

# THE ANGELUS

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Dear People of Christ Church,

As we move into September, I wanted to make you aware of things that we are working on around the parish for this fall as we continue to be limited in our ability to be together as a congregation. First of all, let me remind you that this experience is not for the rest of our lives. As Bishop Susan Goff pointed out to the clergy of the diocese in one of our Zoom meetings, when Dr. Anthony Fauci spoke with our House of Bishops, he asked them to remind our communities that this will come to an end. With the development of vaccines in process, and with other safe practices, this pandemic will come to an end.

So in the meantime, we are going to be doing some things which I would never had predicted we might try at any point in my ministry. We are doing the livestreamed 10:00 am church service on Sunday mornings. The ministry of live-streaming will be one of those ministries that will stay, even after this pandemic is over. We are also doing a 7:30 am service in the courtyard (weather permitting) which can hold up to 35 people with reservations for the service made online and safety protocols such as masking, temperature taking, and distancing being maintained. As we move into cooler weather, Martin and I are working on additional courtyard services at other times on Sundays to allow more people to attend a worship service. Those of you who have already attended our service can give witness that the distancing and masks during the service feel strange, which is one of the reasons I look forward to no longer needing to have such protocols. After all, this time of separation will come to an end.

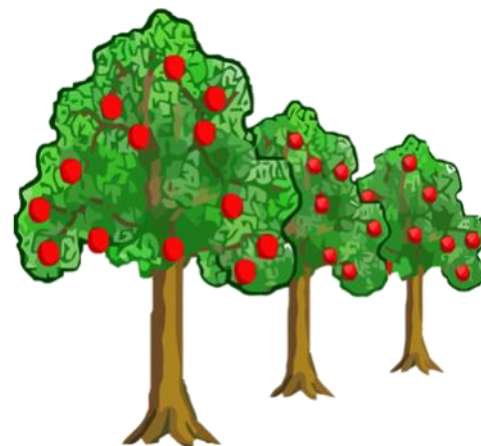
Also, working with Margery Wingenbach and Martin, we are starting "Children's Time" videos for our younger members and families. These will have stories read by Sunday School teachers, clergy teaching about worship, and other offerings in short ten minute videos each week. For the older members, we continue to offer Bible studies, faith book studies, and even virtual coffee hour to help all ages continue to grow in Christian formation.

In many ways, this time challenges us to be creative in how we serve and also keep one another safe. From worship to formation to outreach to parish life, we will continue our discipleship in creative ways, some of which will work and others which we may have to find another way. However, this will not last forever. So please continue to care for one another, pray for one another and be safe.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector  
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## From the Clergy

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin to enter fall, one of the realities we're all experiencing is the reality of continued uncertainty. The normal rituals of going back to school have turned into reading all sorts of plans for safe ways of doing school, knowing that whatever plans are made are likely to be changed. Even as we've all begun to adjust to disruptions in all parts of our lives, we know that anything might change, depending on what happens both with coronavirus cases, and with treatments and vaccines. This continued uncertainty is true for us as the church as well. Even as we announce new ways of doing ministry, Webster and I are aware that what we're doing will probably change over the fall and the winter.

So I think the question we all have to ask ourselves is how we sustain ourselves, and our relationship with God, in the middle of this kind of uncertainty. One place I've been turning as I've thought about that is the narratives of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness after they escaped from Egypt. Although we have the benefit of being able to read about how they eventually came to Israel, they lived through a long journey without knowing what the end was going to be. They had to live through the struggle, and the difficulty, trusting that God would continue to provide for them, and that God would fulfill his promises to bring them into a land of their own. I see this time as very much a wilderness time; we're also living with uncertainty about the future, and wondering when things are going to get easier.

One of the signs God offered the Israelites in the wilderness was manna - bread that came down from heaven, to sustain them when nothing else was available. It wasn't a reward for perfect behavior - in fact, God offers it because of their complaining - and it also wasn't an answer for them about when the wilderness would end. Instead, it was a sign for them of God's care, a reminder that whatever challenges they faced each day, they could trust in God to provide for them. A promise that God cared about their prayers for daily bread, like we pray for in the Lord's Prayer.

