

# THE ANGELUS

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Dear People of Christ Church,

Coming off of the joyous celebration of Easter and the 50 days of Easter we are currently in, I wanted to give a big shout out of thanks to all who helped with our services with flowers and altar setup, hauling the cross up and down the steps, chalice and reading, and the joyous sound of our wonderful choir in the different services of the special season of the Paschal mystery and Holy Week.

This year, it was wonderful to have the acolytes and ushers back and willing to help with the services of Holy Week and Easter, especially the last minutes help.

Our acolytes helped to lead the congregation to the walking mall on Palm Sunday for the Blessing of the Palms. I was also fortunate to have additional acolytes willing to help the other acolytes out with Maundy Thursday, the Stripping of the Altar, and our celebration of Holy Baptism. As clergy during these services, we sometimes have the need for extra hands to hold items. The acolytes did a great job of being attentive to our requests for help.

Our ushers also did a great job stepping up with full teams for our increased number of guests and services. They helped folks with the steps and keeping safe, as well as helping to find seats and family members.

As our attendance is gradually increasing, the ministries around our worship continue to need more help. We still need more help in most of our areas of worship. For adult worship ministries, this includes ushers, chalcers, lay readers at both services. For our youth, any youth 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older who can help should please talk to one of the clergy. The increase in participation of youth and adults allows us not only to have full teams in our worship, but also additional flexibility with rotations should people find themselves unable to help on a Sunday. We will have more trainings over this summer so we are ready for the fall, and that information will be forthcoming once dates are confirmed.



For those who may be new to the life and worship of the Episcopal Church, I hope that you have noticed that our worship is not solely reliant upon the clergy. Rather, our worship is a community event supported by the clergy and the laity (the people) in the church. For those already involved in these ministries, if you think someone else in the parish might like to help, invite them to come and learn more. If you are new to these ministries and want to learn more, ask the clergy or our parish leadership in these ministries: our music director, Jean Lin, our altar guild chair, Katie Harvard, our head of chalcers/lay readers, Bill Major, our usher coordinator, Chris Francis, the clergy with the acolytes, or our online worship leader, Phil Sargent. All can be found in the parish directory on the website or call Noelle in the Church Office (540-662-5843, Ext. 4) for assistance.

Again, thanks to all who helped our Easter season give a joyful noise to the risen Lord.

Faithfully,

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## From the Clergy



One of the things I've learned since moving to Winchester is that May is very much a month of celebration! In Winchester at large, the center of that celebration is, of course, Apple Blossom. For the parish, we also celebrate with the tradition of the parish weekend at Shrine Mont, as a chance to come together and deepen our relationships with one another. But for us as the church, May is a month to celebrate because it is part of the season of Easter. Keeping Easter not just as a single day, but as a season of fifty days, gives us time to reflect on the joy of the Resurrection, and to remember that we are invited to live the resurrection life with Jesus.

We remember this joy in our liturgy all through the Easter Season. Our hymns remind us of the joy of the Resurrection, we say extra Alleluias as we make up for not saying them during Lent. Even the beginning of the service changes, so that we can begin by reminding ourselves that Christ is risen, risen indeed. But Easter joy isn't meant to be confined to a church service. It's meant to be something we bring to the whole of our lives, as we give thanks for the new life God offers us.

Living out the joy of Easter does not mean that we think that nothing is wrong with the world, or that as Christians we can never be sad, but that we are called to live our lives in the sure and certain hope of Jesus's presence and care for us. Easter joy is about our ongoing relationship with the living Christ, who is there for us even when our circumstances are difficult, or following him is challenging.

As you think about how that joy is present in your life, I invite you to think about the ways we can live it out in our parish. Whether it's through the work of service, or hospitality to others, assisting in worship, or study, every part of parish life and ministry can be an expression of the joy of Easter. Because everything we do is rooted in the joy of the Resurrection, nothing in our life as Christ Church is really separate from that joy - it all helps us proclaim that Christ is risen, and our lives are changed because of that.

At the end of the month, we will keep the feast of Pentecost, during which we mark the end of Easter season, and recall the disciples being sent out into the world by the Holy Spirit. Their joy was not meant for themselves alone, but meant to be shared with the world around them, as the good news of new life in Christ. So as we celebrate both in our life as a parish and as a city this May, I invite you to recall how we to are sent out to share the joy of the Risen Lord.

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## THE SHRINE -&- WINE

HOW DO YOU BUILD A SHRINE?

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WINE FOR MOTHER'S DAY



Christ Church Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

May 12-14, 2023 • Orkney Springs, VA

Brochure and registration form  
online at  
[www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org)

# Christian Formation

## VBS This Summer

**Vacation Bible School** is back! After a few quiet summers, it's time to make noise again so get out your calendars and mark July 10-14 for *Rocky Railway*. In partnership with our neighbors at Grace Lutheran, we are planning classes for preschool (beginning with age 2) through kids who have completed 7th grade. In case you've forgotten or never been to VBS, it's a fun time of scripture-based learning with lots of music, arts and crafts, games, and yummy snacks from 9:00 -noon for the entire week with no fees. It's open to all - neighbors, visiting cousins, friends, etc., are invited to come. Registration forms are on the website.

VBS is a huge program and it takes volunteers from both congregations to staff and help those mornings. Consider the gifts you can share with the children. Maybe you enjoy teaching or being a teacher's assistant, or maybe can you be a helper in the kitchen to prepare snacks, or help out with games, or possibly man the registration desks for last-minute signups. It takes many adults and youth to make it all happen smoothly, so think where you fit in and contact Margery Wingenbach ([wingenbach@comcast.net](mailto:wingenbach@comcast.net) or 540-667-0386).



