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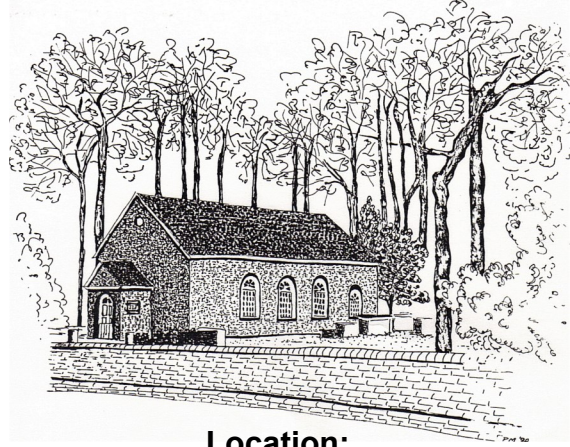
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Services:

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 October 2022

Thoughts From Our Priest Associate



The Christ Church Historical Marker

Several members of Christ Church Parish, including Grace Parker and Gordon White, have been working on an updating of the Virginia Department of Transportation highway sign for Christ Church. The sign, which was erected in 1929, is currently located on the northwest side of the intersection in Cook's Corner <[Christ Church Historical Marker \(hmdb.org\)](https://www.hmdb.org)>. It is not entirely clear that it was always located there. The sign says that the church is half a mile away on route 33; it is actually a mile away and no longer directly fronts on 33. One possible explanation is that the sign was moved to the current location when route 33 was widened to four lanes. Our hope is that the highway department will make the decision to move the sign to a location in sight of the church.

Those working on the sign also have the opportunity to make changes in the text of the 1929 sign, which read

Half a mile east is Christ Church, Middlesex. The first building was erected about 1666; the present one in 1712. About 1840 the church was restored. The colonial governor, Sir Henry Chicheley, is buried there.

We do have the opportunity to expand the text, but only slightly, because the state limits signs to 700 characters. The current thinking of the sign committee is to add a further explanation of the role played by colonial Church of England parishes, something that may have been more evident to motorists in the 1920s, when the decision to restore colonial buildings in Williamsburg was attracting wide interest throughout Virginia.

Until the middle of the 18th century, Church of England parishes were the primary places of worship in the colony, and colonial vestries had wide responsibility for welfare, morality, and the maintenance of public order.

Other denominations would begin to grow in the colony of Virginia during the revival known as the Great Awakening (roughly 1740-76), just as the Church of England began to grow in New England, where it had had a small footprint. With the Revolution, the church lost its status as the established church and the commonwealth's designation of it as responsible for public welfare. It forfeited some of its assets, lost the ability to tax the populace, dropped references in its liturgy to King George III, and selected a new name (the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America).

The colonial idea about responsibility for those in the geographical area in which the church is located—even if they were not members of the church—never entirely disappeared, however. Distinguished church historian Frank E. Sugenot argued in the late 20th century that the “establishment ideal” has been one of the most distinguishing marks of the Episcopal Church during its years since independence. We have two institutional signs of that wider concern in our region: Christ Church School, which provides an education to students from a variety of religious backgrounds, and Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington, which provides services to many beyond Presbyterians and Episcopalians responsible for its creation. Both are part of networks that touch multipart parts of Virginia.

Bob Prichard



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.



From the Deacon's Bench

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (NIV, Genesis 2:15)

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God has blessed us richly with all that he has created. We are called to care for his creation and this new ministry is going to allow each of us to do so.

The Diocese of Virginia has a **Creation Care Task Force**. I would love to see Christ Church become involved in supporting this important project. One thing, among many, that I have been impressed with in this magnificent parish is the way people come forward when called to help. I am counting on that to happen with this new ministry opportunity.

This project would involve:

Creation of a raised bed garden to:

Grow food for those in need in our community. This would enable us to donate fresh food to the Cryer Center for their food pantry. Yes, they already have a food distribution system in place, but the addition of fresh vegetables would be a blessing to those they serve.

