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Dear People of Christ Church,

As we come to the end of this program year, and as we look ahead to next year, your Vestry is in the process of getting itself organized and discerning where we are called to go as a parish family. Part of that process has to do with fulfillment of canonical responsibilities:

The vestry will maintain the finances of the parish and the parish buildings.

Each Vestry member shall support the programs of the Church through a commitment to service and biblically-based standard of proportional giving. Each vestry member shall also continuously encourage the members of the congregation to support the ministries of the Church and to give generously towards the support of those ministries; and each Vestry member shall extend personally a hearty welcome to newly baptized, confirmed, received, or transferred members of the congregation.

The Vestry gets the parish involved in the life and ministries of the parish is through our committee structure. While all of the committees are called “vestry committees” because the Vestry is ultimately responsible for them, the Vestry seeks to empower and support the committees with parishioner involvement, development, and other ways our parish can continue to live out the Gospel witness in the world around us.

For those of you new to Christ Church, our committees serve administrative ministries such as finance, personnel, and communication. We also have ministries reaching out to the neighborhoods and to the parish community. These include Outreach, Worship, Stewardship, Christian Formation, Parish Life and Pastoral Care. Each Vestry member serves on at least one of these committees as the Vestry representative. This helps with communication to make sure the Vestry knows what is going on, ways to help support those areas of ministry, and addresses questions or concerns along the way. This year's Vestry representation is as follows:

Communications - Jody Wall
Education - Mary Margaret Applin, Joe Wingenbach
Finance - Scott Arthur
Outreach - Clare Dame, Pam Kennedy
Parish Life - Jody Wall
Pastoral Care - Bill Major
Personnel - Scott Arthur
Properties - Steve Martin, Sandy White
Stewardship - Pat Shaner, Bob Puttock
Worship - Joan Bronson, Bill Major

The parish website provides ways to learn about and contact committees and Vestry members.

We look forward to getting our congregation's ministries rebuilt and functioning in a way less like we did during the pandemic, and more like we did before the pandemic. With many new faces and people whom we have not seen for a while, if anyone wonders if we need the gift of giving with hands and treasure, the answer is a resounding YES! We have opportunities for service, worship and formation all around us!

Faithfully,



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From the Clergy

In my family, May is a month with a lot of celebrations. Between a couple of birthdays, Mother's Day, and in many years the end of the school year and graduation festivities, we often end up having parties to mark several things at once. May is a little bit like that in the life of the church as well. No matter how early Easter is, the season of Easter continues all the way into May—and this year, all of May is part of Eastertide. That's because the church calendar calls for Easter to be a season, not just a day. It begins on Easter Sunday and continues all the way until Pentecost, a full fifty days.

The point of this extended celebration of Easter is to take time to live out the joy of the Resurrection. It reminds us that the first disciples did not understand everything Jesus's resurrection meant all at once. That they needed time with Jesus to make sense of what it meant, and to understand what good and joyful news it was. The Easter season asks us to take that same sort of time to reflect and understand more deeply what Jesus's resurrection means in our lives, and how we know his presence now.

Some of the ways we live this season out in church are very simple. We begin the service by saying "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" We keep the paschal candle lit, just like it is at the Easter Vigil. We throw in a few more Alleluias throughout the service. We also keep the season through the Scripture we read: We'll hear readings from the book of Acts about the life of the early church, and reflect on Jesus's final prayers and promises to his disciples from John's Gospel.

So how do we take that energy and celebration of Easter out from church and into our lives? I think one of the best things we can do is to try and look for signs of the Resurrection. We can keep our eyes open for places where new life is springing up, and good is happening against difficult odds. We might see this in new relationships and friendships, in ministries serving people in need, or anywhere that God's love is being made known. And sometimes we're the ones called to be signs of the Resurrection, to try and bring the hope and love we have from Jesus to others.

The great hope of the Easter season doesn't just come through what we do in church; it comes from how we carry what we proclaim in church into the world. The Alleluia we say in church offers us the hope of the risen Lord every day, and in every part of our life. So may we carry that hope forward, throughout these fifty days and beyond.

Faithfully,



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Reminder that Christ Church will host a meet and greet event with the candidates for bishop on Sunday, May 22, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All members of the diocese are invited to submit questions to the nominees for consideration by the Transition Committee in developing these sessions. Send your questions to bishoptransitionva@gmail.com using the subject line "Meet and Greet Questions." Please provide your name, church name, and location.

The Electing Convention will be held on Saturday, June 4, beginning at 10:00 am at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria. Attendance at the Electing Convention will be limited to voting delegates. The event will be livestreamed.

