



# Christ Church Chronicles

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## From the Rector

Welcome to the new year of 2017! God's blessings to you as you look to the days ahead.

Epiphany, the season of light. The 3 magi following a star arrive in the story of the Christ Child. Bearing gifts they come. Following a star and a few notes scratched on some parchment, they opened a door to world changing prophecies so compelling that they dropped everything and travelled over many a mile they had to follow the star and give everything to find the answer to life perplexing questions.

At the end of their journeys they found just a newly born baby. While a new baby is a treasure in any age the story Mary and Joseph told them convinced them that the treasures they brought were paled in the presence of the Son of God who lay before them.

What light do you follow? What treasures are you willing to surrender in the presence of the Son of God? You must evaluate the value of the words scratched on parchment long ago. Will you give up the vain paths of life that lead you astray in favor of a journey that is long and ends up only with you gazing into the eyes of a child whose mother and father present you with a wild story of angels and more prophecies?

You too, are looking for the perplexing answers to life and you expected much more for the offering you present. Look past the temptation to cuddle a small child and into the mind of God for this world. There you will discover what the wise magi discovered. This child is the fulfillment of all the hopes and dreams of humanity from the beginning. If you, like them, willingly surrender the gifts you bring to that child, your time, your treasure and yourself, you will find the strength to live life to a new level.

This is my prayer for you in this new year of 2017, that our Lord and Savior will surround you with his grace and bless you with courage, wisdom and strength to conquer any and all fear that will approach you as this year unfolds. The 3 magi returned to what was in order to be the proclaimers of what now is God's Word made flesh. Begotten not made, of one being with the Father, this Jesus lives to comfort you throughout your life. So I challenge you to make an unbreakable resolution to put your treasure before the Son of God and find in your being the strength and wisdom to discover the answer to life's most perplexing questions.

I am your servant in Christ,  
Fr Bill Rex†



## STREETWISE

Our ongoing thesis is that God acts to change the institutional church. If we accept that the institutional church is changing, our concern becomes whether the church is being moved in accordance with the will of God or whether fallible humans are misusing their powers, purposefully or accidentally, in contradiction to the will of God. Last month we considered a hot-button decision made at our last General Convention: same-sex marriage is not only acceptable to God, but is in effect the very will of God.

What lingers in my mind is the argument between the prophet Samuel and the Lord, himself (I Samuel: 8). “The people of God came to Samuel and pointed out: you are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us a king to govern us, so that we are like other nations.” Wrought up, Samuel wasted no time. He repeated all the words of the people into God’s ears. But the Lord God chided his prophet. He directed Samuel,



“Listen to their voice and set a king over them.”

What troubled the prophet was his own anxiety that God’s people would step outside the center of the will of God. But throughout the Scriptures, God has always sustained His gift to humanity. He has always protected our right to be wrong, to be foolish, to be headstrong, and to make a mess of it all.

As we move ahead into our future, my hope is that we will cherish that part of our being that gives us the capacity to get it wrong and to make a mess. Challenges are in front of us. Many of them are huge and complicated. The institutional church is called to step up to being a mediator. This is our work. We are called to reconcile the variations between competing interests and purposes. Mediation is a prayerful contemplative process. It is the pathway to restorative justice.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Robin Robb, Deacon†

**Our Gang** enjoyed another enjoyable visit to Steel River Playhouse this month where we saw *It’s a Wonderful Life*. We all agreed that it was another winner and gave it a two thumbs up! After the show, we all went to Potts and Penn Diner on High Street for something to eat. We always have a good time together and invite other adults to join us.

Our Gang is a social group of seniors who are looking for friendship and activity. If you feel like that’s you, please join us for any of our events. We usually have an activity every month. There’s no pressure or stress with Our Gang; we just enjoy getting together. Don’t worry if you use a walker or cane or any other device, we have others who use them, too, or if you need a steady arm for support, there’s always someone who’s willing to lend a hand.

For January, we are going to revisit having lunch at the Greek restaurant on North Charlotte Street. First time we had to cancel, so we are going to try again.

If you would like to know more about the group, please get in touch with Barbara Ackerman (early service) or Sue Rhoads (late service).

Merry Christmas from Our Gang!



**YOU ARE INVITED**

to **Second Saturday Neighborhood Night**

**When:** January 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**What:** Mac and a Movie - Neighbors gathering for macaroni and cheese and a movie



**Who:** All are welcome. Come and enjoy!



**Where:** Christ Episcopal Church

316 East High Street, Pottstown, PA 19465, 610-323-2985  
Entrance in rear off Queen Street parking lot

Bring your family and friends!



