th Phil & Karen Brown

Gari & Susan Sullivan

9th Jamie & Beverly Barnhardt III

23rd Charlie & Bev Hart

29th Bill & Cean Cawthorn

Birthdays

1st Bill Budd

2nd Michelle Meredith

9^t Meredith Caskie

11th Jim Dudley

15th Lydia Dudley

17th Pat Anderson

Karen Gorin



Catechism Corner

Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education

Worshippers stand, kneel, and sit

Guests sometimes remark that worshippers in an Episcopal church practice "pew aerobics" because we are up and down so often. Although there are variations, the basic principle is simple: we kneel or stand for prayer, stand to sing our praises and recite the creeds, and sit for instruction. We also stand during the reading of the Gospel. Sometimes customs vary between individuals and congregations. For example, during the Eucharistic Prayer, people may stand or kneel, yet still show love and respect. In Faith, Miles Libbey,

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ACCEPTED!

This newsletter is for information and articles that are germane to Christ Church Parish. 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 2022 and 2023 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline is before 5:00 pm on:</u>
April 2023	Friday March 24, 2023
May 2023	Friday April 21, 2023
June 2023	Friday May 26, 2023
July 2023	Friday June 23, 2023
August 2023	Friday July 21, 2023
September 2023	Friday August 25, 2023
October 2023	Friday September 22, 2023
November 2023	Friday October 20, 2023
December 2023	Friday November 24, 2023

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to jeff.of.jamaica@outlook.com
Pictures may also be submitted and will be used on a "space available" basis.