Christian Formation

Summer Event for Children

On Sunday, July 10, 2022, plan to join Christ Episcopal Church and Grace Lutheran Church as we host a VBS style event for our congregations called, “The Lord is My Shepherd.” As many of you know, the pandemic has caused us to hold off yet another year of our traditional shared Vacation Bible School. Gathering 350-400 children, youth, and adult staff indoors is just not doable since most of these participants will still not have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. The good news is that we are planning an outside event for EVERYONE! ALL children, youth, and adults are invited to participate just after services on July 10. There will be interactive stations based on the 23rd Psalm, lunch, music, Kona Ice, and so much more. Mark your calendar now to attend this event for all ages!

Sunday School classes and Children’s Chapel will meet through May 29. Services for families with young children will meet every other Sunday this summer - May 8, 22, June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, and August 14. Join us in the courtyard at 4:30 pm for a service tailored to our young parishioners. Don’t forget that visiting grandchildren are welcome!

Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont 2022

Parish Weekend is May 6-8 at Shrine Mont (www.shrinemont.org). If you have not registered but would like to attend, please contact Webster at 540-773-5562 as soon as possible.

If you are not able to be with us for the whole parish weekend, but would like to join us for Sunday morning worship in the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, it’s Sunday, May 8, at 11:00 am. Be sure to arrive early. While you’re there, stay for Mother’s Day lunch in Tucker Dining Hall. The usual menu is fried chicken, lima beans, rice and gravy, biscuits, coleslaw, cucumber salad, a special Mother’s Day dessert, iced tea and coffee. Contact Shrine Mont directly (540-856-2141) to make your lunch reservation. Be sure to mention that you are with Christ Church so they will put you with us in the dining room. You will pay Shrine Mont for lunch.

Women’s Book Group Change

Please note the women’s book group that was meeting on Thursdays at 5: 30 pm in the Parlors is now meeting on Wednesdays—same time, same place. They are reading Jon Meacham’s *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*. For more information, please contact Carole Ann King (mainelady92@gmail.com or 540-486-8579).

Adult Forum in May

After a week off for Parish Weekend, we will resume Adult Forum on Sunday, May 15, at 9:30 am. We will continue our conversation about bishops until June 5. We will discuss questions you may have about bishops and how the process of election works in the Episcopal Church. On Sunday, June 5, we will have a follow up after the Electing Convention on June 4 to explain what happens next with the newly elected bishop over the next few months.

Church Calendar

Services at Christ Church

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

4:30 pm Service for Young Families
May 8 & 22

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
Bible Study	Wed: 10:00 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: 10:30 am Wed: 5:30 pm Parlors



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Church Calendar

May Birthdays

- 2 Anne Drury, Pam McKinley, Katy Wiley
- 4 Karen Jagiello
- 8 Jackson Stock
- 13 Teresa Jacobsen
- 14 Liz Lindon
- 15 Allison Schain, Kathryn Ellington
- 18 Tom Larsen, Zoe Conrad
- 19 Linda Russell
- 21 Barbara "Bobbie" Gouldthorpe
- 22 Jack Applin, Linda Miles, Bob Puttock
- 24 Wilborn Roberson
- 26 Kay Wise, Greg Jacobson
- 27 Sara Bicking, Tim Waldie
- 28 Alix Cooper
- 29 Bill Drury, Walt McIntosh, Caroline Wingenbach



May Anniversaries

- 7 Ruben & Mary Rodriguez
- 8 Jim & Ann Taylor
- 14 Rob & Trish Boyd
- 18 Dan & Jody Wall
- 19 Gerald & Cheryl Crowell
- 24 Michael & Janie Mohn
- 25 Charles & Joyce Casey

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.

Treasure Box Thrift Shop News

The shop is up and running but we are still looking for volunteers who might wish to work our front desk. We work that desk in teams of two and it is a four hour shift on Wednesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. The morning shift runs from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and the afternoon shift runs from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. We have a lovely group of ladies currently who work with us. Some work several days a month and some work only one day a month. If you think you might be interested in helping, please come in and see us at work! We welcome you to try us out! And of course, shopping is always welcome!

Thanks to all who have made wonderful donations to the shop! We take donations during open hours and by appointment. Please do not leave items by our door!



Open on Wednesdays
and Fridays 10—4 and
Saturdays 10-1
at 114 W. Boscawen St.

