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Dear People of Christ Church,

Congratulations to our candidates for baptism, confirmation, and reception as we join in the celebration with Bishop Mark Stevenson on October 20, 2024 at the 10:30 am service. I also want to thank all of the mentors and family members who have helped to prepare our candidates for this special day. One of my favorite parts of the sacrament of confirmation/reception is to see the deepening of the relationships among the participants who share the experiences of their faith journeys with one another. No two journeys of faith with Jesus are the same, and it is a gift to share stories of what people have encountered in their faith journeys. Thanks to all who have helped to prepare for this visitation.



A question came up about why I invited everyone in the parish to the Instructed Eucharist gatherings and not just the candidates. It is a great question which I could only answer with another question: "If I can find an opportunity to invite everyone in the parish to learn more about why we do what we do in our worship of God, why wouldn't I?" We are fortunate in the Episcopal Church to have our Book of Common Prayer, not only to make sure we have direction in our worship, but also because it offers so many prayers and ways to worship beyond Holy Eucharist. Sometimes, it helps to have a refresher on those parts of our worship so that we stay sharp and alert to the important ways we encounter our Lord in our worship and in our community. And sometimes, a special event, such as our bishop's visit, encourages us to realize we need a refresher about our life of worship as Episcopalians.

The current plan for October 20th is to have the bishop speak at our Adult Forum so people can meet him. We will also have a reception following the service, so you'll have another chance to meet him. I appreciate the Parish Life Committee and others who will help with the reception. Be it before or after the service, I hope that you take the opportunity to greet the bishop.

As we move through October, if there are other questions or parts of the Episcopal Church you want to learn about or discuss, please let me know. We had good discussions and question at our Instructed Eucharist sessions, but we did not answer every question people had. One thing we did encounter, once again as an enquiring community, is that every question raised came from several people, not just one person. Maybe this will be the start of our preparation for our next bishop's visit in 2026.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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540-662-5843, Ext 1 or 540-773-5562



Join us Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the courtyard. Please keep your animals in cages or on leashes. The Sunday School will be collecting items for the SPCA at the service.

Worship

Adult Forum in October

Thanks to the Rev. David Bicking for leading Adult Forum this fall. The discussions are on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Pilgrim's Chapel at the front of the Parish Hall. Please join when you are able.

On October 14, in preparation for the bishop's visit, we will learn about what a bishop is and does in the Episcopal Church. Each denomination that has bishops has different understandings and functions for bishops. What do bishops in the Episcopal Church and in our Diocese of Virginia do and how?

Then on Sunday, October 20, the actual bishop will join us for Adult Forum. It's a chance to meet him and hear what he sees going on around our life as the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

Bishop's Visitation to Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson
Sunday, October 20, 2024



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA



Reminders about Meetings in the Diocese

- Fall Camp at [Shrine Mont](https://fallcampatshrinemont.org/) is October 21-24, 2024. You can find information here: <https://fallcampatshrinemont.org/>.
- The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia will have their Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Aquia Episcopal Church in Stafford. Registration forms are available in the Tilford Room.

To submit a prayer request, please visit the website and click on "Add a Name to the Prayer List" in the Quick Links section.

Committee News

Properties Committee: Keep Day

Please join the Properties Committee on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9:00 am to noon for Keep Day. The following Saturday, November 9, is the rain date.

Keep Day in November is Christ Church's annual fall cleaning—inside and out. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to lend a hand getting the facilities ready for winter, just like you do at home. It's an "all-hands-on-deck" kind of event. Come for one hour or the whole time; the more hands, the faster the work. The Properties Committee members will be there to direct the projects and will have cleaning supplies. If you have questions about Keep Day, please contact Dan Shaner at dshaner40@gmail.com or 703-963-1483.



Why don't both faucets work?

Several of the bathroom sinks were updated with automatic shut-off faucets. These low-flow devices had the potential of substantial water use reduction. While the concept was sound, the engineering seems not to have been. Several of the faucets no longer shut off automatically, and the water loss has exceeded the potential savings. The malfunctioning faucets have been shut off, and will be replaced with manually operated ones. Sometimes the march of progress must take a prudent step backward!

Outreach Committee: October Donation Requests

Outreach Collection Items for October

The Outreach Committee continues to ask for donations for the Salvation Army's food pantry in October. The Salvation Army requests donations of **pasta sauce** or **canned soup**. Please bring donations to church on Sundays in October or to the Church Office lobby on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Sumit Ideas to the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee of Christ Church wants to encourage members of our parish to bring us ideas for outreach projects and ministries that will engage our church community with opportunities for service. To submit a suggestion, please visit <https://www.christchurchwinchester.org/outreach-and-mission> and use the Outreach Proposal Form. The committee will consider and evaluate your proposal as far as funding needed, number of volunteers required, one time event, or regularly scheduled multiple events. This is a form that was developed and used in the past, with effective results, and the committee wants to promote its use again, as the sole format for requesting new ministry outreach proposals. And while the committee may not be able to do every project suggested, it helps potentially to develop future ministry opportunities.

Church Calendar

Services at Christ Church

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
in the Sanctuary

Holy Eucharist at Westminster-Canterbury
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10:30 am



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

The Church Office is open Tuesday—Thursday
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Call ahead before you visit!