**Christmas Music**



**Our Future Organist**



**Soup and Server...**



**Hark, The Herald...**



**And Ah-one, and A-Two...**



**Hit Your Hand, Not Me...**

## **2nd Annual Cookie Walk** **If you missed it, you missed a lot...**



**Let's Do It**



**Going Once...**



**Going Twice...**



**Gone!!!**

## Epiphany, Easter, Three Kings, Christmas, Etc.

Epiphany is one of the “Principle Feasts” of the church year, meaning it takes precedence over any other day or observance (e.g. we can’t commemorate a saint on that day.) In many places the celebration is transferred to the nearest Sunday.

So, what’s Epiphany about? The word comes from the Greek “to appear” and means “manifestation.” In the Septuagint it is used of a manifestation of the God (2 Maccabees 15:27.) In the New Testament it’s used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer either to the birth of Christ or to his appearance after his resurrection, and five times to refer to his Second Coming.

Our typical celebrations focus on one or more of the Three Wise Men, time to take the Christmas decorations down and dump the tree, and time to start, more or less, thinking about Lent and Easter. We also tend to associate it with the Baptism of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Him, or the Transfiguration. Those last two have their own feasts, but can be thought of as manifestations.

Except for the Christmas tree, all of these fit nicely in the context of Epiphany, even when they have their own celebration. The Gospel readings are about the Wise Men but could easily be about the shepherds at the manger, or various other events in Jesus life.

The original version of Epiphany appears to have focused on Jesus’ baptism and the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove to manifest who he actually was. Unfortunately, this lent itself to the adoptionist point of view - the idea that Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit, but was “adopted” by God at this point.

It is earlier that Christmas and was sort of a combination of celebrating his birth and the start of his ministry. It also always had a connection to the Wise Men. Eventually, Christmas became separate; Epiphany retained the manifestation to the Magi. Think of it as a celebration of Jesus beginnings (birth, baptism, first miracles, etc.) with some of the events separating into their own celebrations.

Note that many of the reasons we focus on certain



specifics in certain feasts is because we don’t want to misunderstand the truth about Jesus. Having the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God combined with his baptism makes it easy to ignore the incarnational parts of the Gospel. It is why the Prayerbook has a number of absolutely unchangeable parts..

As with many other special days, various localities have attached other things to Epiphany. In parts of England, the Sunday after Epiphany is Plough Sunday. The next day is the traditional day for farmers to start work in the fields. The C of E liturgy includes a Blessing of the Plough and Blessing of the Seed, and the reading have an agricultural theme.

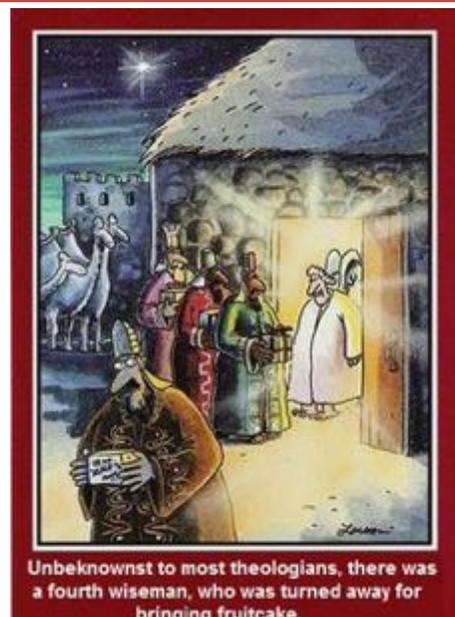
The other side of Epiphany is the lead up to Lent and Easter. Although Epiphany now ends the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, before Vatican II the three Sundays before were Shrovetide - a pre-Lenten preparation. The Gloria and Alleluia’s were dropped and purple vestments were worn. Perversely, the third Sunday before Lent was also the start of the carnival season, ending on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras.)

Effective with Advent, 2015, the Catholic church restored the pre-Lenten season, although the Episcopal Church has not.

Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost form a compelling sequence. On Epiphany, we should recall what came before, and what comes shortly after.

**Bob Gross, Rector’s Warden**

The information here is from the *Oxford History of Christian Worship*.



## **The ‘Economic Halo’ of Churches - *Harold Brubaker STAFF WRITER, Inquirer Daily News, 1 Dec. 2016***

*The following is based on Roman Catholic churches in Philadelphia, but applies to churches everywhere.*

Churches do more than save souls.

