



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

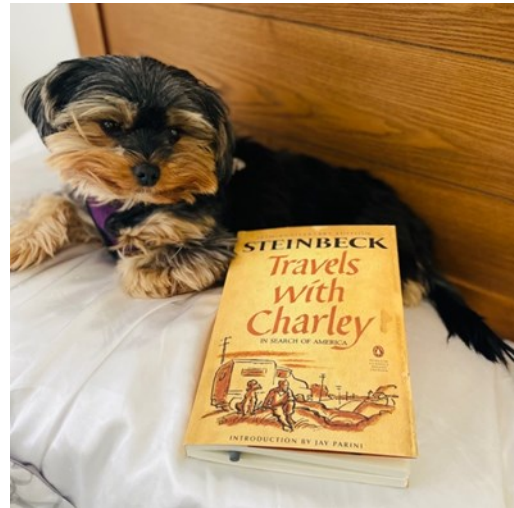


## NOVEMBER 2024 - CHRONICLE

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### ***Travels with Seabury and Gubbio: In Search of America***



This weekend I will be in Ojai (pronounced “Oh Hi”) to officiate the wedding of my friend David and Joanna, both of whom have worshipped at Christ Church. On my drive down yesterday, I stopped at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas, a museum that celebrates the life and writings of American author, Nobel laureate, and lifelong Episcopalian (and acolyte!) John Ernst Steinbeck. Apparently, the city of Salinas formed the Center when someone bequeathed them with the pick-up truck that Steinbeck drove across the country with his dog Charley, a road-trip recorded in his 1962 book *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*. Although Charley was a French Poodle and my two travel companions are Yorkshire Terriers, I can’t help but notice resonances between my brief adventure and Steinbeck’s. First, during part of his travels, he spent time with his wife Elaine from Long Island, and I will be seeing my wife Ashley (who is originally from Long Island) during this trip as well. Also, Steinbeck was travelling in the year 1960, during the presidential election race between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

Although we are indeed living through an especially divisive political time today, Steinbeck reminds us that political differences have marked our United States for many decades. He writes,

In my young days in Monterey County, a hundred miles south of San Francisco, everyone was as a Republican. My family was Republican. I might still be one if I had stayed there. President Harding stirred me toward the Democratic party and President Hoover cemented me there. If I indulge in a personal political history, it is because I think my experience may not be unique.

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...My sisters are still Republicans. Civil War is supposed to be the bitterest of wars, and surely family politics are the most vehement and venomous. I can discuss politics coldly and analytically with strangers. That was not possible with my sisters. We ended each session panting and spent with rage.

On no point was there any compromise. No quarter was asked or given.

Each evening we promised, "Let's just be friendly and loving. No politics tonight." And ten minutes later we would be screaming at each other. "John Kennedy was a so-and-so---"

"Well, if that's your attitude, how can you reconcile Dick Nixon?"

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"Father would turn in his grave if he heard you."

"No, don't bring him in, because he would be a Democrat today."

"Listen to you. Bobby Kennedy is out buying sacks full of votes."

"You mean no Republican ever bought a vote? Don't make me laugh."

It was bitter and it was endless. We dug up obsolete convention weapons and insults to hurl back and forth.

"You talk like a Communist."

"Well, you sound suspiciously like Genghis Khan."<sup>1</sup>

Steinbeck's experience was and is not unique; it is a common experience in our country, and it reminds us why so many of us—on both the Left and Right—are often reticent to share our political views and why we are generally loath to discuss politics at family gatherings or even church gatherings.

Although we are indeed living through a particularly divisive time and this presidential election is tremendously consequential, Steinbeck reminds us that we have survived divisive times before, and he encourages us to trust that we will all survive this one, regardless of the election results. The subtitle of Steinbeck's travelogue is *In Search of America*; and in the end, Steinbeck seems to arrive at a conclusion similar to that of poet Walt Whitman who said, "The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem."<sup>2</sup> Steinbeck concludes his travelogue with these simple words: "I do know this – the big and mysterious America is bigger than I thought. And more mysterious."<sup>3</sup>

Our big and mysterious nation may be daunting and overwhelming, especially now, but as I watch my two Yorkies, Seabury and Gubbio, sleep peacefully in their bed while we drive across the state and even while I write these words right now, I feel the invitation to relax into the truth that the big mystery of the United States rests in the ever-greater mystery of God's Love. Many of the religious billboards I see along our state's highways tend to make me cringe and feel a bit embarrassed for Jesus. However, I appreciated one that I saw during my recent travels with Seabury and Gubbio that read: "Politicians are temporary. Jesus is eternal." This is a helpful truth to remember and one that we celebrate on the Feast of Christ the King (November 24). Thanks to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can all rest assured that God holds our nation and our world in his almighty hands of Love. This is not naïve, Polyanna optimism or predigested obsolescence; rather it is the perspective of what Steinbeck called a "religion designed to last."<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* (Penguin: New York, 2012), 145 – 146.

<sup>2</sup> Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*, cited by Jay Parini in the Introduction to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*, ix.

<sup>3</sup> John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* (Penguin: New York, 2012), 206.