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Daytime Faith Study	2nd & 4th Mon: 10:00 am
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am—4 pm Sat: 10 am—1 pm
Women's Book Studies	Tues: 1:30 pm—Parlors OR First & Third Thursday at 5:30 pm —Parlors



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Church Calendar

October Birthdays

- 2 James Baden, Madison Truong
- 3 Elena Conrad
- 4 Patricia Barnes, Martha Roberson,
Eric Kalbaugh
- 6 Deanna Pifer
- 8 Rosemary Swope, Pam Kennedy, Dan Gloster
- 9 Loretta Johnston
- 10 Pam DeBergh
- 14 Margaret Kesser
- 15 Jean Trumbore, Myra Tufaro
- 16 Dick Arculin
- 17 Mary Beth Compton
- 20 Katy Schain, John Wiedower
- 21 Megan Conlon Paul
- 22 John Applin
- 26 Bill Thompson, Tom King
- 28 Cathie Waldie
- 29 Judy Whiting
- 31 Amy Stock, Frank Armstrong III, Sue Jarvis



October Anniversaries

- 1 Bill & Maria Tedesco
- 7 Ned & Amy Stock
- 8 Dennis & Debra Shows
- 14 Bill & Sue Jarvis
- 26 Eric & Jillian Kalbaugh
- 26 Stacy Talbott and Ming Truong

celebrate!

Please Note:

We will publish birthday and anniversary information only with explicit permission. Please contact the Church Office if you wish to be added to or deleted from these lists. Please keep the Church Office informed of any changes to your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.



Shop at the Treasure Box Thrift Shop!
Open on Wednesdays and Fridays 10—4
and Saturdays 10-1
at 114 W. Boscawen St.

Donations accepted
during shop hours!



Christian Formation



Family **Halloween** Scavenger Hunt Sunday, October 27, 2024 - 4:30 pm

The Christian Formation, Parish Life and Outreach Committees invite all of our Christ Church families to a Family Halloween Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, October 27!

Each family is invited to put on their costumes and set out to collect food for the Salvation Army and CCAP. They have requested **canned vegetables, cereals (including instant oatmeal), and jams or jellies**. Families can contact neighborhood and local friends to shop the week before for food items and your family can swing by on Sunday afternoon, in costume, to gather the food. Or, you can do the shopping yourselves, or you can come up with your own ideas to help gather food to help those less fortunate.

Families will then bring the food back to the parish hall by 4:00 pm where the food be gathered and weighed, and the family collecting the most food by weight wins the scavenger hunt!

After, families are invited to stay for games, treats, a light supper, and the chance to show off in the grand parade of costumes.

Pastoral Care



Celebration Planned

Please join us on Sunday, October 13, 2024 to celebrate the parish nurse ministry of Helen Zearth. We will recognize Helen during the 10:30 am service and then celebrate her 28+ years of service to Christ Church as parish nurse at a festive coffee hour in the Tilford Room.

Helen's so valued in our community for her work with Blue Ridge Hospice (see the June/July 2024 issue for more on that), but at Christ Church she is known for her compassion with all pastoral needs, giving countless flu shots, running annual health fairs, serving on the vestry, altar guild and during worship, and so much more!



Other News

Support the Livestream!

Our 10:30 am Sunday services are still livestreamed and archived each week. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us online! If you can't watch the live broadcast, you can watch the archived service any time during the week. Simply go to the church website at <https://www.christchurchwinchester.org/> and you will find links to the bulletin and the service on YouTube.

Each Sunday, more than a dozen viewers join us during the service, and by the end of the week this number typically grows to more than sixty. If you would like to assist in this ministry, we would welcome, train and supervise you until you are comfortable assisting or running the broadcast. You would not need to make an every week commitment; helping out during the summer or being available as a substitute for several Sundays during the year would be a great help. Please contact Jody Wall (jody_wall@yahoo.com) or Phil Sargent (psargent@su.edu) if you are interested, or if you're just curious about what is involved in livestreaming. We love to share our toys!

Knit Unto Others



The Christ Church prayer shawl ministry – **Knit Unto Others** – meets monthly to combine prayer, love, and friendship while making shawls and blankets to be given to those in need of comfort and God's healing of body and spirit.

Many blessings are knitted or crocheted into every shawl/blanket/prayer square. The knitter or crocheter begins each shawl/blanket with prayers, and prayers may be continued throughout the creation of the item. The group meets the third Tuesday each month at 2:00 pm in the Parlors. Beginning knitters are always welcome!

If you are interested in participating but the meeting time doesn't work in your schedule, please contact Kay Keely to discuss. Alternative meeting times may be an option. Kay can be emailed at kkeely@comcast.net.

You may also contact Kay or the Church Office (540-662-5843, Ext. 4) to request a shawl/blanket for yourself or a member of your family.

Small Group Discussions

The Common Ground discussion group continues to meet on the 4th Wednesday each month in the Parlors at 4:00 pm. However, in October, they will meet on October 30. New participants are always welcome to this small group which aims to facilitate discussions allowing parishioners to get to know one another better. In October, they'll talk about random acts of kindness.