## Sunday School Notes

As the Sunday School approaches the end of the 2022-23 session, please note:

- ✧ Sunday School and Children's Chapel WILL meet on May 7th, the Sunday of the Apple Blossom festival.
- ✧ Our 2022-23 session of Sunday School will end on Pentecost, May 28th.

## Opportunity to Serve as a Delegate

The Vestry has three opportunities for parishioners to serve as Delegate/Alternate to our regional Episcopal Church group called the Northern Valley Region and also as Delegate or alternate to Diocesan Convention.

We are allowed two lay delegates to Region/Convention and two alternates. Martha Griffin is a lay delegate. We need one more lay delegate and two alternates. It is a one year commitment, with the ability to be re-appointed with Vestry approval.

Delegates are adult, confirmed communicants of Christ Church in good standing who represent the parish at our region and diocesan Convention gatherings. You must be able to attend quarterly region meetings and Diocesan Convention, which is Thursday evening through early Saturday afternoon on November 2-4, 2023 at the Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center. The two lay delegates, along with the clergy delegates, have voice and vote at convention and are expected to participate in pre-convention meetings, including open hearings that are done regionally or via Zoom several weeks before convention. Should a delegate not be able to attend, one of the alternates goes in their place.

It's a great way to learn more about what's going on across the Diocese, and an important role as you report back to the congregation about these meetings. If you are interested in learning more about being a delegate or alternate, please contact one of the clergy.

# 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



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**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: 10:30 am Thurs: 5:30 pm Parlors



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# Church Calendar

## May Birthdays

- 1 Michael Phelps
- 2 Anne Drury, Pam McKinley, Katy Wiley
- 3 Jo Pilette
- 4 Karen Jagiello
- 8 Jackson Stock
- 13 Teresa Jacobsen
- 14 Liz Lindon
- 15 Allison Schain, Kathryn Ellington
- 18 Zoe Conrad
- 19 Linda Russell
- 21 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
- 28 Mark & Nancy Baker

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.

This May we will celebrate 64 years of Treasure Box giving to the community. In the last 25 years, the Treasure Box has given over \$315,000 to charity!

The shop opened on November 18, 1959, after months of planning and research. The Vestry approved a \$900 loan to establish the shop. Many helping hands painted, cleaned, built shelving, and organized merchandise. Sales surpassed expectations and they repaid the Vestry in two years. Now, like then, almost all funds raised are donated to local charities. What started as a small group of volunteers has grown to include over 40 people. Every person helping is so vital to the gifts others receive!

# From the Outreach Committee

## Rise Against Hunger Event



## From the Outreach Committee

### Apple Blossom Parades!

Yay for Apple Blossom this spring! We are now selling tickets for parade seats. All proceeds will go to support our Bright Futures outreach, helping to feed school kids in our local area. We will sell tickets between services on Sundays in the Tilford Room and from noon to 2:00 pm on Wednesdays, until May 3. All sales are in-person by cash or check. Tickets will be \$5 each for the Firefighters Parade on Friday, May 5, and \$8 each for the Grand Feature Parade on Saturday, May 6.

There will be seats available for sale at the start of both parades, as well.

There is a Signup Genius on the church website for volunteers to sign up to help on parade days. Many hands are needed—from selling tickets, to setting up chairs, to taking tickets, selling water, cleaning up. It's a great way to be part of the fun! Please contact Katie Harvard (klhwsh@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



### Collection Item for May

During the month of May, we will be collecting **paper towels, paper napkins, and aluminum foil (width 18")** to restock Winchester Rescue Mission as they care for Winchester's hungry and homeless. As you do your shopping this month, please pick up some extras for the Winchester Rescue Mission and bring them to church on Sunday or deliver to the Church Office at 114 W. Boscawen Street on Wednesdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Christ Church's ministry with Winchester Rescue Mission includes groups regularly preparing and serving dinner at the mission, providing food for as many as 75 people at a meal. The Rescue Mission serves both male and female residents, as well as others in the community in need of a meal. For more information about assisting with the Rescue Mission, please contact Martin Geiger (540-773-5564).



# From the Pastoral Care Committee

## A Note from the Parish Nurses

Would you agree that we live in an imperfect world? We have been focused on understanding the meaning of Lent and then Easter. Maybe this is an opportune time to better understand “tolerance” and “understanding.” Let’s start with their definitions: **Tolerance** today is really synonymous with multiculturalism. In other words, accepting and embracing other races, religions, and other’s ideas without prejudice or judgement.

Now, **acceptance** really goes a step further beyond tolerance. You can tolerate something without really accepting it, but you cannot accept something without tolerating it.

As a Faith Community Parish Nurse, our focus is to care for the body, mind and spirit, just as we parishioners proclaim in our Baptismal Covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons loving your neighbor as yourself. When we review our Baptismal Covenant, we “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We do this with God’s help.

Can we practice our Baptismal Covenant by:

- Taking ownership of our actions?
- Pondering whether we understand a different opinion?
- Taking a deep breath (practicing “self-care”)?
- Practicing respect for self and others?

As a very learned scholar said to me recently, “The hard part is how often people will tolerate one another just to get along, but they will not accept one another as they themselves want to be accepted.”

The last part of the Covenant reminds all of us of the “fullness of Christ’s peace and glory.”

Next month, we will welcome our very talented parishioner and colleague, Susan Francis, in the role of a Faith Community Nurse. We are so pleased to have new parishioners in our midst and this is an opportune time to review the role of the Faith Community Nurse/Parish Nurse.

See you in church!

Your Parish Nurses, Rosalie and Helen