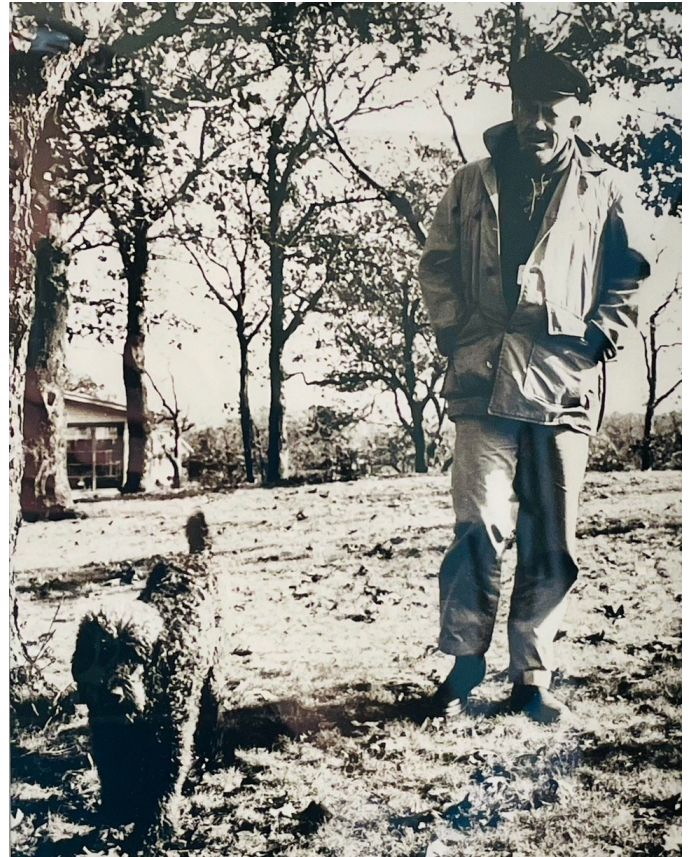
<sup>4</sup> John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* (Penguin: New York, 2012), 57.



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When he visited a church in Vermont during his travels, Steinbeck said, “The service did my heart and I hope my soul some good.” Whether you are anxious about the election or not, I urge you to make Sunday worship a priority this month as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls (Nov 3), Walk in Love Sunday (Nov 17), and the Feast of Christ the King (Nov 24). These services will strengthen your roots in a religion designed to last and I trust they will do your heart and soul some good.

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## *A wealth of remembrances*

In our liturgical calendar the month of November brings with it a wealth of remembrances. November 1 sees the great celebration of All Saints' Day, a principal or major feast of the church, often known as a "Red Letter Day", one of the days recommended, by the church, as being especially appropriate for administering the sacrament of baptism. *BCP page 312*. The celebration of All Saints' is considered to be so important that, the "Book of Common Prayer", on page 15, states, "All Saints' Day may also be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date." We know this Sunday as All Saints' Sunday. Plan to be in Christ Church on Sunday, November 3, when we will all participate in this great celebration.

November 2 is set aside as the observance of All Souls' Day, also known as the feast of All the Faithful Departed. On this day we remember those who have died. This observance is believed to have begun in the tenth century, originally as a remembrance of those faithful Christians who were unknown in the greater body of the Church, it later came to also include beloved family members and friends. At the time of the Reformation, this celebration was abolished, primarily because of the misuse of indulgences. These were payments made to the church, or to individual members of the clergy, for special masses to be said for the dead, thereby granting the particular person a shortened time in Purgatory. In recent times, a renewed understanding of the value of this observance, has led to an acceptance of the commemorations by Anglicans. It is included as an optional observance in our calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts. Many churches, including Christ Church, add All Souls' Day to the celebration of All Saints' Sunday. On this day at Christ Church, it has been our custom to read the names of the departed, and to have mementos such as photographs displayed on our "Ofrenda Día De Los Muertos", or Altar of Remembrance. All Saints is joyful celebration as we honor the lives of all the saints, and those loved ones who have been as saints in our lives. These three days, November 1, 2, and the following Sunday are often known as the Fall Triduum, three holy days, when we celebrate and remember all those who have gone before.

"Lesser Feasts and Fasts" is a book published periodically by the Episcopal Church, which contains information, as the title suggests, on those optional observances of our liturgical calendar. Each month is packed with names and a short biography of each person to be celebrated, along with suggested scripture readings, and a collect particular to the day. The date of the celebration is usually associated with the day the individual died, if it is known.

Among many others, November includes the remembrance of Richard Hooker, priest and theologian, often known as the primary Anglican theologian, also Martin of Tours, mentioned in last month's article, and the Consecration of Samuel Seabury, the first bishop ordained for the Episcopal Church, after whom one of Fr. Daniel's dogs is named.

On November 18, we celebrate the life of Hilda of Whitby, abbess. Whitby Abbey founded by Hilda, and was the location of 663 Church Synod at which the conflict over the date of Easter was finally settled. The Celtic and Roman Christians each had their own method of calculating the date of Easter and, after much debate, the Roman tradition prevailed, a tradition we follow to this day. You may recall that Whitby is famous for its inclusion in the novel "Dracula", and is a favorite gathering place for today's "Goths". I believe there is a special Halloween gathering there each year, the stark ruins of the abbey standing proudly on a headland, being a great attraction, especially at night.

Clive Staples Lewis, who died in 1963, makes an appearance on November 22, listed as an "Apologist and Spiritual Writer". Author of many beloved books, including the children's "The Chronicles of Narnia". As young child I remember hearing "The Lion, the Witch and Wardrobe" serialized on the BBC radio program

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“Children’s Hour” since then it has been a lifelong favorite. Lewis was a scholar in medieval and Renaissance literature at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. While at Oxford he and his friend J. R. R. Tolkien led an informal literary group known as “The Inklings”. The group often met at the Eagle and Child pub, still a favorite haunt of students and tourists alike. Lewis came to Christianity late in life, a journey he talks about in his book ‘Surprised by Joy’.

Thanksgiving has to get a mention as a November celebration. A moveable feast, it is a major feast of the Episcopal Church, you can find the Collect for Thanksgiving Day on page 194 of the “Book of Common Prayer”.

