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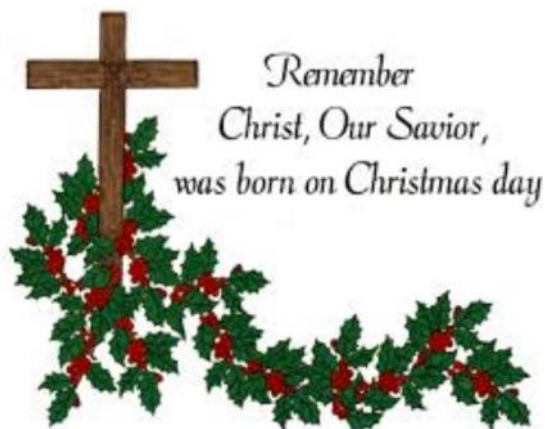
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From the Rector

Merry Christmas! It is the 12 days of Christmas after all. And may our Lord's blessings be with you and yours this holiday season and into the new year!

Christmas comes as a holiday but once a year but our Lord's blessings and grace, the reason for his coming into the world, will surround you daily as a free gift from God. With no strings attached and with rewards beyond comprehension, Jesus Christ is the Gift of God for the people of God. A never ending benefit that never ceases to grant the believer the joy, strength and purpose to live life to its fullest.

I know that these words can seem hollow in the midst of life's struggles, but as you sink into the message of our Lord's birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension you are confronted by the most powerful message of all time. God Loves you so much that he gave his only begotten Son to live and die as one of us to show you the power of that love which God has for each of us. A life blessed by faith and a death surrounded by grace yielded into life everlasting for you.



Glory be to God on High and Peace to His people on earth.

By the light of a star, in the stillness of your darkness a Savior was born in humble surroundings to confirm that station in life matters not to the God of the Universe, his main and only concern is to show you the way home.

Our God Loves you! And without question he is your guide, your shepherd and your light to fullness and grace. Be still and know that God has you in the palm of his hand today and everyday until the end of time.

I am your servant in Christ our Lord,

Rev. William Rex†



Streetwise

A number of parishioners have asked me to share some of my personal experiences of how God acts to change the institutional church. I will oblige by describing how The Rev. Dr. Massey Shepherd (Shep) involved us students at Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) during the revision of the current *Book of Common Prayer*. I choose this focus because in Adult Forum we are considering the BCP under the leadership of Bob Gross.



As some of you know, women were not permitted to matriculate (earn a degree) in any Episcopal seminary until quite recently. To compensate, the national church located schools where women could earn a degree in Christian Education. I have a Masters Degree in Christian Education. I studied all the basic courses at CDSP because my MA required me to take those courses at the Seminary.

Shep was our professor who taught us two semesters of New Testament, one semester of Early Church History, and Liturgics. At the same time, Shep carried for the national church the responsibility for overseeing the **integrity** of the emerging *BCP*, as we know it now. Integrity of the new *BCP* so important because there was always the potential that the new *BCP* might contain errors rather than new truths; or that parishioners would be deeply upset by changes challenging what they truly loved. Two clanging changes that we now accept without much thought are:

the Baptismal Covenant is the center piece of our congregational lives and it compels us into our ministries. And the Eucharist is the primary service each Sunday. Were these changes truly pure and proper?

Shep was the most spiritual person I have ever met, and I am forever blessed by his offering to be my mentor. He discerned that I was called to be a vocational deacon, rather than a priest or Christian educator. When I was confused and resisting much of what I was being taught in my Christian Education program, Shep came to see me where I lived and gently handed me a penciled draft of *The Ordination of a Deacon*. This was eventually approved for the *BCP*. On the day of my ordination on January 11, 2014, Shep was with me in my heart.

I am who I am because God changed the institutional church. At this time, women may become priests. The formation process to become a Vocational Deacon is a three-year program that includes practical internships and formal studies. In my days of formation, we read required books and wrote papers that were evaluated by readers. This assignment covered what I had learned at CDSP. The persons who responded to my papers, my readers, identified my work as brilliant, while some in my cohort had a difficult time. I know that studying at CDSP marks the difference, I am so thankful that I was so well prepared to write for my readers.