They also have what researchers are calling an “economic halo” that averages \$1.5 million per congregation in Philadelphia, according to a recent report by Partners for Sacred Places and University of Pennsylvania professor Ram Cnaan.

“Our goal is to help churches tell their story, help them explain to their communities that they bring economic value, they bring a civic value, and that you don’t have to be Catholic to care about the Catholic Church,” said Bob Jaeger, president of Partners for Sacred Places.

“Many of these institutions are struggling to keep their building together and to continue their good work, and they need their neighbors and the people they benefit to understand that they need some help sometimes,” he said.

Jaeger spoke during a panel discussion Wednesday evening marking the release of a separate but related report on the economic heft of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

That report, “How Catholic Places Serve Civic Purposes: The Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Economic ‘Halo Effects,’ ” put the economic weight of the archdiocese and other Catholic entities in Southeastern Pennsylvania at \$4.2 billion in fiscal 2015.

The figure includes archdiocesan programs (\$400 million), parishes (\$1.07 billion, mostly from parish schools), Catholic hospitals (\$1.12 billion), Catholic higher-education institutions (\$1.4 billion), and private Catholic schools (\$212 million).

The report’s author, Joseph P. Tierney, executive director of the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program at Penn and a resident senior fellow at the university’s Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, tallied operating expenses for hospitals and universities.

To value Catholic elementary and high school education, he multiplied the number of students in the 2014-15 school year (68,927) by the average per-pupil cost for public schools in the five-county area of \$18,451, then added a total of \$4 million for four special-education schools.

Most economic-impact studies use a multiplier in an attempt to capture the spin-off effects of economic activity. Tierney did that only for the non-education component of the parishes, relying on the research by Cnaan and Partners for Sacred Places.

That study looked at 40 Philadelphia congregations, including six Catholic parishes, two of which have since closed. The average amount of direct spending was \$437,093. Estimated spin-off, or “catalytic effects,” averaged \$739,988, for a total of \$1.18 million per parish. Tierney applied that average to all 219 parishes in the archdiocese.

Tierney said his estimate — which does not account for the fact that churches do not pay taxes — is conservative because it does not include every Catholic entity that could be counted.

“I suspect we can double that once we complete a census of all these organizations,” he said.

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The two most joyous times of the year are Christmas morning and the end of school.  
Alice Cooper

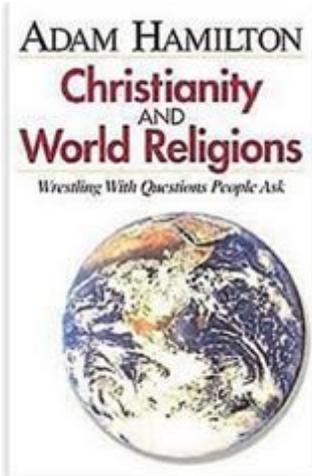
## Monday Night Book Study

Starting Monday, 9 Jan. the Book Study will be reading *Christianity and World Religions : Wrestling with Questions People Ask*.

“*Christianity and World Religions* is a video-based small-group study and outreach program that explores four major world religions- Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. This six-week study deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, including why we should believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths. The *Participant’s Book* is available

from Amazon (\$8.72), or from Judy Shelly at [judyshelly@comcast.net](mailto:judyshelly@comcast.net).

“Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country.”



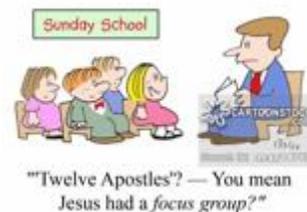
## Our Deke!!!

From our Archdeacon: I'm very pleased to announce that the deacon whose ministry will be recognized this year at the DioPA Deacons' Day dinner is Deacon Robin Robb. Robin has been serving the homeless in Pottstown since her time as a postulant. She has been serving marginalized people of all kinds all her adult life. She will receive the Harriet Bedell Basin at our covered dish supper on the 8th at 4pm at St. Peter's Glenside.