On November 30, the last day of the month, we celebrate St. Andrew, often called the first disciple. November 30 regularly falls at the beginning of Advent, the start the liturgical year, and so it is fitting that we should remember Andrew at this time. He was Peter’s brother, and, like him, a fisherman. Andrew is often depicted in a simple tunic, wearing sandals, and hauling in a fishing net. While Andrew was not one of Jesus’ inner circle of Peter, James, and John, he made his own significant contribution to Christ’s mission. John’s Gospel 1:35 - 44, tells us this:

*<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”*

*<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.*

*<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).*

*<sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).*

Legend has it that Andrew, about whose life we know little, was martyred by pagans in Patras, Greece. Legend has it that Andrew felt unworthy of being crucified on a cross similar to one Jesus Christ had died on, so it was arranged he would be crucified on a diagonal cross, also known as a saltire cross. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, and his cross, white on a blue background, makes up the Scottish flag. This flag forms part of the flag of Great Britain, the Union Flag, or Union Jack as it is often called.

A Major Feast of the Church, you can find the collect for St. Andrew on page 237 of “The Book of Common Prayer”.

November contains a wealth of remembrances, and I have not forgotten Veterans’ Day, on which we honor all those men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. While Veterans’ Day is not a part of our liturgical calendar, we always pay tribute to and pray for our veterans on the Sunday closest to November 11. You can find appropriate prayers in “The Book of Common Prayer” on pages 258, For the Nation; on 823, For those in the Armed Forces of our Country; or the following:

*Almighty and ever living God, we pray for all those who have served our country as sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen and women, and in the Coastguard. They met danger with courage, and all occasions with discipline and loyalty. We remember them on this day and give thanks for their faithfulness and service. May they always continue to uphold the cause of justice and peace for all people.*

*We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Lesley+*



## The In-Between Time — a Time of Liminality

I was sorry to miss the Bishop's visit to Christ Church on October 13, with the Confirmation and celebration that usually attend a Bishop's visit. I had been able to be with deanery clergy for dinner two days before at Deacon Cindy Woods' house, and was able to connect with Bishop Megan briefly there, so I was happy about that.

But on October 13, I met the lovely group of Episcopalians and Lutherans at Shepherd by the Sea Episcopal-Lutheran Mission in Gualala. I had been hoping to meet them sometime, ever since I first heard of their existence at both Diocesan Conventions and Synod Assemblies over the years. Along with The Belfry, the Episcopal-Lutheran congregation at UC Davis, they are one of a few California congregations authorized by both denominations.

What was especially poignant for me was to distribute the Eucharist to people who might have been either Episcopalian or Lutheran by alternating the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven," and "The Body of Christ, Given for You." Their seasonal worship service had been approved by both Bishop Megan Traquair – and Bishop Jeff Johnson, current bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA. I truly felt as if I were "straddling the line," as I have felt at times in the past.

That evening, we witnessed the Tsuchinshan-ATLAS comet with our own eyes from Perry's cousin's house in Forestville. Then on Monday the 14th, Perry and I headed for Southern California, where we would spend time with family, and I would attend the annual meeting of the Convocation of California Lutheran University, my alma mater. I have served as a Convocator – a sort of bridge between the congregations of the synods of the west and the University – for several years, including with my father, when he was alive. My term ends in a year, and it was important to me to attend this one in person, as I was able to say goodbye to a couple of friends, Convocators from Sierra Pacific, whose terms were ending. I spent time with my Sierra Pacific Synod Bishop, Jeff Johnson, who is an honorary member of the Convocation while he is bishop. In addition, both my daughters sang in the alumni choir that concluded Homecoming Weekend because their former Choir Director and Music Professor Wyant Morton is retiring at the end of this year.

It was a soul-enriching time, including many hugs with my mother and many smiles from my granddaughter. On Monday the 21st, my birthday, Perry and I headed up Highway 101 with new memories.

Thinking back on that week, it was a liminal time for me – book-ended by visits with both bishops, it included preaching and presiding in a joint Episcopal-Lutheran congregation. I also have many photos of my mother holding and communicating with her great-granddaughter, spanning the time between my mother's birth in 1936 and Greta's lifetime.

And it occurred to me, as it often does about now, that this time of year is always a profoundly liminal time and space. From Halloween to All Saints Day, we remember and give thanks for the lives of those we have loved who now rest in God's care. In a secular sense, we "turn the clocks back" to standard time, so the light and time feel different within just a few short hours. Then, on Tuesday, November 5, as polls close in each state and time zone, we watch the results trickle in that will determine those leaders and representa-

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tives, including the President of the United States, who will have such an impact over the lives of Americans and the rest of the world for the next 2-6 years. I love that Christ Church and others, at Bishop Megan's request, will open the church building so that anyone who also senses that place of liminality may come in and seek God's presence and pray for peace in our nation and world.

The Center for Action and Contemplation paraphrases Fr. Richard Rohr's words on liminality found in his book, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*, and the publication "Oneing 8, (number 1, *Liminal Space*)" as follows:

"We keep praying that our illusions will fall away. God erodes them from many sides, hoping they will fall. But we often remain trapped in what we call normalcy – 'the way things are.' Life then revolves around problem-solving, fixing, explaining, and taking sides with winners and losers... To get out of this repetitive cycle, we have to allow ourselves to be drawn into sacred space, into liminality. All transformation takes place here. There alone is our old world left behind, though we're not yet sure of the new existence. That's a good space where genuine newness can begin. We must get there often and stay as long as we can by whatever means possible. It's the realm where God can best get at us because our false certitudes are finally out of the way. This is the sacred space where the old world is able to fall apart, and a bigger world is revealed. If we don't encounter liminal space in our lives, we start idealizing normalcy.... Liminal space relativizes our perspective. When we embrace liminality, we choose hope over sleepwalking, denial, or despair."