Rev. Robin Robb, Deacon†

The Shelter at Christ Church

This year, we are the home, during December, for about 22 individuals who find themselves without a place to live. We partner with Still Waters Ministry to shelter these individuals.

The Shelter Committee begins in October assigning hosts and preparing a calendar. In November we begin to schedule those willing to prepare a meal for our guests. Brian Mitchell provides boxes and boxes of paper products - plates, bowls, napkins, and cups. We use a huge amount of these items and this gift provided by Brian is a wonderful addition.

The hosts from church arrive about 7:30 to set up and make the coffee. The shelter staff arrives around 8:30 and the doors are opened at 9:00. Our guests arrive to a warm welcome by the hosts, a warm, safe place to be, and the smells of a home cooked meal. Dinner is usually served around 9:15. We have found this year that our guests, even if they have had a meal earlier in the evening, are hungry. We seldom have leftovers.

When we first began sheltering these individuals, we thought it would be a good idea to invite people to come in and visit with our guests in the evening when they arrived. We have realized, over the years, that by 9 PM the folks are tired and want to get settled in for the night. Being homeless is hard, tiresome work.

Usually after the meal is served, our guests pull out the mats, gather their bags, and prepare for bed. The hosts help to clean up after the meal and usually head home by 10:00. Each evening as we leave, wishing them a good night, we are met with "Thank you!" "God bless you" coming for the room.

It is an honor, a privilege, and a blessing to be involved in this ministry.

Faithfully,
Ginny Slichter

From Fr. Kline

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. [Psalm 37:7,9]



Dear Friends,

The hardest advice to follow out there in the woods is what to do when you get off course or lost. Go to a place where you're likely to be found — someplace high or open or well traveled — and wait. Stay put. Don't go wandering off. Stay still. Wait.

Many years ago, on a walk through the woods, father and son were separated on a path by a river. Out of sight for less than a minute, turned around by some confusing terrain, my son raced back home the way we had come. He was so panicked he could not hear me as I ran after him, calling to him. Poor old man! I couldn't keep up with him. In fact, I wasn't sure that he was ahead of me. And so I even thought of those times in public places when, after I had let my eye wander, I really was frantic looking for that wandering child.

Later back at the house, both of us flush with a combination of worry and irritation, he said, "I was only trying to find you, Daddy." And that's what I said, "I was only trying to find you, child." Why didn't you wait for me? So said the both of us.

Trust? Faith? Or is it really **Focus**. These instructions never make sense because they seem so risky, so counterintuitive, so dangerously passive. Often, however, they are the only course available to us. After all is said and done, they are a **rule** intended to insure the most reliable and positive outcome. If you wait, you will ultimately, finally, be found.

In a season of waiting — waiting for plans to be finalized, waiting for hearts to melt and minds to meet, waiting for God to show up in our lives, waiting for election our change to come, — there is often really nothing else to do.

Such a season is Advent. In Advent, we admit that we are not in control. We admit that we do not know what the best path is for our life, for our community. We admit that we need God to act. The wisdom of the season is to just try waiting, as a thought experiment, just for the heck of it, because God put it in the suggestion box.

Here's why. Sometimes it doesn't matter whether we are walking away from each other or walking in the same direction and not catching up. It doesn't matter whether it's described in absolute or relative terms. If someone doesn't stay still, there is no chance to meet the other on the path. Indeed, just on the surface, there are a million ways to pass as ships in the night. Consider how difficult it is when we are trying to go deeper, to find help in time of need, reconciliation in time of division.

I explained to my cold and bewildered son that he should have waited along the trail for me. The look on his face stays with me. It takes faith to believe what he has just been told. Wait. Sure. It can't be any worse than the terror of walking home alone, of not being able to find the right path. But still, you can't wait without faith. When the days darken and the path becomes obscure, it is only faith that gets us through.

