The Angelus

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Dear People of Christ Church,

As we hear talk about "opening-up" our communities again, I wanted to let you know some of the considerations that the Vestry and I are working through. No, there is no specific timeline for changes to different phases of community life. The bishops of the diocese have been working diligently to provide us with guidance and recommendations as we look to have worship in the church again.

Since we have never been through this before, a couple of "process" things to consider. Before any type of gathering in worship begins, we have to provide a plan for implementing the structure of our worship to keep people safe. Also, while some people want to move quickly back towards "normal" worship, including singing and Eucharist, safety is still the main concern to guide the bishops in what directions they give the clergy and congregations. So, this is going to be a slow process.

Also, as rector, my number one concern is your health and safety. No matter how slowly or quickly things seem to be moving on a parish level, if you do not feel safe coming, I trust your judgement making that decision. This is not going to be a return to one type of worship on a Sunday for quite some time. Martin and I are working on various ways to provide worship, even as we begin to have small services of corporate worship.

We are fortunate to have resources to give guidance to our parish in many ways. Focusing on the health concerns, we are looking at processes of small gatherings with safe distances and disinfecting between services. Items such as masks will be a requirement to attend worship to make sure everyone is kept safe. How we enter and exit the sanctuary is also going to be a point of conversation. Again, the main concern is keeping everyone safe.

Once we have a timeline and guidance for worship from the diocese, I will let you know how this process of gathering will work. Even as I consider how worship might work, there are several potential scenarios to the point that I need more direction before presenting plans to the bishop for our "opening up" process.

We will continue our online services as we have been doing. We will also continue to hold each other in prayer and give of ourselves to the glory of God, even if that means being home at this time. Our communications will continue to provide information for service times, formation resources, and anything new that we have to report. While none of this is ideal, I am grateful for all of you in your prayers and support for the Christ Church family. I look forward to being with you in person once again. I also want you to be safe.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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Visit thediocese.net for updates.

From the Clergy

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move into summer, something shifts in the life of the church. We move out of the season of Easter, the fifty days where our Sunday readings focus on the stories of Jesus's resurrection, and into a new season. It begins with the Day of Pentecost, where we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, and the way that propelled them out into the world, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. But after Pentecost, the focus of the church year becomes a little less clear. The long season after Pentecost goes all the way until Advent, but it doesn't seem to have a particular theme or focus in the way that Christmas or Easter do. The Scripture readings simply march through different books of the Bible in order—this year, that will include the Gospel of Matthew, Romans, and Philippians, among other books.

While this season of the church year might not focus on one single event or theme, the weeks ahead remind us of something important in our life as Jesus's followers. They help us see that our life together as the church, most of the time, is not marked by extraordinary events, but by the everyday challenges of following Jesus, and learning to be the church in the world. We may not see tongues of fire on our heads, but we continue to have the Holy Spirit with us, as an advocate and guide, and we continue to do the work of being church—not just at the big moments of Christmas and Easter, but in each and every ordinary day.

Many things about this summer will not be ordinary. There's a lot we don't know yet about how our lives are going to continue to be affected by COVID-19. As I'm writing this, I still don't know when we'll be able to go back to church in person, or what exactly that will look like. Many of the ordinary things we do as part of the church's mission are things we have had to change or delay. But even in what seems like extraordinary times, we can still look for ways to keep living out the life of the church and keep following the lead of the Holy Spirit. Many of these ways are going to continue to seem very small and ordinary—simple practices of prayer, reading Scripture, reaching out to and caring for others. These may seem small or ineffective compared to what we would like to do. But the message of this season is that God continues to work through us in small and ordinary ways. And when we pay attention and listen for God's presence, even in ordinary, everyday acts of love and care, we continue to see how we live out the new life that Christ makes possible—to us and to the whole world.

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.