Provide a haven for butterflies and bees with native plants to help the environment and crops thereby helping to care for God's creation.

Grow flowers for use in church and flowers to give out on food pantry days to spread joy to those who do not have the luxury of fresh flowers in their homes.

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Funding for this would come from :

Deacon Discretionary Fund

Donations

We would call for volunteers from:

ECW

The Brotherhood

Scouts (Ware Church, Gloucester, has a very successful garden that has been helped by Eagle Scout Projects)

Christ Church School

“Many hands make light work!”

If you would like more information about this ministry, please go to the Diocese of Virginia website and search “Creation Care”. There are many different aspects of this project, but we would certainly plan to start small and grow from there. Several of my deacon school classmates are doing something like this in their parishes.

Please be on the lookout for a message in the near future announcing a Q&A session to discuss this ministry. There will be many ways in which folks can help and I know I can count on you!

We are going to try something new with our ACTS (Acting and Caring as Tabitha Served). We are at a standstill now as we only received 3 names from DSS and two of those folks are not currently participating. We will soon be publishing some new ways to make this ministry do its best job in our community.

Thanks for all you do to serve others.

Peace, Peg+

◀ September	October 2022					November ▶
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2 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Blessing of thw Animals 10:30 am	3	4 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	5 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	6 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	7 YOGA Parish Hall 10:00 am	8
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16 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am	17	18 Finance Committee 9:30 am Tech Committee 11:30 am Vestry 1:30 pm AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	19 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	20 Outreach Committee 9:30 am AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	21 YOGA Parish Hall 10:00 am	22 Load and deliver tables and chairs to Urbanna Fire House
23 Holy Eucharist Service 8:00 am One Community Under God Service Urbanna Fire House 11:00 am Return tables and chairs to Church	24	25 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	26 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel Endowment Committee 1:00 pm Rotary Club Parish Hall 6:00 pm	27 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	28 YOGA Parish Hall 10:00 am	29
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Blessing Pets: In The Spirit Of St. Francis

On October 2nd at the 10:30 service, Christ Church welcomes all to bring their well-behaved pets (or even medium behaved) for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is October 4th. This is a casual service.

In early October churches around the world will celebrate something that St. Francis of Assisi started almost 800 years ago: blessing our animals. It was Francis who first introduced the idea that human beings are only one of God's creations and all are blessed in God's "eyes." St. Francis is the one who preached to the birds; blessed fish that had been caught and released them; communicated with wolves, and used real animals when he created a first, live, Christmas nativity scene. As a result of these, Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment. He emphasized that creation includes more than humankind. He always called creatures his brothers and sisters and worked to further widen the fraternity to link humans and creatures in the same relationship with God.

In Judaism, a blessing is often performed in the spring as a celebration of the Hebrews' and their animals' emancipation from slavery in Egypt more than 3,000 years ago. On both religious occasions, animals are blessed as creatures, reminding humans how we share that essential quality with our pets. In both the Christian ceremony performed in early October and in Jewish ceremonies later in the month, the message to those of us with animal companions is the same: take care of them as you would take care of yourself. Show gratitude; they are gifts from God.

Outreach Ministry



Coming up on Sunday, October 23rd at 11:00 AM is the **One Community Under God (OCUG)** service at the Urbanna Firehouse. Christ Church Parish is one of 14 area churches participating. Volunteers are needed to help with parking and should arrive at 10:15 AM at the Urbanna Fire Station. Following the worship service, help is needed to return 6 – 8 tables and chairs to the storage area at CCP. We will also be providing 75 lunches. Most of the cost will be paid by the Outreach Ministry, but we still need donations of 75 bags of 2 large cookies to complete the lunch. Cookies can be placed in the kitchen freezer indicating they are for the OCUG lunches.

Hoping that you will participate and contribute to the success of this year's OCUG service. Please contact Clayton Neal or Judy Quilter if you are able to help.

