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Did You Know: An Archbishop of Canterbury Edition

Did you know that the Episcopal Church is part of The Anglican Communion, a world-wide body of churches connected to the Church of England (COE)? And did you further know that the head of the COE – the Archbishop of Canterbury (ABC) – is the voice and convener of the Anglican Communion?

With Archbishop Justin Welby's resignation on January 6th of this year, the process of replacing him has begun. Technically, the ABC is appointed by the King or Queen of England, but this happens only after a "prayerful and carefully structured process" of the Church.

The Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in See committee meets to outline the needs of the Diocese of Canterbury, and to determine who will represent the diocese on the Crown Nominations Committee (CNC). This CNC is chaired by a lay member of the COE who is appointed by the Prime Minister. The Archbishop of York is always invited to the committee. Bishops from 6 broad geographical areas of the Anglican Communion are selected, as well as other members of the Diocese of Canterbury and the General Synod of the COE (akin to our General Convention) to form a 20-person committee.

Rather than have anyone apply for the position of ABC, the CNC invites candidates to engage in the process with them. The CNC will meet this year in May, July, and September with the goal of having a single person to nominate to the Prime Minister, who then submits the name to His Majesty, the King of England. It is likely that a new ABC will be announced during the Fall of this year.

To mark the end of his tenure as the most recent ABC, on Jan 6th of this year, Archbishop Welby ceremonially laid down his crozier, the symbol of his see as ABC. His resignation came as the result of allegations that he failed to report a significant case of serial sexual and physical abuse by a volunteer at a boy's camp in England. Lucy Duckworth, a Church abuse survivor and policy adviser at The Survivors Trust, is leading a push in the COE to have safeguarding overseen by a party outside the Church: "We know there is now such a problem (with safeguarding in the Church), we need to stop focusing the failures on individual leaders and start looking at complete reform of safeguarding within the COE."

In the Diocese of West Missouri, a fairly rigorous process is in place for the safeguarding of our children and of anyone who might be at risk of abuse, which is outlined here: <https://diowestmo.org/admin/safe-church-policy/>. Abuse will never not be a risk in church activities. Learning to avoid situations that increase that risk is crucial, and reporting incidents that do happen immediately is the only way forward for the church as we do our best to continue the mission of Jesus.

Submitted by The Rev. Joe Behen

Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning live at 10 a.m.
on our Facebook and YouTube Channel
(search Christ Church Springfield, MO)

In-Person Worship

Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Rite I at
8 a.m. and Rite II at 10 a.m.

Thursday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II
at 5:30 p.m. (with Healing Service the last
Thursday of the month)

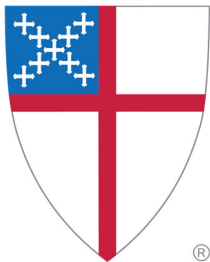
Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12 p.m.-1 p.m.)



To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Episcopalians in the Spotlight: 20 Famous Faces You Might Not Know Were One of Us



Did you know that the Episcopal Church has quietly shaped the lives of U.S. Presidents, poets, pop stars, and even astronauts? From pews to public life, many beloved figures have called the Episcopal Church (or the wider Anglican Communion) their spiritual home. Whether lifelong members or occasional parishioners, these individuals reflect the breadth and sometimes surprising reach of our tradition.

Let's look at some **well-known and widely revered individuals** who have identified as Episcopalian or Anglican. You might spot a few familiar names—and maybe even find a new favorite!

U.S. Public Servants & Presidents

1. George Washington – Our very first president wasn't just a founding father of the country; he was also a vestryman in his local Episcopal parish.
2. Franklin D. Roosevelt – The 32nd president led the U.S. through the Great Depression and World War II with a steady hand and Episcopal grounding.
3. George H. W. Bush – The 41st president, whose Episcopal faith influenced his emphasis on service and civility.
4. Sandra Day O'Connor – The first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and a lifelong Episcopalian who cherished her faith community.
5. Thurgood Marshall – As the first Black Supreme Court Justice, Marshall found spiritual support and justice advocacy within the Episcopal Church.