Of course, waiting only makes sense if you make one very important assumption: that someone is looking for you. There is someone who is out to find you. This is it. This is what is going on underneath the surface. Do we really believe God is out there hunting us down? Do we know that he is winding his way down through the days and the years so that we'll never get away again? Before Jesus walked this earth we might not have known this. Now we cannot ignore it.

I urge you to wait then — to take this season of Advent to heart. I pray that you will be able to find a little time each day to take time apart, sabbatical moments, away from the crazy rush. Make sure just to sit in the presence of God. Make sure not to force any conclusions on yourself or others. Make time in each day to practice the awareness that you are walking and breathing and living by faith. Say to yourself: God is looking for me. Here I am Lord.

God is coming to us. It may take a time, two times and then a half a time. But in the end God shows. And when an angel's wing taps you on the shoulder and a baby is born in unlikely circumstances, you will be ready for the news. Because you have waited and not pretended to know everything that God has been up to, God will find you.

Wherever you are on the trail, receive the gift of Advent Faith this season.

Happy Advent!
Rev. Andy Kline†

New Year's for Christians?

Happy New Year! For Christians? Interesting thought. Shortly after the celebration of one of the major Christian festivals (with Easter and Pentecost) we have the celebration of what may be the least meaningful holiday of the year.



Think about it – what important event, principle, or person is New Year's associated with. No, it's not football. New Year's came first; football's association is an accident of college holiday breaks. Besides, since the NCAA instituted the College Football Playoffs, the big game isn't on New Year's any more.

We often say that we have our own New Year, the first Sunday in Advent, but we really tend to think of it (correctly) as the lead up to Christmas rather than as the start of a new year. The liturgical calendar restarts, but we don't even change the year number till January 1. If you look at printed or online liturgical calendars, they mostly start on Jan. 1. However, just to be perverse, the three-year rotation of readings starts Advent 1.

In fact, there is no particular reason, other than Julius Caesar's ego, for the year to start on 1 Jan. In much of the world, the start of a new year changes every year. How you decide depends on your definition of "year," whether its twelve lunar cycles or one solar cycle. The lunar year is far easier to track than the solar year as you don't need to care about the complex rules for leap years. However, a lunar calendar would mean that Christmas would rotate around the year, as do Chinese New Year and Ramadan. The Jewish calendar rotates, but every so often they add an extra month to get it back in sync. This is why Passover and Easter move around.

The first time that 1 Jan. was New Year was in 45

BC (or 46 depending on how you count,) when Julius Caesar promulgated the eponymous Julian calendar. He got the New Year to be 1 Jan. by adding some 80 days to 45 BC, making it 410 days long. It seems that he chose January because the Roman god Janus had two faces, looking both forward and backward.

Rome kept 1 Jan. as the start of the year, as did the Church, but hardly anyone else did, including many Catholic countries. For many, use of the Julian calendar did not include 1 Jan. as start of the new year. In fact, in the US (as a British colony) 1 January became the new year only in 1752. 1751 started on 25 March (Lady Day).

1 Jan. is not even listed as a Christian feast day, instead it is *The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, celebrating the circumcision of Jesus eight days after his birth, when he was formally given his name. For obscure reasons, the *Feast of the Circumcision* has the more sanitary title of *Feast of the Holy Name*, but they are the same feast.

We hold the Christmas season to be 12 days long in case you wondered about the song, ending at Epiphany, and the Feast of the Holy Name is an integral part of that. It celebrates the fullness of Christ becoming incarnate; not only does he become human, he also becomes part of the covenantal relationship with us and God. Unfortunately, it has become a hidden and ignored feast day, replaced by sports and partying to excess (check the highway fatality count).

Remembering January First as the Feast of the Holy Name puts together the completeness and the cost of God's incarnation as a Jewish boy. It reminds us that God **really** was here to be with us, as one of us. We lose something very important if we forget that.

Bob Gross, Rector's Warden

Ninetygenerians!

Here's to the recognition of three active parishioners who turned 90 or more in October: Eugene Pretnicki, Ralph Rhoads, and Ken Schaeffer. We celebrated before the Adult Forum with cake in their honor. Happy Birthday and many more!!!





FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

On the Homeless Ministry

The other night, I had the privilege of bringing my good friend Joshua to visit with me in helping with the Homeless Ministry at Christ Church.

At the Parish Hall, there were many hands there already waiting to serve our guests, and so we walked around speaking with people briefly and then sat around the piano and sang Christmas carols and hymns in a calm and soothing manner, to which many folks seemed to gravitate towards with gratitude.

Nearer 10pm, there was a knock at the rear door, down the hallway from the piano, and someone stuck their head in asking if this was the place where adults could find shelter?

I jumped up from the piano to answer, and found myself out in the parking lot assisting an elderly distraught woman from a car, to walk into the

building. Whoever had been driving her, stated that something had happened that day in her home, which necessitated her needing help to take care of this elderly woman. I am not sure what their familial relationship was, but did advise Kork about the situation and his team stepped in to help. My friend Joshua and I worked side by side the entire time, speaking with the people and offering encouragement. It truly was a great opportunity to work together, in the front lines of ministry and willingly show care to act right along with the need at hand.

My eyes are flooded with tears as I am realizing what a blessing it is to recount such an experience, as it just seems like a microcosm of the whole homeless ministry at Christ Church.

I encourage one and all to actively share a part in whatever way they are able in helping this mission continue at Christ Church.

Joseph Stalnaker
St. Matthew 5:8

Search Committee!

We are reviewing information from our current applicants! Committee members are Judy Shelly, Miriam Spade, Joseph Stalnaker, Dixie Andrus, Eddie Ofodile, Debby Metz, Lisa Baro and Stephanie Laidig. Please pray for us as we continue the discernment process.

As always, we study a scripture passage and pray together.

Stephanie Laidig

*Even en route to lunch,
the Search Committee
kept their eyes peeled...*



Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday, 24 Dec. Advent IV and Christmas Eve

9:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Advent IV)

10:30 am until: Greening of the Church

5:00 pm: Holy Eucharist (Nativity of Our Lord I)

10:30 pm: Carols

11:00 pm - Holy Eucharist (Nativity of Our Lord II)

Monday, 25 Dec. Christmas Day

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist (Nativity of Our Lord III)



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.

**LET US NOMINATE YOU TO SERVE
ON THE VESTRY THEY SAID**



The Vestry is the elected body of lay members who provide the ongoing leadership and decision-making processes of Christ Church. There are twelve 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 be willing to serve. Nominees are named before the Annual Meeting by a nominating committee composed, traditionally, of the outgoing current Vestry members, and may also be nominated by anyone ahead of time, or 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.

Alpha News



What is Alpha?

Alpha creates an environment of hospitality where people can bring their friends, family and work colleagues to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends to have a meal, hear a short teaching talk, and have an opportunity to explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful way.

Christ Church just completed our latest 11-week Alpha program, with 16 “graduates”, including seven members of our Latino parish family! We met each Tuesday evening, and one Saturday, starting with a meal, provided by many of our generous parishioners. We laughed each night at corny jokes expertly delivered by our Master of Ceremonies, Walt Woessner. We sang worship songs organized and led by Joseph Stalnaker, with Shirley Dietz accompanying on piano. We learned about many aspects of the Christian faith via 30-minute videos, shown in both English and Spanish (with headphones). We discussed the topics presented, asked tough questions, and lovingly listened to and supported one another as we shared concerns and experiences. The Holy Spirit was with us each time we gathered, and led us as we developed lasting friendships and deepened our relationships with Jesus Christ.

It was a wonderfully successful program, and we will repeat it again in 2018, although the start date has not yet been determined. Watch for an announcement for a celebration dinner in January, when we will celebrate the completion of the program with our latest graduates, and provide a preview of the course for those who would like to consider joining in on the next program.

Find relief from the pressures of today's trying lifestyle. Find Peace like you've never known. Find or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who loves you more than you can imagine.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in Alpha, please contact Olin Mittan (omittan1@gmail.com) and let me know what days and times would work for you. We planned the last program based on the timing needs of those who wanted to attend. We'll do our best to make the program available to you too.