Deacons do loaves and fishes very well. Bishop Gutierrez will be joining us. He has said he would like to meet with his deacons four times a year - this will be one of those times.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent and a joyful Christmastide,

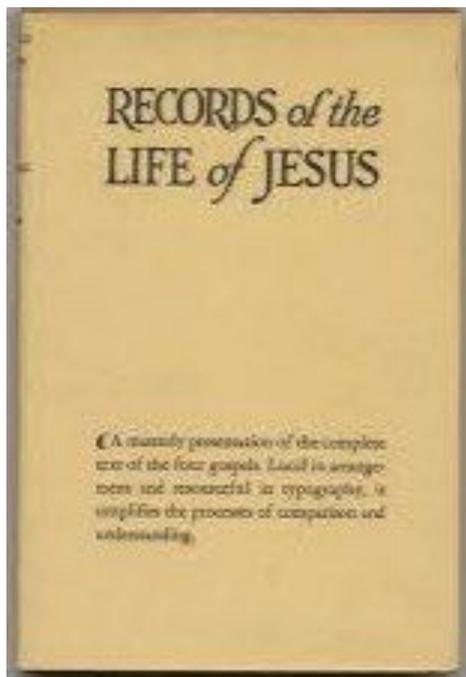
The Ven. Dr. Pamela M. Nesbit†  
Archdeacon  
Diocese of Pennsylvania



## Friday Bible Study

A new bible study will start the third week of January 2017 on Fridays mornings. The date will be Friday, 1/20/2017 at 9am to 10:30am. The book “*Records of the Life of Jesus*” by Henry Burton Sharman, Ph.D. will be used. As there will be no homework required, these books may be used at the church. Please let me know if you are interested so I can see about a purchase of some books for that we might use. This approach has been used before here and at several other churches and has been well received. The group seeks an “open looking-at and talking-about” the Gospels. Questions break out about the readings and all have insights that can be shared with each other. Looking forward to your interest. We will start with the Genealogy for Jesus, and the Forecasts of Father of John, Mother of Jesus, Mother of John, and Joseph of Nazareth.

Nancy Yaskowski - [npyas@comcast.net](mailto:npyas@comcast.net)





## Christ Church Wants You

The Vestry is the elected body of lay members who provide the ongoing leadership and decision-making processes of Christ Church. There are twelve members elected to three-year rotating terms.

The Vestry has three primary areas of responsibility:

**Prayer & Presence:** While the Rector serves as the primary spiritual leader of our congregation, the ministry of the Church belongs to all baptized members. To that end, our Vestry members are called to serve as effective examples of a prayerful and purposeful life, to pray daily for our members and ministry, to give consistently to the needs and ministry of the church, and to be present in the life of our congregation.

**Vision & Mission:** Along with the Rector, the members of our Vestry are the primary vision casters for our congregation. Listening for guidance from the Holy Spirit and from our members the Vestry asks, "What is God calling our church to do next?" This can take the form of long-range planning, or the simple month-to-month decisions made at Vestry meetings.

**Oversight and Empowerment:** The Vestry has ultimate oversight of the business and financial affairs of the parish, plus additional responsibilities with Finance, Property, Christian Education, etc. Vestry members work with other leaders in these areas to ensure good communication among our ministries, and to empower our members to serve creatively and effectively.

### Elections

New Vestry members are elected during our Annual Parish Meeting in February for a three year period. Nominees must be baptized and confirmed members in good standing; not be an employee of Christ Church; be 17 or older; and not have an immediate family member as a current Vestry member. Nominees are named before the Annual Meeting by a nominating committee composed, traditionally, of the outgoing current Vestry members, and may also be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting. We normally elect four, unless we need to replace a member who has resigned.

If you feel called to the Vestry, or know someone you think would be a good candidate, please contact one of the Vestry members, or the parish office, and fill out the form on the next page and give it to the office by 25 Jan. for the Newsletter deadline.

# Vestry Candidate Information-2017



The information you submit will be published in the newsletter just prior to the election and will be available at the Annual Meeting. Please feel free to add any other information or comment you think useful. The questionnaire is optional.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone(s):**

**EMail(s):**

**Education:**

**Employment:**

**Church Experience:**

**Family:**

**Hope for Christ Church:**



## Read the Bible in a Year

-By the Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie, Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, PA, Founder of The Center for Biblical Studies and The Bible Challenge  
[www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org](http://www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org)



The Center for Biblical Studies has designed a one year reading schedule to help those who commit as individuals or as members of a church to read successfully through the entire Bible in a year's time. The CBS intentionally focuses on reading the entire Bible, in sequence and ensuring that a psalm and a portion of the New Testament are read each day in order to provide strong spiritual daily content to sustain readers working through the entire Bible.