I have heard it said that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. I pray that we may live in liminal space in this season – who knows for how long? – without resorting to "sleepwalking, denial, or despair." Embracing faith instead of certainty, until "the bigger world is revealed." Straddle the line with me, my friends, and let us pray and hold on to each other. It is God's world, and in the thin and liminal places, we catch occasional glimpses of profound truth. Our lives and concerns are in God's hands. Choose hope.

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<Comet Photo by Perry Gray-Reneberg, Forestville, CA, October 13, 2024>



## MUSIC COORINATOR — Avery Alexander

This past month, I had the privilege of being able to learn the famous Toccata in D minor by J.S. Bach. This is the arguably the most well-known organ work, popularized in film throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Learning this piece has definitely been a “bucket list” experience. With this piece, I’m able to hear and feel the full capabilities of our beautiful Kegg organ. I was happy to see that Charles Kegg saw my video recording on Facebook and knows that his organ is being put to good use.

In other news, I am staying busy working part-time at Cal Poly Humboldt this fall semester as a staff accompanist. It has been such a joy to be able to play piano as a job, and at the university that I attended for undergraduate studies. I have several upcoming performances during the month of November.



### **November 9, 7:30 pm—Concerto Competition**

Cal Poly Humboldt, Fulkerson Recital Hall. Admission is free. Four talented student performers will be competing with their virtuosic concertos for a chance to win a performance of their piece with the Humboldt Symphony in the spring semester. I will be accompanying on piano, playing the orchestra parts.

### **November 16, 1:30 pm – Cal Poly Humboldt Faculty Recital – Morris Graves Museum of Art.**

### **November 22-24 – The Sound of Music – Arkley Center for the Performing Arts.**



## **Congrats to our newest Episcopalians**

**Leslie Allen, Harry Wells, Kathy Clague (*reaffirmed*), Sheena Ruchte, Ava Bennett  
Lisa Bennett, Carrie Moses, and Linnea Hill!**





John Chernoff

Christ Church Concerts  
presents  
**David Powell, tenor**  
**John Chernoff, piano**

Christ Episcopal Church  
H and I 5th Streets, Eureka



David Powell

## **“Songs of Thanksgiving” – A Recital of Gratitude**

Featuring R. Vaughan Williams “Songs of Travel” and  
Aaron Copland’s “Old American Songs”

**Sunday, November 24, 2024, 4:00 pm**

Suggested donation: \$20 per person

Reception following the concert



## Quilters+

The day: Wednesday, November 13

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall



Come join Quilters+ on Wednesday, November 13, at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall! Some will be working on fleece throws for foster youth, an easy non-sewing project. Some will be choosing fabric from our very abundant supply to be made into quilt tops for prayer quilts. Others may be selecting fabric to make into napkins for use at Sunday Coffee Hours. All the necessary supplies are provided, the directions are extremely simple, and everyone is welcome to help.

Coffee and snacks and conversation, busy hands – a great way  
to spend a morning. Come and join us!

You can bring your own project to work on.

Come and enjoy conversation, snacks, and working together.

Questions? Call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222.



# Christ Episcopal Church Green Team Tip of the Month

## Thinking about Stewardship

This time of year, we hear that word a lot. Stewardship. At church, we think of it as the annual giving campaign. Parishioners are invited to make a financial commitment to the church, and at our recent Lay Ministry Fair parishioners were also encouraged to think about how they might give to the church through ministry. But where does the word “stewardship” come from, what does it mean, why is it the subject of the Green Team Tip of the month?

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines stewardship as “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.”

The Christ Church Green Team was established to foster good stewardship of our world, our natural resources and our environment which God has entrusted to our care—to promote Creation Care. A wonderful benefit of the actions we are taking—it's also good financial stewardship. Earlier this year, the incandescent bulbs in the chandeliers were replaced with LED bulbs, reducing our electricity usage by more than 400 kWh/month and saving almost \$200/month!

The Green Team is here to help you, too, as you consider and implement actions to practice good stewardship of our natural resources.



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Electricity usage in May 2023 was compared to the same period in 2024.

### **Christ Church Eureka Green Team | Mission and Vision Statement**

*In fulfillment of Diocesan Resolution RI-2022, General Convention Resolution A087, and our church mission statement, the Christ Church Green Team promotes care for the earth and its resources as God's gifts for sustaining life. We strive to minimize the environmental footprint of the parish and its people by honoring the land and practicing mindful stewardship of our planet and its resources. As Christ Church Eureka, we seek to provide a carbon neutral presence by the year 2030.*



# Vestry Page

Christ Church Core Values: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach, Hospitality

## YOUR VESTRY

### CLASS OF 2024

Robin Cardona

Steve Cole

Elizabeth Harper-Lawson  
Senior Warden

### CLASS OF 2025

Roni Carlson

Lin Chase

Heidi Erickson  
Junior Warden

### CLASS OF 2026

Ian Haynes

Lyn Klay

Royal McCarthy

### RECTOR:

The Rev. Dr. Daniel London

### ARCHDEACON:

The Ven. Pam Gossard

### CLERK:

Peg Gardner

### TREASURER:

Francis Rivinus

*Minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings, Outreach, and Financial Reports are always posted on the Lewis Hall bulletin board.*

Vestry Page November 2024

Regular Vestry Meeting held Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at Transfiguration House 1633 D Street, Eureka

*Call to Order and Prayers:* led by Fr. Daniel

*Treasurer's Report:* Francis Rivinus, treasurer, gave an overview of the September and Quarterly Financial information. All within budget, thanks to parishioner faithfulness and generosity. Financial Reports are posted in Lewis Hall. Full financial reports available upon request.