We are excited to sponsor the **Christchurch School JV Soccer Team**. We hope many of you will come out for the games and cheer them on. The home games are as follows:

Friday, 10/7 @ 4:30 vs. Catholic High School

Wednesday, 10/12 @ 4:30 vs. The Steward School

Friday, 10/14 @ 4:00 vs. Trinity Episcopal School

Friday, 10/21 @ 4:30 vs. Grace Christian

COME OUT AND HELP SUPPORT THE TEAM!!!

Judy Quilter



Notes from the Organist -Why Do We Sing That?

Everybody has hymns they love. Personally, I've met few hymns I didn't like, but then I am not the norm. But some people dig in their heels and refuse to even be open to anything new. And that is too bad because there are lots of beautiful hymns out there if we are only willing to give them a try.

Selecting hymns takes me quite a bit of time each month. We need a variety of hymns from week to week. The goal is not to select hymns that everybody already knows, but rather to choose hymns that go well together and that will deepen the worship experience.

There are three main criteria used when selecting hymns:

First, what is the theme of the day? I consider the season of the church year and look at the week's appointed lessons.

Second, what are the liturgical actions that are taking place on this day? Is there a baptism or is it a feast day?

Third, and most particular, what is the function of each hymn within the service? Gathering and sending hymns do as their names suggest, gathering the community and sending it forth. They should be uplifting and also make good "traveling music" for the procession. The Sequence Hymn before the Gospel serves as the congregation's proclamation of the themes set forth in the lessons and sermon. It can be more meditative. Hymns during communion can unfold many of the meanings of communion as well as the day's themes.

Oh, and what about those seven-verse hymns that make everyone moan? Real hymnody purists never ever drop verses. But sometimes we can get away with eliminating some verses if it doesn't disrupt the integrity of the text.

So there is more to it than just picking something familiar that people like to sing. Hymns, and all aspects of worship, should contribute to creating a harmonious experience that reflects the time of the church year. If a new hymn comes up on Sunday, give it a chance. It may even be a favorite of the person behind you in the pews.

Libby Boyer, Music Director



Nuts are not only for the squirrels...

Your ECW ALSO gathers nuts in the fall for you! The freshest pecan halves, peanuts, and cashews are available for sale as one of our important ECW fundraisers. These items are delicious and popular as gifts, snacks for football games, or holiday baking.

Please take the form and fill it out and leave it in the office, or mail to Grace Parker at 15 Bayberry Pointe, Urbanna 23175. Nut orders will be ready for pick up before Thanksgiving, right after the pecan harvest! Yum!

Please note: Our sources have increased prices this year. We have absorbed much of the increase but must slightly increase our sale price.

2022 Nut Sales

Whitley's Salted Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Jumbo Cashews (12 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's "crabby" Chesapeake Bay Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

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Whitley's Dark Chocolate-Covered Peanut Clusters (10 oz. Tin)

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Whitley's "Homemade" Peanut Brittle (10 oz Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12 Total Price \$ _____

Pecan Halves (16 oz. Bag)

Number of Bags _____ Price Per Bag \$14.00 Total Price \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for Orders October 31, 2022

Name _____ Phone _____



... from the Junior Warden's Workbench

The building and grounds budget for 2023 has been submitted to the Finance committee. All brick walkways have been professionally cleaned and mold removed. This includes the brick wall around our new Christ Church sign. The Fellowship Hall mini split has been ordered. We now have two new approvals. One is to replace the heating and cooling system for the library, Fr Stuart's office, and the admin office. The second is to switch the Parish Hall south wing to LED lighting. We are hoping to get this work done before Fr. Stuart's return for a nice welcome home.

Respectfully Betsy Evans, Jr Warden



As I was able to see some of the ceremonies surrounding the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, I was moved by her life of service until her very last days. I have had the honor of worshipping in St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle and recognized the nave, but especially the choir area (with the shaded lamps) which was all we used as we were normally fewer than 30 each morning. Most of all, though, my fellow parishioners, I was moved by the familiarity of the prayers, the lessons, the hymns. We have said those prayers, read those lessons, and sung those same hymns as we worship in our little country church thousands of miles from the magnificent places we've seen on our televisions this week. We are the same. We send our own saints to their heavenly homes just the same way. We are one.