You can start this schedule on January 1 or any day of the year that you like. This schedule works best if you begin on a Monday because we encourage readers to read portions of the Bible Monday through Saturday and assume that on Sunday they will be in church hearing the Scriptures read aloud. The Bible is best understood in the context of a faith community and by persons who are committed to following the teachings of Jesus and obeying the Word of God in their daily life. Merely hearing the Scriptures read aloud on Sunday, however, is not enough to know and experience the living, life--transforming Word of God.

We encourage you always to put yourself in the presence of God before you begin reading the Scriptures. Read with a desire to understand and follow the teachings of Scripture so that your life might be transformed by the Holy Spirit working within you as the Word of God is revealed to your heart, mind and soul. We wish you every blessing in your faithful daily Bible reading.

We offer this prayer written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer as you begin your spiritual journey and The Bible Challenge. *"Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of*



*everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."*

The schedule of readings will be available by the church office and will be available on our website ([www.christpottstown.com](http://www.christpottstown.com)), and the Diocesan website ([www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge](http://www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge)).



Hi! I'm Megan Brickel, a junior at Pottsgrove HS. I've recently been selected by my director to be in a three-week concert tour of Europe with an honors band under American Music Abroad. I am an A/B student who has studied the clarinet since the 4th grade and have the honor of being the first chair player in my high school concert band.

I am excited to be a part of the Silver Tour in July 2017. We will be touring Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France- performing concerts along the way. I am looking forward to making awesome memories with new friends in this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!!

The cost is around \$5,000, a sizable amount for a high school student, so I am hoping that you will help sponsor this opportunity for me. Your donation would mean the world to me! I would be most thankful for your help. We have set up a *GoFundMe* page, link below, or we can take a check payable to my mom, Jennifer Brickel, 246 Micklitz Dr, Pottstown PA 19464. If you'd like more info, check out [www.americanmusicabroad.com](http://www.americanmusicabroad.com).

[www.gofundme.com/megans-ama-fundraiser](http://www.gofundme.com/megans-ama-fundraiser)

Thanks, Megan

## Search Committee

The search committee has received several applications for Rector of Christ Church, and will be giving them prayerful consideration as we meet this month. We ask the congregation to be praying daily for the committee as we look for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this work.

**Stephanie Laidig**  
Search Committee Chair

## Collect for the Election of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Christ Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall call our new rector, that we may receive from you a faithful pastor, who will care for the people of this congregation and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Our Commitment Box and Stewardship

We offer Commitment Cards in the pews, to be used by parishioners at any time, year round, to confidentially offer their own personal promises of prayer, service and/or resources to God. The cards may also be used as pledge cards if desired. The Stewardship team feels that the fact that giving normally exceeds pledges supports the concept that planning should be based instead on known and projected expenses versus an estimated income that reflects actual income of recent years.

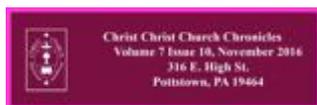
You can put your Commitment Card in the box at the bottom of the steps below the choir.



## NEED SOME HELP!!!

Our newsletter editor needs a bit of help. If you would be willing to proof-read the newsletter while it's being written, please let me know. I'd like 2-3 more people. All you need is an e-mail address and a few minutes each month.

**Bob Gross** - Editor, [abecedarian@verizon.net](mailto:abecedarian@verizon.net)



## First Boxing Day Celebrated at Christ Episcopal Church-26 Dec.

Sometimes misfortune can present opportunity. The church that would normally provide the Monday meal was unable to and Christ Church needed to organize. The opportunity was Boxing Day, the day after Christmas.

Sixteen hearty souls gathered at Christ Church to celebrate Boxing Day by preparing and serving the Community Meal under the direction of Deacon Robin Robb and coordination of Edie Shean-Hammond. The food was hot and according to the guests delicious. Kudos and thanks to Gail Bauer, Debbie Page, Beverly Nuzzio, Clare & Peter Hammond, Julie Lanphear, Wanda Pollard, Miriam Spade, Erin McKioiyech, Denise Gephart, Charlie and Ginny Slichter, Dave and Ricky Herb.

Boxing Day (also St. Stephen's day) is celebrated in various country of the British Commonwealth including England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and Australia and can be traced back to the Victorian era when churches often displayed a box into which their parishioners put donations for the poor.

On the day after Christmas, servants of the wealthy were given time off to visit their families because their services were required for the Christmas Day celebrations of their employers. They were given the following day for their own observance of the holiday and each servant would be handed a box to take home, containing gifts, bonuses, and sometimes, leftover food.

Boxes were also given to various service people (mail carriers, errand-boys, etc.) where we would give a tip.