*Junior Warden's Report:* Brothers that do Gutters completed replacing some gutters and cleaned gutters on the office and church. Work to make the front door easier to open is expected to commence soon. Thanks to Peach Bond, the library is now organized, and will be open as soon as volunteers are organized. Outdoor labyrinth plans are progressing. The Green Team has completed its Action Plan.

*Rector's Report:* <https://christchurcheureka.org/rectors-reports/> Fr. Daniel has had another busy month. This one included Bishop Megan's visit, Confirmation, Convocation, a delivery of 70 pounds of pears to the Food Bank, and much more.

*Archdeacon's Report:* Archdeacon Pam described another active month. One of the events, which she described as "well researched, balanced and clear," was an Osher Life Long Learning Event about ballot measures <https://extended.humboldt.edu/olli/event/pros-and-cons-statewide-ballot-measures-november>. After informing us of the different types of Rest: physical, mental, sensory, creative, emotional, social, and spiritual, Pam reminded us of the importance of spending time with "life-giving" people.

*Unfinished Business:*

HAPI – Christ Church is looking into doing a joint event in February.

Election Day Opening. The church will be open for prayer, and the labyrinth will be available.

CPR/AED Classes: While the local fire departments are unable to send personnel for training to Christ Church, can send people who would like to learn CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to classes held at local fire departments.

*New Business:*

Flyers and Brochures in the Narthex: Need to be kept up to date

Diocesan Delegates to Convention: Robin Cardona and Steve Preston are the only elected delegates who will continue to serve this year. Everyone else had to be replaced: Heidi Erickson will be replacing Catherine Mace, Paul Gossard is replacing Roni Carlson; and Elizabeth Harper-Lawson will be replacing Daniel Hafer.

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30 PM at Transfiguration House, 1633 D St.



## From the Senior Warden Elizabeth Harper-Lawson



### *Some very important dates coming up in November . . .*

- November 5 Election Day -- Our church will be open for prayer from 9 to 5 pm. The Labyrinth will be available to walk.
- November 9 ***Forward Together***—The 114th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.
- November 16 Labyrinth Day—you can walk from 2-5 pm in the Heritage Room.
- November 17 **Walk in Love Sunday**—Combined Service at 9:30 am followed by a delicious luncheon. Have you submitted your RSVP? See the special Email Update sent on October 31.
- November 24 Concert—David Powell and John Chernoff at 4 pm in the main church.

### **Lay Ministry Fair**

Beth Haynes did an excellent job of organizing our Lay Ministry Fair held after both services on Sunday, October 20. Six tables were attractively decorated, and multiple ministries presented. People were able to pick up booklets describing ministries, talk to people involved, and sign up if interested. A number of people across a variety of ministries did sign up to become involved in one or more ministries. If you didn't have a chance to pick up a booklet describing ministries, there are still some available in Lewis Hall.

### **Episcopalians and Politics**

Seeing as this is an important time for elections, I thought you might be interested to know how the Episcopal Church Ranks in terms of political activity.

Ryan Burge has been doing a statistical series on religion. In one of his latest polls he mentions political activity of churches by denomination. Here are some of the details:

*“....But, I wanted to revisit that prior work and take the level of analysis down one layer of granularity to look at specific Protestant denominations - in the prior bit of data work I only created broad categories (evangelical, mainline, etc.). I was wondering if there's some kind of super active denomination out there that needs to be illuminated and described.*