I think that manna - signs of God's presence with us now - is available to us as well, if we can take the time to look for it. The daily habits that sustain us and draw us closer to God - practices of prayer and worship, of connection to family and friends, of our own daily meals - can be signs for us as well that God is present in our lives. Even as we deal with change and disruption, our habits can remind us of God's presence and God's love for us. We are in the wilderness right now, but even in the wilderness, God is there to feed us with the bread of heaven (Psalm 105:40).

Faithfully,



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**Join Martin for Evening Prayer on  
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom.  
Email or call Martin for instructions  
on how to log in.**

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible Study continues in September from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. We will be studying the Sunday lectionary readings for each week. The discussion is led by one of the clergy. The class is conducted online using Zoom. If you would like to participate, please email Noelle at [communications@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:communications@christchurchwinchester.org) so she can get you the necessary information to join the Zoom conversation.

# Christian Formation

## New Children's Time

Christ Church's ministry to children and families continues in a new way this fall! Each Sunday, a new episode of Children's Time will be posted on our YouTube channel, and available for kids and their families. Episodes will feature either the clergy, Margery Wingenbach, or other Sunday School and Children's Chapel leaders. The clergy will teach lessons on different kinds of prayer and ways to participate in our worship. Margery and our other teachers will read stories and Scripture, teach lessons about them, and maybe even feature crafts!

We welcome feedback from kids and families with ideas for future lessons, questions they want us to answer, and prayer requests! Email Margery at [wingenbach@comcast.net](mailto:wingenbach@comcast.net). Find the videos by going to YouTube online and searching Christ Episcopal Church—Winchester, Virginia or use the link on our website: [www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org).

## From the Vestry

As the Vestry works with the staff and committee leadership with ways to engage in communal worship and activities, we have also made certain that safety for all is the lead concern for our family, the Christ Church community. Along those lines, we have received specific parameters we must follow from the diocese and health agencies for how we conduct ourselves in the various ways of service. Here are some examples of what this look like. For worship, we have established protocols for gathering in worship, both inside and out. These include things such as limits for attendance, requirements for masks, temperature checks for people coming in and hygiene stations for gloves, had cleaning, etc. These requirements are at the outdoor worship at this point. When we get permission for indoor worship from the diocese, the stations and checks will also be in place.

One area people ask about is outreach. We have been working on finding out the protocols that our local partners have in place to provide safety for people wanting to volunteer. For any type of onsite volunteering, CCAP and Rescue Mission require masks, temperature checks, some basic screening, and social distancing. To maintain that, they have instituted dividers and limitations on who can be in which part of their facilities. As Bright Futures looks to a very different type of school year, they are looking at new ways to respond to the needs of our school-aged children. The Salvation Army is welcoming a new captain, so we are talking with them about ways we can help.

In all of these challenges, we, your Vestry, trust you to make the best decisions for what you feel that you can do safely to keep yourself healthy. To that end, we want you to know what we are doing. With worship, we are and will continue to offer live-streaming of the 10:00 am service. Even as we do outdoor services and hopefully in-door service, we will still have the live-streaming for anyone at home. The clergy and Margery Wingenbach are also working on some online Sunday School/Children's Chapel type programs for fall. The volunteers of the Calling Committee continue to reach out to parishioners to ensure everyone is connected.

In this issue's outreach article, you will see providing of no-contact drop off days in September to help get school supplies to Bright Futures to fill the bus. We are also having food item collecting based at the church so you can safely drop off food and we can take care of delivering it to CCAP.

For those who are not at risk, and want to help in other ways, the Rescue Mission dinner teams are on the job, and CCAP also provides safe opportunities for you to help outdoors and indoors as well. As stated before, these agencies have their own protocols to maximize safety for both the volunteers and the clients they serve.

Please know that the clergy and Vestry appreciate all of your ongoing support through this difficult time in our community. We are privileged to have the honor to serve our Lord along with you and we appreciate the patience as we seek to find ways to keep one another safe while at the same time finding creative ways to serve. ~ Teresa Jacobsen, Senior Warden

# Church Calendar

## Sundays @ Christ Church

7:30 am Morning Prayer  
In-person in the Church Courtyard  
Reservations Required

10:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
(Online Only)  
See [www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org) for link.

11:00 am Virtual Coffee Hour  
See website for link.



**September 2020**

**Most on-site services, meetings and events are still canceled in September.**

Please watch for announcements via email, website, Facebook, or church bulletin as services, meetings, and events begin to resume at Christ Church.