Edie Shean-Hammond



## Tithe News

Several months ago, the Vestry agreed that we should use part of Bob Connitt's bequest as a thank offering, a tithe, given unconditionally outside the parish with no expectation of return or control. That turned out to constitute about \$130,000.

Thus far we have given three gifts, one of \$50,000 to First Baptist Church of Pottstown to help with their building disaster. We also loaned them \$40,000 without a rigid time frame for repayment. They have recovered and have repaid the loan in its entirety.

We gave \$15,000 to the Seaman's Church Institute, an organization we have supported frequently in the past.

Finally, we gave \$10,000 to Ministries at Main St. (Kork Moyer, Pastor) to assist with their mission, beyond housing and feeding the homeless during the month of December.

We are not finished, and are open to suggestions for other outreach gifts. If you know of one, please contact a Vestry member and we will research and review it.

## If We Could Only Go This Far...

A utility line in Hood County, Tex., broke in August, five feet below ground on Andrea Adams's property, but Acton Municipal District worker Jimmie Cox, 23, came to the rescue-which involved Cox briefly submerging himself in the mud, face down to his waist, to clamp the line. He said, later, "In this line of work, [we] do it a lot."

[jewishworldreview.com/1216/news\\_of\\_the\\_weird1452.php3#zSyrwfZmhRPuLLsE.99](http://jewishworldreview.com/1216/news_of_the_weird1452.php3#zSyrwfZmhRPuLLsE.99)



## Greening of the Church



Acolytes' Nightmare



Gift Tree



Don't Take My Picture!!!



Gotta Be Juuust Right



I Thought You Had The Wrench...



Supervision is Important



Who Tied This Knot???



Just One More Inch!!

## Useful Links

### Episcopal Questions and Answers

[stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-andvisitors/episcopal-q-a/](http://stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-andvisitors/episcopal-q-a/)

### Diocese of PA Parish Events

[www.diopa.org/parish-events](http://www.diopa.org/parish-events)

### Diocese of Pennsylvania [www.diopa.org](http://www.diopa.org)

### Episcopal Church in the US

[www.episcopalchurch.org/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/)

### Online Book of Common Prayer

[www.bcponline.org/](http://www.bcponline.org/)

### Anglican Communion

[www.anglicancommunion.org/](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/)

### SPCK—Society for Promoting Christian

Knowledge [spckusa.org/](http://spckusa.org/)

### Bible Gateway [www.biblegateway.com/](http://www.biblegateway.com/)

### Liturgical Calendar

[www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2017.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2017.html)

### Anglicans Online [anglicansonline.org](http://anglicansonline.org)

### Anglicans Online USA [anglicansonline.org/usa](http://anglicansonline.org/usa)

### Alpha [www.alphausa.org](http://www.alphausa.org)

### Episcopal Veterans Fellowship

[episcopalveteransfellowship.org/](http://episcopalveteransfellowship.org/)

### Habitat for Humanity [www.habitatmontco.org/](http://www.habitatmontco.org/)

Recycling in Montgomery County (incl.hazardous waste) [www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=637](http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=637)

### Society of Archbishop Justus

[justus.anglican.org](http://justus.anglican.org)

### Project Canterbury (Anglican History)

[anglicanhistory.org](http://anglicanhistory.org)

### Anglican Communion News Service

[www.anglicannews.org/](http://www.anglicannews.org/)

### SAMS—Society of Anglican Missionaries and Sender [www.sams-usa.org](http://www.sams-usa.org)

### Episcopal News Service

[episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens](http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens)

### Christ Church, Pottstown

[www.christpottstown.com](http://www.christpottstown.com)

### Christ Church (website in development)

[www.christpottstown.org](http://www.christpottstown.org)

### Daily Prayer and Worship Resources Online

[oremus.org/index.html](http://oremus.org/index.html)

### Bishop's Bible Challenge

[www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/](http://www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/)

### Generous Orthodoxy [www.generousorthodoxy.org/](http://www.generousorthodoxy.org/)

## AmazonSmile

Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to Christ Church if you register your account as an AmazonSmile account. There is no change to your cost, and, except for the initial setup, no effort on your part.

Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about> to get started. Pick Christ Episcopal Church as your



## Don't forget your Giant Gift Cards

When you buy a Giant gift card at church, you get the whole value of your purchase, and Christ Church receives 5% of your cost. It does not expire and purchases with it earn Giant Rewards Points, which can be redeemed for gas or food discounts. As an easy fund-raising mechanism, it's hard to beat. They are available from Debbie Metz between services.



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