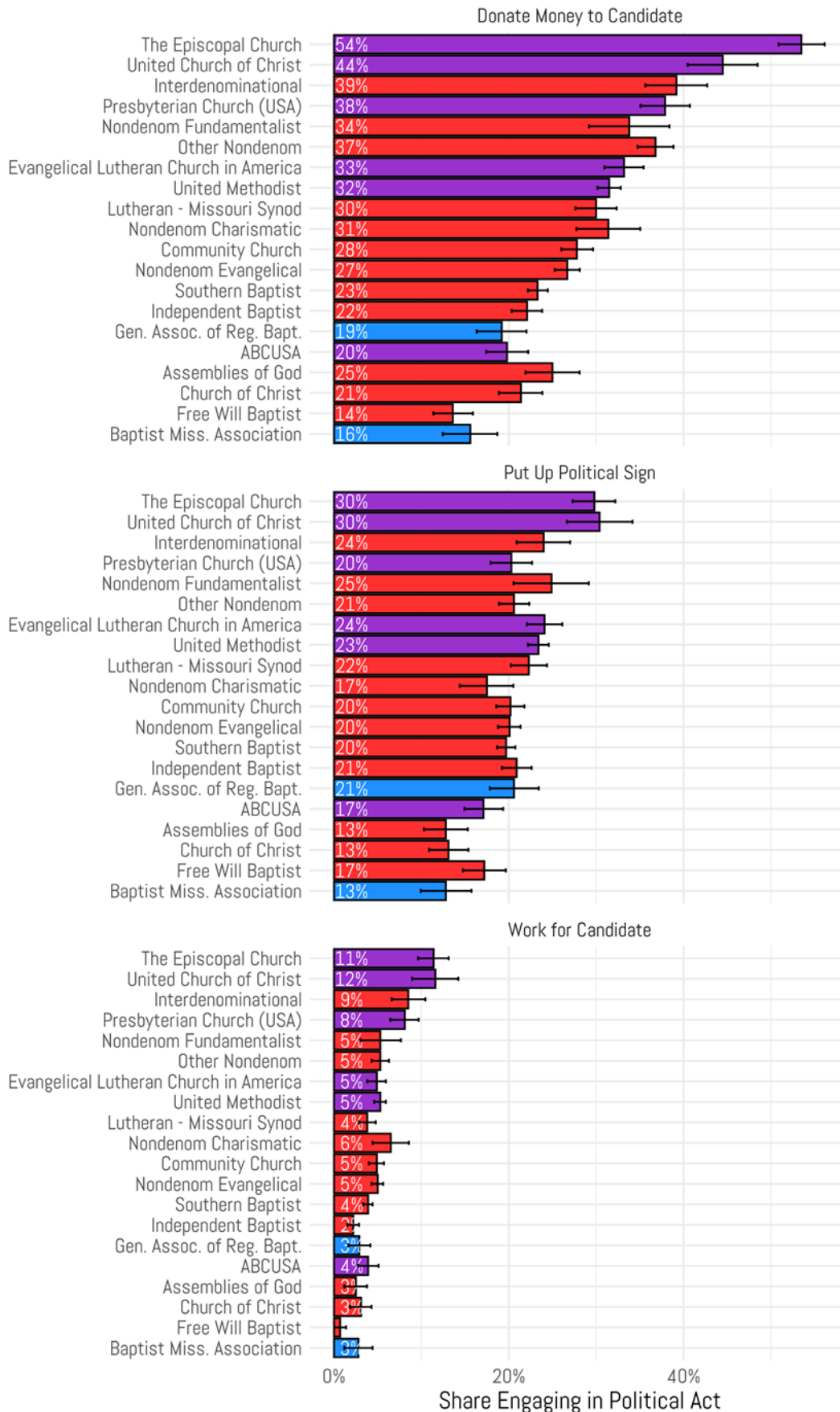
*So, the Cooperative Election Study asked about political activity in six ways during the runoff to the 2020 Presidential Election. I restricted the sample to the 20 largest Protestant denominations in the data. These were groups that had at least 240 respondents in the sample. Any fewer than that and confidence intervals get huge. Let me show you three activities first - donating money to a candidate, putting up a political sign, and working for a candidate or campaign. I color coded these groups into evangelical (red), mainline (purple), and Black Protestant (blue).”*

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*Glorify God, Follow Jesus Christ, and Serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit*

## Have You Engaged in the Following Political Activities in the Previous Month?



@ryanburge

Data: Cooperative Election Study, 2020

## From the Junior Warden Heidi Erickson



### A Month of Gratitude

November is one of my favorite months of the year. And not just for the all the pumpkin pie that I'm allowed to consume. It's a chance to express my gratitude to God for everything and everyone that he's brought to my life. The good and the challenging.

During the year, I say a prayer of thanks to God twice a day. For the day that is beginning and then for the day that was. It doesn't matter if it was a fantastic day and everything went right or if the day was a complete disaster and nothing went well. I still thank God for giving me the courage and the humility to face each day.

November is different. I find myself even more thankful for the people in my life.

So, I'd like to take a minute to say THANK YOU to EVERY ONE of you here at Christ Church for your encouragement, your patience, your willingness to help with projects throughout the year, and most importantly, your love and support. Without YOU, we wouldn't have the best church in town. Inside and out.

My heart is often so overflowing with love and gratitude for each of you and what you bring to our church family. Sometimes, I think it will just burst right out of my chest, it's so full.

I'd love to share the names of all those that help me be a good Jr Warden, but there are just too many people to mention. It would take up the entire Chronicle if I did that. But I hope you know who you are, and I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

November is also a great time to thank our veterans (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>). I enjoy seeing the Veterans stand up (when they're able) and be acknowledged so that we can properly thank them for their service to our great country. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS!

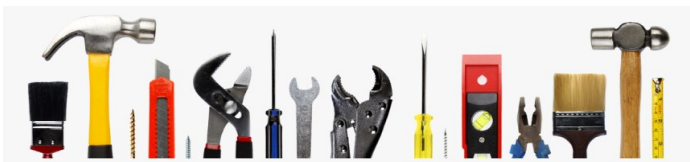
And guess what, there was some work completed around the church this past month. The chapel and the education and music buildings all have new and/or clean gutters, thanks to *The Brothers that only do Gutters* who did a fantastic job for us.

The front doors to the church are scheduled to be repaired this month, too. The work never stops here, even for the holidays. And that's alright with me.

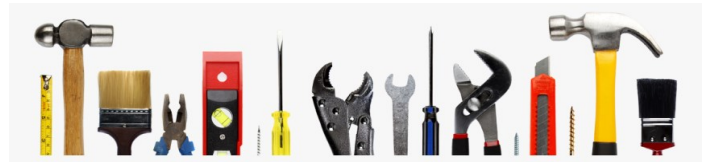
As I close this month's article, I'd like to give one more huge THANK YOU TO EVERYONE here at Christ Church for your love and support.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Heidi



The Chronicle





## Walk in Love Sunday is Coming November 17, 2024 | 9:30 am



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry.

Christ Episcopal Church's Stewardship Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During our worship service on Walk in Love Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in Humboldt and around the world.

**A Luncheon will follow the worship service. Please RSVP [Here](#).**

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Walk in Love Sunday events through the Stewardship team. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Walk in Love Sunday events.



**2024 Stewardship Event**  
**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 17**  
**9:30 AM (one service only)**  
**The Rev. Aidan Rontani, Guest Preacher**

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## Election Day—Church will be open for prayer ...

*Prayer matters! Prayer changes things. Prayer changes us.*

On November 5, 2024, Election Day, Christ Church wants to support you with having the church open for silent prayer from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Labyrinth will also be available in the Heritage Room for individuals to walk. People of all faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome to walk our labyrinth or sit in silent prayer on Election Day.