Many committees and groups are meeting using Zoom online. Please check with your group to see if they have anything scheduled!

## Committee & Group Meetings

Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Online Bible Study	Wed: 10:00 am
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Men's Fellowship	2nd Sat: 7:30 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Lunch Group	1st Thurs: 11:30 am
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Book Studies	Tues: 10:30 - Noon Thurs: 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
Youth Group	2nd/4th Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm



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Christ Episcopal Church Winchester  
and like us to stay up-to-date on the latest news!**

**The Rector's day off is Friday.  
The Assistant Rector's day off is Monday.**

**Church Office Tel. 540-662-5843**

# Church Calendar

## September Birthdays

- 1 Ty Lawson
- 2 Robb Russell
- 3 Gary Edwards
- 6 Joyce Casey
- 7 Joan Bronson, Laurel Jones-Purdy,  
Mary Pat Gronauer
- 8 Sharon Lower
- 9 Vicky Arculin
- 10 Judith Anderson, Frank Rupert
- 13 Pete Gronauer
- 14 Carolyn Lewis, Barbara Rupert, Lindsay Pifer,  
Debra Shows, Dawson Wiley
- 15 Ashley Major Haines
- 18 Polly Nesselrodt
- 19 Cheryl Crowell, Sandy White
- 22 Bill Major, Charles Turnbull
- 23 Bill Davis
- 25 Mary Puttock
- 28 Katlyn Wall Painter
- 29 Ann Poling, Pem Hutchinson, Adelaide Turnbull,  
Rick Byler
- 30 Sue Bonnett

## September Anniversaries

- 3 Kirk & Linda Gibson
- 4 Stephen & Nancy Brown
- 9 David & Carolyn Lewis
- 20 John & Joan Claybrook
- 21 Steve & Terry Cluss

celebrate!



*Donate by check*

Mail to:  
Christ Church  
114 W. Boscawen St.  
Winchester, VA 22601

## From the Outreach Committee

In September, the Outreach Committee has several opportunities for support of our partners in the local community. Donation drop-off days will be Wednesdays at the church. Each Wednesday, from 9:00 to noon, there will be table inside the door of the Parish Hall for a no-contact drop-off.

On Wednesday, September 2, please donate new markers, highlighters, and dry erase markers. These will go to Bright Futures as part of their “Stuff the Bus” back to school campaign, which allows them to provide school supplies to students in Winchester and Frederick County. Bright Futures always appreciates monetary donations too. Visit [www.frederick.k12.va.us](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us) and find Bright Futures under the Community tab.



And, on all Wednesdays in September, we will resume our monthly donations to CCAP. They have been continuously serving members of our community with giveaways and lunches for the homeless. They are asking for donations of family size cans (20 oz.) of canned fruit—fruit cocktail, pears, peaches, pineapple, applesauce, etc. (Not the individual plastic containers.) These will go directly into CCAP’s food pantry for distribution to those in need. If you would like to more about CCAP and their work in the community, please visit [ccapwinc.org](http://ccapwinc.org).

If you cannot drop off donations on Wednesdays, but have items to give, please contact Martin ([mgeiger@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:mgeiger@christchurchwinchester.org)/ 540-662-5843, Ext. 2) to arrange a time to leave them.

Another way to actively support our community is by volunteering when we provide dinner at the Winchester Rescue Mission. Christ Church continues to serve the Rescue Mission by providing dinner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. There are several ways to help: You can cook and/or help serve the meal at the Rescue Mission, which has careful safety protocols in place to protect volunteers. You are also welcome to cook a meal elsewhere, either at your own home or using the Parish Hall kitchen. Contact Pat Kofalt ([pkofalt@gmail.com](mailto:pkofalt@gmail.com)) with questions or to get on the schedule, or contact the clergy if you would like to use the Christ Church kitchen to prepare the meal.

Thank you for always helping the neighbors in our community who depend on your love!

## From the Parish Nurse

Things to ponder as we enter our seventh month of “unusual times.” Normally, we would be making lunches for our school-aged children, checking homework, scheduling a bridge game, going to the gym, or getting ready for a welcomed cruise. No, instead we are experiencing social distancing, donning masks, performing careful handwashing and consuming more home-cooked meals.