Literary Lights & Deep Thinkers

1. C.S. Lewis – Beloved author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Mere Christianity*, Lewis was a lifelong Anglican with a gift for making faith come alive through story.
2. Barbara Brown Taylor – Episcopal priest, professor, and best-selling author of *Leaving Church* and *An Altar in the World*. Her writing bridges ancient faith and modern life with honesty and grace.
3. John Steinbeck – Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Grapes of Wrath*, Steinbeck was confirmed as an Episcopalian and often explored themes of justice and mercy.
4. Oscar Wilde – Though known for his wit and controversy, Wilde was raised in the Church of Ireland and famously returned to the Christian faith on his deathbed.

Artists & Entertainers

1. Robin Williams – The late actor and comedian once joked that the Episcopal Church was “Catholic Lite—same rituals, half the guilt.” His wit was grounded in spiritual curiosity.
2. Bono – The lead singer of U2 and global humanitarian was raised in the Church of Ireland (part of the Anglican Communion) and often speaks about faith, justice, and grace.
3. Fred Astaire – The elegant dancer and screen legend was baptized in the Episcopal Church.
4. Judy Garland – The star of *The Wizard of Oz* was raised Episcopalian, and her voice continues to resonate across generations.
5. Georgia O'Keeffe – This American modernist painter was raised in an Episcopalian household and remains one of the most influential artists in U.S. history.
6. Norman Rockwell – Though lapsed later in life, Rockwell's depictions of Americana carry echoes of the values and community he found in the Episcopal Church.

Science & Wonder

1. Buzz Aldrin – The second man on the moon, Aldrin was raised Episcopalian. He famously took Communion on the lunar surface—though quietly, due to NASA's rules.
2. Isaac Newton – Widely considered one of the greatest scientists of all time and a member of the Church of England. While more historical, he brings intellectual gravitas to a section about science, faith, and curiosity.

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July/August Outreach: School Supplies



Believe it or not, school begins Monday, August 19th for many children in Springfield Public Schools and the surrounding areas. Christ Church members are asked to bring crayons (24 count) and backpacks to fill our red bag brigades with during the months of July and August.

These school supplies will be given to Bissett Elementary School and to after school programs that are offered in SPS. Bissett has been our adopt-a-school partner for over 15 years!

Look for more opportunities to serve children in SPS and experience the happiness you will feel when participating in these programs.



Write On!

Did you know we have an official card ministry here at Christ Church? With the lazy days of summer, you may not want to join another thing. You can still connect with other folks by mail. Here are a few ways you can reach out:

- Send a card to someone on the birthday list in the Clarion or the weekly bulletin.
- If there is someone you haven't seen for a while, send a note to say you miss them.
- Send a note to someone on the prayer list.
- Just send a note to say you are thinking of someone.

By the way, there are new directories available in the Gathering Room. This is a great resource if you aren't sure where to send your cards to. Write on!

Song of Peace (from "Finlandia")

**This is my song, O God of all the nations
A song of peace, for lands afar and mine
This is my home, the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine**

Recognizing our Own



Congratulations to Mother Katherine Mansfield and Mary Christiano for being honored at the first Women of Faith luncheon held on July 15th at the offices of Crosslines Community Outreach (formerly the Council of Churches of the Ozarks). More than 50 women were nominated for this recognition by individuals or churches in the area. A nice cross section of denominations was represented. So grateful to these two women for all they do for Christ Church and the community.





2 Kathy Sheppard	18 Nicholas Miller
2 Donald White	18 Clare Chumbley
2 Sally Wilson	19 Richard Lacroix
4 Anna Gintz	19 Michael Cronkhite
6 Rosalie Machatschek	21 Crista Hogan-McGull
6 Ed Mellers	25 Morgan Patterson
6 Willard Tucker	26 Kelly Matkowski
6 Kate Baird-Stevens	28 Aaron McNew
7 Dale Crutcher	28 Marilyn Scholz
9 Sutton Heinlein	28 Emma Patterson
10 Dr. Jo Ellen Feugate-Jordan	29 Jack Donnelson
11 Cindy Woodruff	29 Jim Guldin
12 Martha Pickering	30 Dennis Sheppard
12 Owen Hoge	30 Charlie Dunn
12 Briar Douglas	31 Pamela Smith
13 Dr. Bob Carolla	31 Luke Hammock
18 Leigh Lowell	31 Adrienne Mammen