Clergy and staff will be available to keep the church doors open between 9 am & 5 pm.

**VOTE**  
*faithfully*

*Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*Book of Common Prayer, For an Election, #818*

# Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY by Marty Vega



Thank you to everyone who signed up to join ministries during our Lay Ministry Fair. We will also share ministry information during the November Stewardship programs.

Here is a partial list of ministries. Will one of these call you?

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	Royal McCarthy	→707 498-1215
	John Patton	→707 443-1825
Altar Guild	Kathy Clague	→707 822 5860
Associates & Oblates of the Sisters of the Transfiguration	Stephanie Schultz	→707 498-1058
Choir	David Powell	→davidbpowell@gmail.com
Coffee Hour 8am	Peg Gardner	→707 443-9627
Coffee Hour 10:30 am	Lynne Bean	→707 822-6086
Concerts at Christ Church	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
Contribution Counters	Christ Church Office	→707 442-1797
Eucharistic Visitors	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
Green Team	Steven Preston	→213 304-3715
Joy Mass Team	Vickie Patton	→707 443-1825
	Robin Cardona	→707 267-5825
Labyrinth Walk Team	Kathryne DeLorme	→707 616-1721 or →labyrinthquest@gmx.com
Office Assistants	Church Office	→707 442-1797
Prayer Circle	Jannetje Vrieze	→jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com
Quilters +	Belinda Zander	→707 442-4222
Readers and Intercessors	Marty Vega	→707 443-9782
Stream Team	Perry Gray-Reneberg	→perryggr@gmail.com
Ushers and Greeters	Sharon Kalberer	→707 630-3100
Welcome Bags	Belinda Zander	→707 442-4222





## Joy Mass Family Service

Christ Episcopal Church  
**SUNDAYS**  
9:30-10:00 am



**Join us!**

## Large spider visits Joy Mass Family Service!



In many cultures, spiders are regarded as protectors and bearers of good fortune. The sight of a spider is often seen as an auspicious sign, signaling that positive luck and blessings are on the horizon.

Attendees at October 27 Joy Mass were blessed by the appearance of spider Jensen La-sell, who was getting into the Halloween spirit early. He is joined by Fr. Daniel creating a web of luck and blessing for all!



# Food for People

*The Food Bank for Humboldt County*

FOOD FOR PEOPLE wants to put a shout out to all who have helped this year. My goal at the beginning of the year was 700 - 800 and guess what - **YOU DID IT!**

This month I took 46 pounds to the Food Bank and that brings our yearly total to 785 pounds. MANY THANKS, but you know what that means - is that next years goal will be even higher. SO, if you can please keep it up.

Stay safe

Bev



## FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

Fresh Produce Sunday is November 17. Baskets will be placed at the back of the nave to collect donations of fresh produce which will be blessed and then taken to St. Vincent de Paul's dining facility on Monday morning. Thank you parishioners for remembering to help each month with your gifts of potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, bananas, lettuce, onions, cabbage, kale, avocados, peaches, kiwis, and, and, and....



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# Labyrinth Quest...

## *The Labyrinth Addresses Our Deepest Needs*

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator

Labyrinth scholars have traced the periodic reappearance of labyrinths throughout history at times of social upheaval and spiritual crisis. The labyrinth revival that began at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco has emerged at a time when our world is in great need of healing and renewal.

As we face fears, loss, and grief, we must seek our longing for civility and peace in our spiritual practices and fellowship. Meeting the need for renewed hope and trust is the mission of churches. Scores of churches around the world are creating prayer labyrinths as a way to restore balance, resilience, and inner strength in both individuals and communities.

**The labyrinth has been shown to be effective in addressing fear and grief with its embracing, nurturing qualities.** People often respond with deep emotion during a labyrinth walk without actually knowing why. They feel safe in its embrace and comfort in the gentle movement through the pathways.

### *Labyrinth as Outreach*

Labyrinths can provide an enriching **public service to the community and serve as a form of outreach for the church.** There are many stories of people becoming involved in churches after first coming to walk the labyrinth.

### *Community Building*

**When walking a labyrinth with others, a joining takes place.** Community is created. Some say they prefer to walk the labyrinth without the distraction of others walking it. But often they discover, after walking as a small group, how poignant their experience was. The group energy and prayerful intention creates a space which enhances each individual's experience.

On a labyrinth walk, we realize that we are all on the same path, even when it seems others are all going in different directions. Yet everyone is pursuing the same journey to reconnect with ourselves, each other, and God.

### *Practicing the Presence*

Labyrinth walking is a form of prayer, a very personal meditation and devotion. It moves us beyond our limited, conditioned personal self and thinking, taking us to a deeper place of awareness and revelation. In this state, we can **practice being in the presence of God.** While walking a labyrinth, we can repeat a phrase such as, "Lead me," or "Be still and know that I am God."

**Through the practice of walking with this surrendered receptivity, we can more easily learn to listen to the "Still, Small Voice."**

*Continued on the next page.*

## ***Health and Wellness***

A very noticeable effect of labyrinth walking is **stress reduction**. As an embodied form of prayer, the slow rhythmic movements to and fro have a calming effect on the nervous system and erratic thought processes. The labyrinth brings us back to a state of equilibrium and can contribute to healing and well-being.

St. Augustine is quoted as saying, “It is solved by walking.”