On the radio recently, I heard the following remarks by a physician:

- Wake up at the same time every day (including weekends). Establish a routine.
- Wear a mask when a group of people and when shopping. Others will thank you!
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer if in an area with no sink.
- Watch your personal distancing. “Give others space to breathe!”
- Worship virtually if you can. Keep your cold to yourself, especially as we enter flu season
- Seek medical care if you have: new cough, new loss of taste or smell, new fall or increased dizziness, fever over 100 degrees, pain in your chest, new episodes of confusion, have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Submitted by Rosalie Lewis



# From the Treasurer



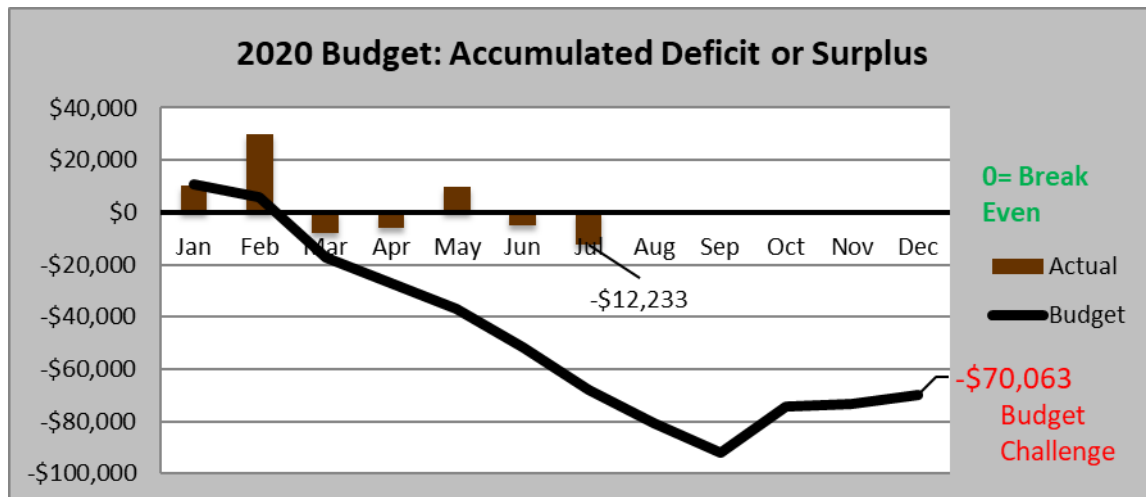
## 2020 Vision: Slow Months Ahead

From last month - "Our 'roadmap' budget line starting at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter all the way until the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter slopes downward pretty steeply."

The table below shows July's actual results were better than budget by almost \$8,900! However, the "roadmap" graph shows our YTD deficit is getting bigger.

As stated in prior Angelus issues, the great response to help our cash flow in March and April continues to keep us way ahead of YTD budget. In July, we again performed better than plan and our year-to-date performance is now about \$55,500 better than budget (at an actual deficit of just \$ -12,233 compared to a budget deficit of \$ -67,775).

- Our actual July revenues of \$ 38,145 were about \$ 4,500 more than the budget of \$ 33,620.
- Our actual July expenses of \$ 45,545 were about \$ 4,300 less than the budget of \$ 49,883.
- So, even though our actual July was \$8,864 better than budget, we still experienced a -\$7,400 deficit for the month. Historically, both July and August are the two lowest revenue months of the year.



Here is a summary table to give more detail about our June results and the YTD results for the first seven months of 2020:

	July Actual	July Budget	July Diff	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff
2020						
Revenues	\$38,145	\$33,620	\$4,525	\$319,935	\$287,860	\$32,075
Expenses	\$45,545	\$49,883	(\$4,338)	\$332,168	\$355,635	(\$23,467)
Net Position	(\$7,400)	(\$16,263)	\$8,864	(\$12,233)	(\$67,775)	\$55,542



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### **Altar Flowers for September 2020**

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and...**

September 6

In loving memory of Rev. Alice L. Thornton (Granny),  
by Katy, Allison & Kathryn Schain

September 13

In loving memory of Richard & Marion Lewis  
by Carolyn & David Lewis

September 20

In loving memory of Patrick B. Shaner by his family

September 27

In thanksgiving for our family by  
Joan and George Burgess

For questions about altar flowers, please email:  
[communications@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:communications@christchurchwinchester.org)

