



News from Christ Church April 20, 2022

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord! This past week was a particularly poignant time for me in our first Holy Week together. But as I reflected on in my Maundy Thursday sermon, this was also the first return to the traditional practices of Holy Week itself in three years.

How does one even begin to express gratitude for the many gifts given at Christ Church witnessed over the past week? So many of you responded to the call for service. Our staff has worked for many weeks in planning the liturgy and music. Barbara Mann, our parish administrator, patiently worked through countless bulletin drafts. Debbie Schofield, organist, and David Crone, choirmaster, along with our exceptional choir accompanied us to the depths of Good Friday and lifted us to the palpable joy of the proclamation of Easter at the Vigil.

For the altar guild, all hands were on deck as we worked out how the space would change and need tending to over the days. Linda Garcia, Gaye Murphy, Tammy Prince, and many other volunteers seemed to spend as much time in the kitchen for our Agape meal and Paschal party as I did in the liturgy. Lloyd Jeffords and Steve Laico made sure two of our extra services were live-streamed for those who couldn't attend. Bill O'Keefe was here every day, lending a hand with all the little details that always seem to get by. There were a host of new and old lectors proclaiming the word on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The ushers, acolytes, and Eucharistic ministers all graciously gave of their time and leadership. Rachel Loftus and Robin O'Neill planned supplemental activities for our children.

I'm nowhere near capturing all you gave, friends, and this letter is already getting long. What a far cry from the pared down observances of the past two Holy Weeks, whether in Warwick or Memphis. Those were meaningful in their way as we navigated a difficult time, but I am immeasurably glad for the place we find ourselves together in now. As I reflect on the events of the past week, I'm moved by the patience, grace, and joy you all exhibited as we brought these ancient observances to their fullness once again.

May the life of the resurrection be yours in this Easter season.

faithfully,
Amber

Christ Church Men's Group

A number of our fellow parishioners are working to develop some fun fellowship activities for this new group. To support these efforts, we need to make sure we have an up-to-date men's contact list. To advise us of your interest in being involved and participating, please send a quick email to mensgroupinfo@christchurch.org and provide your name and contact email address.

Registration open for Incarnation Camp

Summer 2022, Ivoryton, CT

Located in coastal Connecticut on 700 wooded acres surrounding a mile-long private lake, Incarnation Camp is the country's oldest Episcopal summer camp. Since 1886, Incarnation has provided a fun-filled, traditional camp with hands-on learning and group living in the great outdoors.

Incarnation serves campers ages 7-15 in 2, 4, 6 and 8 week sessions. To learn more, attend an open house, or to register campers, [visit their website](#). Scholarship money is available from Christ Church.

Book club

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Our final selection for the book club this academic year is *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse* by James Weldon Johnson. Published in 1927, this collection of short, lyrical works reads quickly and moves the soul indelibly.

Community Breakfast

Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. Anyone interested in learning more, or helping to prepare or serve, [email Liz Houlton](#) or call her at 845-325-1276.

Evening prayer on Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

[Click here for link](#). If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please [email Charlotte Trott](#).



THRIFT SHOP

open Saturdays
9:30 to noon for
shopping & donations

new season, new outfits

Vestry: Chris Loftus, Senior Warden; Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Steven Greh, Sharon Kelly, Gaye Murphy, Erick Storckman,
Simon Turner, Diana Van Fossen, Abbie Opper (treasurer)

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Sundays at Christ Church

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person and
livestreamed to Vimeo and the Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour

10:10 a.m. - Sunday school

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with choir



Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!