## ***Prayer Labyrinth as Pilgrimage***

Pilgrimage is an outer journey with an inner purpose. Pilgrimage takes us away from the routine of daily life to a sacred place and engages us in a spiritual quest into our own depths. In the labyrinth, we walk in a way we don’t walk elsewhere, which leads to a new kind of experience and awareness. **As we trust and traverse the path, we are guided into the center--symbolic of our union with God where we find healing, hope, and renewal.**

The world has endless choices and paths, many of which lead nowhere. The labyrinth path is sure, certain, dependable. It is the ideal place for a pilgrimage experience.

**These are just a few of the myriad ways that our Prayer Labyrinth Ministry can serve in fulfilling the Mission of Christ Church.**







## November Birthday Wishes



Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol Binder	11/06	Perry Gray-Reneberg	11/17
Beth Powell	11/06	Fred Moore	11/17
Hannah Hogan Brown	11/07	Elliott Musante	11/18
Megan Shewmaker	11/11	Jennaka Bozzoli	11/20
Thomas Swanger	11/14	Lynne Bean	11/21
Caitlin Conners	11/15	Hal Rosendahl	11/30



*Happy Anniversary*



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Doug & Carol Moorehead

11/26



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologizes for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:  
[christchurcheureka@gmail.com](mailto:christchurcheureka@gmail.com)

We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



## The November 2024 Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Look graciously on your Church and our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, as she so graciously and ably serves as a caring, faithful pastor for your people, guiding and supporting us in our ministries during this time of Covid-19.

Every Sunday in November, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crescent City.

**Intercessor:** We pray for the congregations of our deanery, this month for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crescent City as they grow, both as individuals and as a community, in love of all their neighbors. Bless their collaboration as they host the annual Trans Day of Remembrance this month.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.



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### November 3

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John the Evangelist, Chico  
The Rev. William Stomski, Interim

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Province of South East Asia  
The Right Rev. Dr. Titus Chung Khiam Boon  
Primate and Bishop of Singapore

### November 10

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Petaluma  
The Rev. W. Merritt Greenwood, Interim Rector

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of South India (United)

### November 17

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Marysville

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa  
The Most Rev. Dr. Thabo Makgoba

### November 24

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of South America  
The Most Rev. Brian Williams

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville  
The Rev. Cliff Haggenjos, Rector

### December 1

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lakeport

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx>. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2023-2026 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Deacon Anne.



## Centering Prayer

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | In person and on Zoom

***Covid protocols are: Full vaccination is recommended, masks are OPTIONAL for those who are fully vaccinated, and masks are expected for those who are not fully vaccinated. Seating is distanced.***

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82639812032>



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# Thanksgiving Day

November 28

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A national holiday and day of thanks. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. This custom is based on the celebration of three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth, Massachusetts, colonists in 1621. There was also a Thanksgiving celebration with prayer by members of the Berkeley plantation, near what is now Charles City, Virginia, in 1619. The first national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1789. Under President Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Day came to be celebrated annually on the last Thursday of Nov. Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on the third Thursday of Nov. in the three years 1939-1941 under



President Franklin D. Roosevelt. However, the Thanksgiving Day commemoration was moved back to the fourth Thursday in Nov. by Congress in 1941.

Thanksgiving Day is a major holy day and a national day in the Prayer Book calendar of the church year (pp. 16-17, 33). The Proposed Prayer Book of 1786 included "A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all the other Blessings of his merciful Providence." The first American Prayer Book (1789) replaced the four national days of the 1662 English book with propers for Thanksgiving Day. The collect for Thanksgiving Day gives thanks to God the Father for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. It asks that we may be faithful stewards of God's great bounty, providing for our own necessities and the relief of all who are in need (BCP, p. 246). The Litany of Thanksgiving may be used on Thanksgiving Day in place of the prayers of the people at the eucharist, or at any time after the collects at Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.

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*Join us for a*  
**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday | November 27 | 4 PM**








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					<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS' DAY	<b>2</b> Altar Guild   10 AM
<b>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</b> 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 9:30 AM—JOY MASS 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II  JUST ONE CAN SUNDAY   Food for People	<b>4</b> ELECTION DAY  Church open for Prayer Labyrinth available 9 am — 5 pm	<b>5</b>  Staff Meeting 10 am  Lewis Hall Worship Committee 11 am   Lewis Hall	<b>6</b>  BIBLE STUDY Gospel of Luke 12:30-2 PM Lewis Hall	<b>7</b>  BIBLE STUDY Gospel of Luke 12:30-2 PM Lewis Hall	<b>8</b>  Altar Guild   10 AM	<b>9</b> EDNC 114th Annual CONVENTION 7:30 am—2 PM Deanery Hub   Lewis Hall
		<b>Writer's Group</b> 12:30-1 PM Lewis Hall	Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room			
		Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	 Quilters+ 9:30 am Lewis Hall		<b>15</b> Labyrinth Committee 4 PM Friday   11/15 Lewis Hall	<b>16</b> Altar Guild   10 AM  Labyrinth Day 2-5 PM Heritage Room
<b>The 25th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 9:30 AM—JOY MASS 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II  12:30 PM   Stewardship Committee   Pierson Rm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>The 26th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30 am—Holy Eucharist (one service only)   <b>Stewardship Event</b> <b>Sunday   November 17</b> 9:30 am one service only The Rev. Aidan Rontani <i>Guest Preacher</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>Fresh Produce Sunday</b>		Writer's Group 12:30-1 PM Lewis Hall				
<b>The Last Sunday after Pentecost:</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 9:30 AM—JOY MASS 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream  <b>SONGS OF THANKSGIVING</b> A Recital of Gratitude David Powell & John Chernoff   4 pm   \$20 donation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
		VESTRY MEETS 5:30 PM Transfiguration House Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b> 4 PM Main Church	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 		<b>30</b> Altar Guild   10 AM  St. Andrew, Apostle



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