Christian Formation News

As we head into summer, remember to look for our online resources for Christian formation for children on the website (christchurchwinchester.org) and in the weekly email update. When we return to gathering as a church family, it will be different than we're used to, but Christian Formation will resume. We intend to begin Sunday School and Children's Chapel on schedule in the fall. The picture isn't completely clear yet; however, the challenge provides many opportunities to be creative. Stay tuned!

From the Diocese

Are you keeping up with what the Diocese of Virginia is doing during the COVID-19 epidemic? Our bishops and diocesan staff are working alongside us to support our shared mission and ministry. Check the website (www.thediocese.net) and sign up to receive emails. Here's a snapshot from them of the work they did in May:

Planning for a Phased Regathering of Church - Task groups of clergy and lay leaders from across the Diocese, from churches small and large, rural, urban and suburban, are developing plans for the time when we may again worship together in person.

Engaging New Stewardship and Development Conversations - Diocesan staff will host weekly calls to discuss current information relevant to your congregations. Join us for **Church Vitality NOW**.

Tracking Latest Updates in Governmental Assistance Programs - We're continuously monitoring **essential updates** from the U.S. Small Business Administration on the Paycheck Protection Program loans and holding calls with wardens and treasurers to field questions and share best practices.

Providing a Directory of Online Worship Service and Schedules - We continue to update and post 200+ online worship services hosted by churches across the Diocese. Find them **here** on our website.

Preaching in the Bishop's Online Chapel - Sermons are also posted Sunday morning on our **Facebook page**.

Planning Contingencies for Shrine Mont Camps - The camps leadership team is working on a number of possible summer scenarios. For up-to-date camp announcements, **follow Shrine Mont Camps**.

Supporting Parish Outreach Ministries - Our Office of Missional Engagement continues to advocate for vulnerable populations, keeps in touch with our international partners, and works with the national Episcopal Church office to support outreach ministries around the country.

Hosting Formation Leader Lunches - Our Office of Christian Formation is hosting bi-weekly "lunches" via zoom where parish formation colleagues share ideas and brainstorm.

Continuing to Form Ordained Leaders - The discernment and ordination process continues in virtual community. Summer internships like the Young Priest Initiative and Mid-Atlantic continue.

Vestry Update

The Christ Church Vestry has formed three small groups to best support the parish right now. If you have any questions about their work, please contact them using their contact information in the Parish Directory.

The first group is focused on the financial situation of the parish, exploring loan options and financial assistance programs, and making sure financial issues are addressed. (Teresa Jacobsen, Pete Gronauer, Tom King and Bob Puttock)

The second group is working on care and upkeep of the parish properties. This includes normal maintenance as well as any facility projects which are going on at this time. (David Wingenbach and Steve Martin)

The third group is concerned with worship, outreach, fellowship, and pastoral care—helping to setup and coordinate online meetings, worship, and finding ways to help in the community. They are preparing ways for us to safely come back to worship, Christian formation, and fellowship programs. (Jody Wall, Chris Francis, Martha Roberson, Joan Bronson, Dan Gloster, and Katie Harvard)

Church Calendar

Church Services

Sunday

Holy Communion Rite I 8:00 am

Holy Communion Rite II 10:30 am

Wednesday

In the Pilgrim's Chapel at noon

(Healing Service 3rd Wed)

Second Monday

6:30 pm All Abilities Worship —Sanctuary

Committee & Group Meetings

Senior Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Mon: 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
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am-4 pm, Sat 10 am-1 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

All on-site services, meetings and events are canceled in June.

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!

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Look for
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.