Verger Grace

Wings, Wheels & Keels Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in the bake sale this year!! Thanks to the Brotherhood for setting up and taking down our booth. Thanks to those who helped price all of the items and those who donated their time to help sell it all!! But, most of all thanks to the BAKERS!! You always come through and this time was really amazing! We had a lot of chocolate chip cookies and brownies (our best sellers) but they were balanced by cakes, pies, muffins, and bread so there was something for everyone. We also offered coffee and water which were very popular. By 1:30 PM we were sold out!! And, the best news is that the profit from our efforts was **\$1,175.00!** Our best year yet.

Thanks to you all!

Susie Loustaunau





**“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.”**

Fall is here and we are staying busy as usual. For the Church, it is a time of planning for the next year. Your participation in our stewardship program is essential for our programs to continue. The Finance Committee is working on the budget. Every ministry has great plans for the coming year and welcome your help. Come join in and help plan for next year.

I am most pleased that we have adopted the JV Soccer team at Christchurch School as part of our Outreach Ministry. It is my hope you all will consider coming to their games decked in red church shirts if you have them and cheer on the team. We will provide them with oranges or healthy snacks at halftime. At the end of the season, we will have a little party for them. The students will greatly appreciate your support and know they are welcome to worship with us.

On **October 14th**, we will be visited by a Marine Corps Run to finish at General Pullers’ gravesite. Dr. Bob Prichard will do the prayer followed by the toast. It will be great to welcome them to our church again. So mark your calendar to be here to witness this great event. We will have more details as the date approaches.

On **October 23rd**, we will not celebrate a 10:30 service here but will participate in the One Community Under God service in Urbanna. This is an outstanding chance for us to be a presence in the community. We can show the other churches that we are a welcoming community. The Vestry would like to encourage you to participate and attend. We will have our 8:00 AM service and will live stream that service.

Finally, Save the Date of **December 4th** for our homecoming service and dedication of the new sign. We will follow the service with a potluck luncheon. If you know former members who might be interested in attending, please invite them to join us. It will be a great celebration for those who cannot attend the community service.

The Vestry would like to thank Dr. Bob Prichard for the active role he is taking as our Priest in Charge. He is doing an outstanding job while Father Stuart is on his sabbatical. We also want to thank Deacon Peg for all she does. We are so fortunate to have such great spiritual leaders in our church. Faithfully, Jeannette

THANK YOU

These two pictures tell a story of Christ Church. Everyone turns out with a smile and works hard for whatever we're doing. I am so proud to be a part of this church. These are the cooks and the amazing cleanup crew from our September 16 fashion show, luncheon, and game day. Thank you, everyone!

Grace



Special October Celebrations
Anniversaries



9 Catherine D. and Barry L. Spence
26 Trent and Sally Austin

Birthdays

1 Deborah Cuffee "Debbie" Davis
19 Jody Anglin
24 Nelson "Paige" Bishop
25 Gordon E. White,
Tom Clarke





Catechism Corner

Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education

Recent feedback let me know that at least some of you have enjoyed this monthly Catechism Corner (CC) and enriched our knowledge of our common and uncommon faith practices. Needless to say I was encouraged. Now I need Your help. Last month we finished making it through the entire Catechism section of the BCP. I invite everyone to send me areas where you seek insight or more knowledge; or questions, observations, or devotionals that others might find helpful ... in short please suggest how to improve this “small corner of faith, understanding & education.” Thanks in advance!

In faith, Miles Libbey
milesa3@yahoo.com

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 are:

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November 2022

December 2022

Submission Deadline is before 5:00 pm on:

Friday October 24, 2022

Friday November 25, 2022

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.