2 Evan Loyd	17 Julie Leeth
3 Julia Taylor	17 Nanette Martin
4 Mary Kay Ross	18 Malaki Johnson
4 Craig Amason	18 Art Thomas
4 Gudrun Farthing	18 Karen Behen
5 Julia Hoge	20 Layton Heinlein
5 McKenna Tice	20 Jan King
5 Crew Cronkhite	21 Denny Pilant
7 Jana Woodall	21 Christian Casertano
9 Donna Hatzenbuhler	21 Dr. Robert Scott
9 Ann Valentine-Duncan	22 Ann Von Geldern
10 Pat Schultz	24 Christin Marlin
10 The Rev. Kenneth Chumbley	25 Sally Williams
10 Evelyn Mangan	26 Jerry Quinn
12 Kris Wolford	27 Richard Hanna
13 Curtis Donnelson	27 Sarah Smith
13 Manuel Garza	27 Dr. Eloise Thomas
13 Joshua Brooks	28 Cruz Rahmeyer
15 Sally Baird	29 Beverly Cordonnier
15 Adam Cooper	29 Paula Pollard
16 Kelly Goodman	29 Nora Ross
17 Ben Smith	29 Bruce Kirby
17 Jenny Edwards	31 Marty Close



The Men's Fellowship evening for **July** will be held on Thursday, July 17th at Before & After Brewing (located 2940 E Sunshine St.) from 5 to 8 p.m. Please contact Tracy Hall at TracyHall.BSAE@gmail.com with any questions. See you then!



The Women's Fellowship group will meet at the Springfield Brewing Company (located 305 S Market Ave.) from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd. We'll be upstairs. We look forward to seeing you!



The **August** Men's Fellowship evening will be held on Thursday, August 14th at Banter Brewing (located 330 W Farm Rd. 182) from 5 to 8 p.m. Please contact Tracy Hall at TracyHall.BSAE@gmail.com with any questions. See you then!

Royalty, Naturally

1. Queen Elizabeth II – As Supreme Governor of the Church of England, her lifelong commitment to Anglican faith and service set an example for millions.
2. Desmond Tutu – South African Anglican Archbishop and Nobel Peace Prize winner, known for his joyful spirit and courageous leadership in the fight against apartheid. While not holding actual royal lineage, Desmond Tutu was often described as being "almost like royalty" in South Africa
3. Princess Diana – Baptized and confirmed in the Church of England. Though her relationship with the church became complex later in life, she often cited her faith as a source of strength.

From presidents to poets, painters to pop icons, the Episcopal Church has long been a quiet companion to some of the most influential voices in history. May we be inspired by their legacy—and reminded that faith can flourish in every field and walk of life.

Submitted by: Kenny Kabak, Director of Music & Youth Ministries

Vestry 2025

Kris Wolford, *Sr. Warden*

Kenny Ross, *Jr. Warden*

Julia Taylor, *Secretary*

Kathy Alexander

Austin Boyland

Jenny Edwards

Ben Fisher

Nancy Hopkins

Mary Luke

Evelyn Mangan

Frank Miller

Kathy Sheppard

Staff

The Rev. Joe Behen, *Rector*

The Rev. Katherine Mansfield,

Associate Rector

Mary Christiano, *Handbell Choir Director*

Franz Ginsberg, *Director of Operations*

Jennifer Hendrickson, *Director of Finance*

Raisa Hurtado-Netzer,

Office and Communications Coordinator

Kenny Kabak,

Director of Music and Youth Ministries

Val Paulette, *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Dr. Perry Mears, *Organist*

Brock Smith, *Organ Scholar*

Will Rohrer, *Sexton*

Stephanie Stolle, *Nursery*

Mary Ellen Chiles, *Nursery*

Saskia Stevens, *Nursery*

New Sound and Light Systems

By the time you read this, I hope you've had a chance to experience the improvements from our new sound system at Christ Church—both in person and via our livestream. If you're wondering, "We have a new sound system?"—allow me to share some background.

More than a year ago, we began discussing needed updates to the church's audio setup. Our first step was to replace the omnidirectional microphone—the one you typically hear on the livestream when the choir and organ are playing. That mic was originally a temporary solution during the pandemic and was never ideal for our space. We considered installing a ceiling-mounted microphone but were unable to secure a bid at the time.