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Church Calendar

June Birthdays

1 Woody Baker, Jim Taylor
2 Bernice Brown, Nancy Tabaka
3 June Davies
4 David Bicking
6 Bryan Fairbanks, Calum Lewis
10 Gerry Kiefer
11 Evelyn Gibson
12 Kay Jones
14 Jennifer Mathias
16 Gerald Crowell, Harper Fritz
18 Jim Wiedower
19 Hannah Jacobsen
20 Lindsay Trant, Kathy Smith
21 Suzanne Pettit
22 Christopher Francis
23 Kathryn Schain
24 Maria Tedesco
25 Walter Jagiello
26 Bill Wiley
30 Cameron Crowell

June Anniversaries

8 Bill & Katy Wiley
9 Tim & Cathie Waldie
9 David & Margery Wingenbach
9 Tom & Lori Ellington
9 Matt & Kathy Smith
10 Joe & Caroline Wingenbach
12 Jim & Martha Griffin
12 Dick & Katie Clarke
13 Rob & Susan Ross
16 Don & Betty MacDonald
16 Bob & Nancy Mitchell
19 Bill & Anne Drury
19 Nelson & Barbara Keech
20 Mark & Judy Pennypacker
26 Ashley & Betty Futral
29 Doug & Lucia Thomas

Congratulations to the Graduates!

Sarah (Elizabeth) Purdy, granddaughter of Evelyn Brown, is graduating from Millbrook High School. She will attend Mount St. Mary's University and will hurdle on their NCAA (Div 1) track team.

Holt Roberson, son of Wilborn and Martha, is 2020 graduate of UNC Chapel Hill.

Eveyln Gibson, daughter of Webster and Rebecca, is a 2020 graduate of William & Mary.

Nick and Kathy's granddaughter, Katie Nerangis, will be graduating from the University of Maryland with two Bachelor of Science degrees in International Business & Marketing. She will be employed by Ernest and Julio Gallows Winery in Florida.

Daniel McKinnie is graduating from the University of Arkansas with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, reports James McKinnie.

Ann Thomas's grandson, Robert David Wallace, is graduating from the University of Virginia's School of Engineering. He has accepted employment with the U. S. government and will be working in the DC area.

And, Taylor Marie Allen, granddaughter of the Zebarths, is graduating from Sweet Briar College and will be working in Richmond.

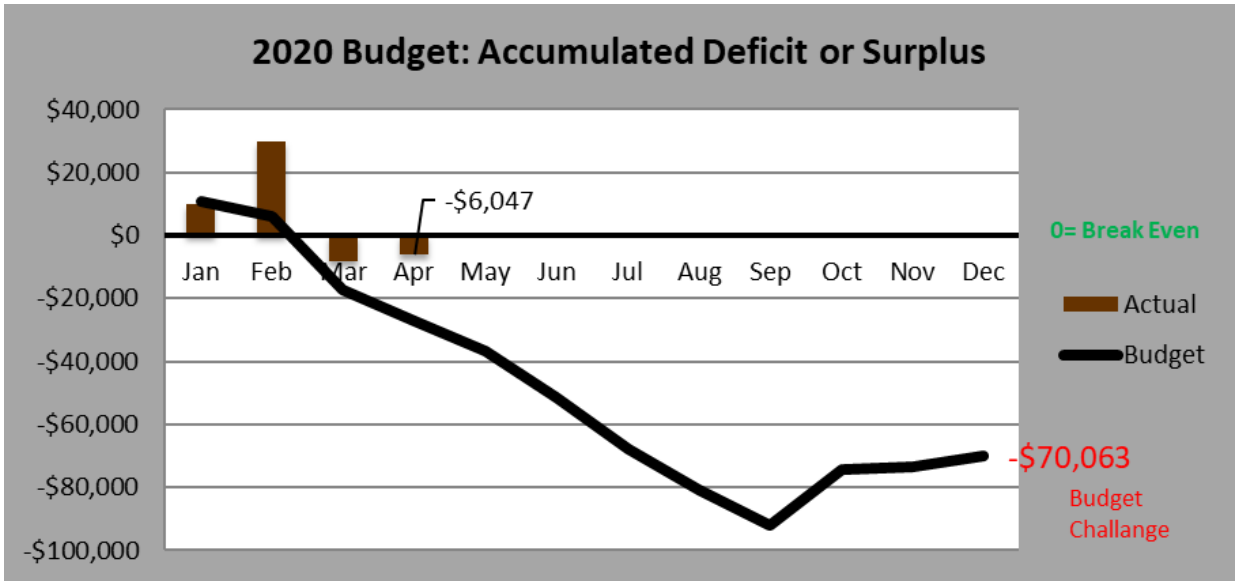
From the Treasurer

More 2020 Vision

Finance News from April

You will see from the "roadmap" and the table below that, through the first four months, we are over $21,000 better than budget (at an actual deficit of just $-6,047 compared to a budget deficit of $-27,232).