From the Treasurer

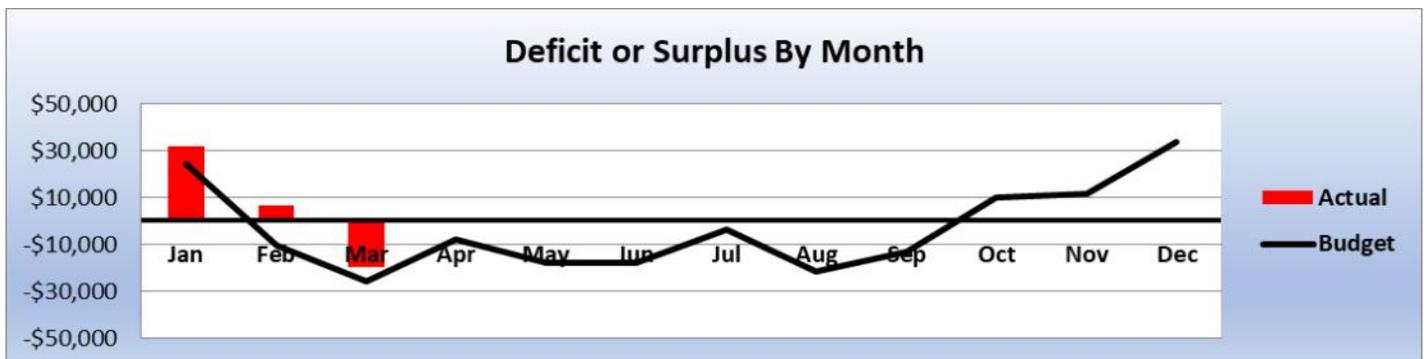
Strong First Quarter of 2022

Year-to-date, we still have a positive net position of about \$19,000. This is about \$31,000 ahead of budget (which planned to be at a deficit of about \$12,000). Here is the summary data for both the month of March and for the first quarter of 2022:

	March Actual	March Budget	March Diff	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff
Revenues	\$ 42,425	\$ 35,760	\$ 6,665	\$ 166,564	\$ 133,660	\$ 32,904
Expenses	\$ 62,166	\$ 61,644	\$ 522	\$ 147,548	\$ 145,700	\$ 1,848
Net Position	\$(19,741)	\$(25,884)	\$ 6,143	\$ 19,015	\$ (12,040)	\$ 31,055

The highlight shows that expenses for March were greater than revenues for both the Budget and for Actual.

Below are three of the graphs the Vestry reviews each month to track Actual to Budget through the year. The top two graphs show that Actual Revenue has been above Budget each month in 2022 and that Actual Expenses have been right at or slightly greater than Budget in each month. The net position per month is shown in the bottom graph.



From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee continues its work to enable and support the different Christ Church outreach ministries. Here's a list of our current membership, along with particular ministries that some of them work with if you want to contact them with questions about that ministry.

- Clare Dame (Winchester Rescue Mission)
- Katie Harvard (Bright Futures/Panda Pantry)
- Katy Schain
- Dan Shaner (Salvation Army/Angel Tree)
- Marty Tabaka
- Dan Wall (WATTS)
- Betsy Young (CCAP)

The Outreach Committee is particularly grateful to anyone who has helped support our Apple Blossom chair sales, as the proceeds from that will go toward our ministry with Bright Futures this year! In the coming months, the Outreach Committee will be continuing to work on developing leadership in our outreach ministries and looking for new opportunities for Christ Church to make a difference. Feel free to contact any member of the committee or Martin if you have ideas for ministry or are looking for new ways to serve!

From the Parish Life Committee

Coffee Hour on Hold

We will not have Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service this spring and summer. We hope to re-start in the fall with better participation!

Pastoral Care

Covid or Allergies?

How can I tell the difference between allergy symptoms and COVID-19?

That is a very good question and I am glad you asked!

Remember when you wake up from sleep with a tickle in your throat? That leads oh so quickly to a series of sneezes? Then the scratchy throat follows with a slight cough. Now don't forget you then get that nuance of a runny nose. How annoying!!! You are now tracking the symptoms and think that maybe you have COVID.

This is the time of year when allergies are driving most of us nuts!!! The scientists are telling all of us that allergies are starting late February and can plague us until late November! Rats. Many of you know that allergies happen when the immune system overreacts to the normal things in our environment: pollen, dust, molds, pet dander, and many other things. Some folks have mild cases and others have severe flair-ups. Symptoms include: runny or stuffy noses, itchy ears and watery eyes, and that awful postnasal drip which leads into a scratchy sore throat. By now fatigue has set in.

Emerson Hospital (Concord, MA) provides tips to help all of us to know the differences between allergies and COVID-19:

Track your symptoms and make a timeline. Allergies last longer than viruses.

Try to relieve the symptoms with over the counter meds. Allergies usually respond to medication.

Viruses usually do not cause itchiness. Allergies usually cause itchy noses/ears/eyes.

Allergies do NOT cause fevers. If you have a fever, you may have COVID-19

Many people with allergies also have asthma: coughing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and wheezing. COVID does not usually have a symptom of wheezing.

COVID-19 is a viral infection that spreads in various ways and the symptoms vary according to the variant. The most common symptoms: fever, dry cough, fatigue, body aches, and loss of smell.

The Omicron variant includes the above symptoms plus a runny nose, headache, sneezing and sore throat.

Even if you are vaccinated, you can get a mild case of COVID-19.

If you have concerns about your health, it is always wise to check with your doctor. If you are unsure if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, taking an at-home test is a reasonable precaution. Make sure you are washing your hands and wear a mask if you think that will lessen your anxiety.

See you in church.

Your Parish Nurses, Rosalie Lewis & Helen Zebarth