As time passed, we heard from more parishioners about the difficulty in hearing the clergy and readers clearly. While some of this could be adjusted through microphone use, the primary issue has been our single-direction amplifier, which makes sound quality inconsistent depending on where you sit and other factors like hearing sensitivity. At the same time, more members and visitors have been engaging with our services online. We also identified the need to replace the current altar spotlights, which can be uncomfortably bright for those serving up front.

We're pleased to share that we have secured a bid and work is now underway to upgrade these systems. We will be replacing the amplifier with column array speakers, which are designed to provide clear, even sound throughout the entire nave. The new drop microphone should significantly improve livestream audio quality, and the upgraded spotlights will offer better visibility without overwhelming brightness.

As with all our property improvements here at Christ Church, I'm sure there will be absolutely no problems, delays, or other unforeseen issues that arise... All jokes aside, we appreciate your patience during this transition. Thank you for your continued support as we work to enhance the worship experience for everyone—both in the pews and at home.

*Submitted by Franz Ginsberg
Director of Operations*





Register Now for VBS 2025!

Christ Church will host *Waves of Gratitude*—a 2 day Vacation Bible School Program created by United Thank Offering. This will take place on Thursday, July 10 and Friday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to join us for an ocean-themed program focused on gratitude through a biblical lens. We will have water activities, crafts, music, movement, and STEAM projects. We will wrap up Friday with a field trip to Wonders of Wildlife! Scan the QR Code to register now or email Val at val@christepiscopalchurch.com with any questions.

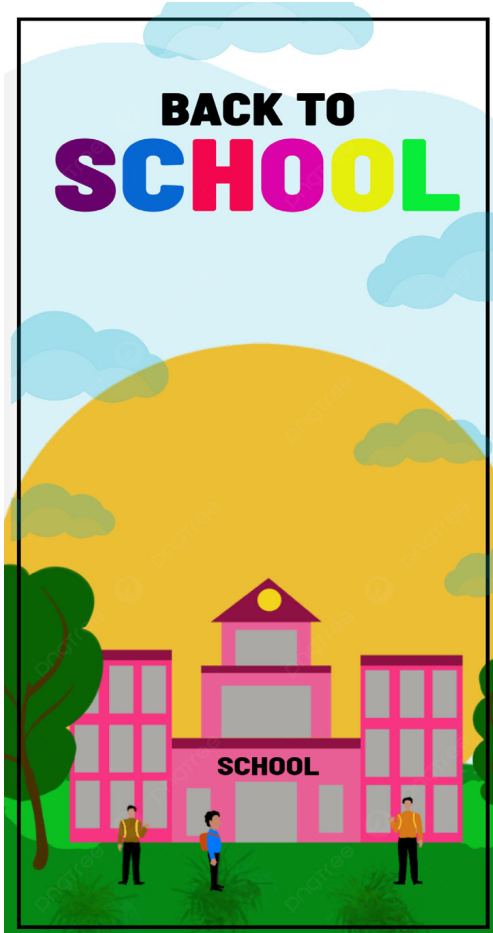
A Circle of Friends and Visionaries

This is the legacy society of Christ Church. It has been inactive for a few years and Father Joe has asked Robert Carolla and Tracy Hall to bring it to the attention of the congregation. An organizational meeting will be held on July 9th at 4:00pm at the church. All are welcome, but please let Robert (417-719-8680) or Tracy (417-848-2542) know of your interest/attendance. You do not need to be an attorney or financial advisor; just willing to work on a committee and love the church. Let us hear from you!

Cursillo Weekend will take place Aug. 8-10 at the Heartland Retreat Center. Cursillo is a ministry of the Episcopal Church with a goal to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ by empowering and equipping Christians with the knowledge and encouragement to live out their Baptismal Covenant to serve Christ. The weekend brings together a group of Episcopalians who are already well grounded in their faith to share in the Cursillo journey. Scan the QR Code for more information. Please reach out to Fr. Joe or Mtr. Katherine with any questions.



Cursillo Weekend



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Finding Grace Within

Do you feel a little unsettled and over worked? Are you on the verge of burnout? Do you ever wonder if there is something missing? Do you desire to have some meaningful time to reflect and share with a collection of like-minded friends? Does the idea of joining a community of like-minded friends invite you? We will be offering short small group sessions in the fall called, *Finding Grace Within*. More information follows. Watch for it here, on social media, and in the bulletin.