- We had a tremendous response in April to the request for donations to help with Christ Church's cash flow. Actual revenue for April was $43,657 and budget was $40,450, so we received about 8% more than was budgeted.
- Our actual expenses of $41,608 were way less than the budget of $50,416, due mostly to not having regular services. This was about a 17.5% drop in expenses for the month.
- April's strong results, along with the early full-year gifts we received in February, have really helped us perform better than budget through the first four months of 2020.



From the Treasurer

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

2020	April Actual	April Budget	April Diff	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff
Revenues	$43,657	$40,450	$3,207	$180,288	$175,480	$4,808
Expenses	$41,608	$50,416	($8,808)	$186,335	$202,712	($16,377)
Net Position	$2,049	($9,966)	$12,015	($6,047)	($27,232)	$21,185

In summary, the great response to keep revenues near our budget plan along with reduced expenses resulted in a net gain for April. This is really good news!

On the PPP Loan

In a recent weekly e-mail, you may have seen that after several weeks of trying with various banks in the area, we were able to secure a PPP loan from First Bank at the end of April. What is a PPP Loan and how does it work? Here is some information found on the Internet that can help answer these questions:

> "The Paycheck Protection Program is a **loan** designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive **loans** if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities."
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> "Lenders **will forgive** your **PPP loan** if you spend 100 percent of the funds on payroll, mortgage interest, rent, and utilities in the eight weeks after receiving the **loan**. You must spend at least 75 percent specifically on payroll."

What does this mean for Christ Church? This loan will help us keep our entire staff working their normal hours in May and June. It will also be used for utilities expenses during that time.

Since we certainly have other expenses to cover, even with the PPP Loan funds, **we will still need pledged and unpledged donations to continue to be sent into the church**, and kept as current as possible, until we can hold services again and bring them in personally.

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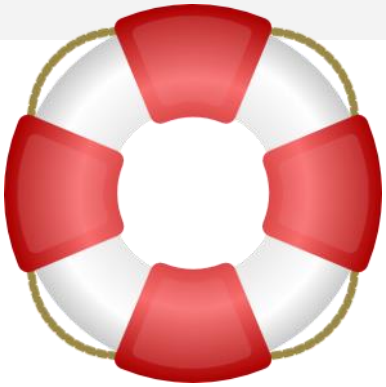

Wow! What a journey we are on! Summer is coming now and we wanted to give you a few tips. First and foremost, remember social distancing rules and wear your face mask when you are in a crowd.

For all the swimmers, we would remind you of some water safety tips. First and foremost, "Buddy Up." That's the advice of aquatic instructors. Take water safety classes that include swimming, boating, and safety around water. Never swim in water you don't know. Danger lurks in the deep! Watch children around water. Never let children go near pools, lakes, rivers, or even bath tubs without adult supervision.

Apply and reapply sunscreen as it washes off when in the water. While in or near the water you feel cool and only later will you realize you are sunburned. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. Again while near the water, you don't feel thirsty. Alcohol and water do not mix. Alcohol is involved in many water-related injuries and deaths. Half of all adolescent male drownings are tied to alcohol.

Last, but not least, when you are boating, please be certain your captain is experienced and competent and knows how to run the boat. More people die in boat accidents than airplanes and trains. All people on board should be wearing flotation devices. Even if you are an excellent swimmer, if you land in the water because of a boating accident and are injured, the flotation device will bring you to the surface.

Have a great summer. Hope to see you in church soon!

Your parish nurses, Helen and Rosalie