Vestry Doings

1. Per PECUSA and IRS rules, we designated 25% of the Interim Rector's salary as housing allowance.
2. We revised the By-Laws as published on our website earlier. This clarifies the legal position of the Accounting Warden, allows the Accounting Warden to manage online financial access, and clarifies the

- position of Bookkeeper as we now have one who is not a member of the corporation.
3. Discussed and approved the definition and mission of the Advocacy and Mission Committee.

Some Thoughts on Service to God via Vestry Participation

My first 3-year term on Vestry came to an end last February. Each year the Vestry is challenged with finding at least 4, and preferably more, parishioners to run for Vestry, to replace the 4 who are leaving. Usually one or two brave souls volunteer, and others must be “encouraged”.

I did not run for Vestry the first time I was asked. I had only found Christ the year before, and did not feel spiritually qualified. The next year I was one who had to be repeatedly encouraged to run. I even told a quite a few people, “please don’t vote for me”. I put my faith in God, hoping that He really didn’t want me to win the election, but accepting that if He did, then I would do the best I could. Those three years were very educational. I learned some things that I wasn’t sure I really wanted to know. There were some frustrating times, but more times of joy and recognition that the Holy Spirit was present and working among us. I also had times when, due to work responsibilities, I had to back away from Vestry service, but the other vestry members and Priest-In-Charge were very supportive, which was humbling.

Now that I can look back on my Vestry term, I am glad and grateful that I had that experience and opportunity to serve our Lord, and our parish. My relationship with Christ has continued to grow, and I feel honored that I was able to contribute in some

way to the workings and growth of our church.

So what I want to say to you is, pray on the idea of running for Vestry. Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to your heart. Vestry participation is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and your parish in a powerful way. If you’ve never run, or if you have served before, offer yourself in service to God by throwing your hat in the ring. Only 4 will be chosen, so the more people who run, the better your chances of not being chosen. That sounds a bit negative, but by offering God many to choose from, we give Him more power to choose those who will best carry out His plans for us. If only 4 people run, we give Him no choice, and may be forcing Him to work harder to ensure his plans are executed. Let’s make it easier for Him. Offer your service to Him for Vestry! If you’re chosen, rejoice that He chose you over others to serve Him in this way. If you’re not chosen, rejoice that He is not ready to use you in this way, but has a different service in mind for you to undertake for Him.

If you are one who has served previously, whether your experience was grand, or not so grand, do not look to the past for your motivation. Look to the future, and offer yourself again and again to serve in this manner, and allow Him to decide when and how you may be of service to Him.

His humble servant, and yours,
Olin Mittan



OUR GANG

Our Gang stepped out this month to Steel River Playhouse to see *Christmas Carol the Musical*. We had a record number of 34 people who attended all who gave the show raving reviews. The group completed this delightful experience with dinner afterwards at Cutillos Restaurant.

In 2018 we are going into our 4th year of bringing social experiences to our seniors which, by the way, we don’t have a minimum age. Most of our events are open to all adults in the parish. We’ll be setting up a new calendar for 2018 so let us know what you would like to do.

Coordinators are Barbara Ackerman, Early Service and Susan Rhoads, Later Service

Merry Christmas to All, Barbara and Susan



Advent Quiet Day

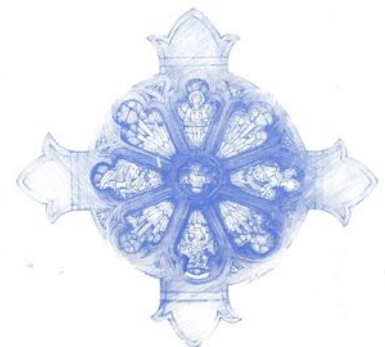
The Daughters of the King held their Advent Quiet Day on December 2, led by Candace Woessner and Judy Shelly. The meditations included a set of prayer stations similar to Stations of the Cross, and making prayer beads.



Stations



DON'T Watch !!!



FOOD !!!

GLUE !!!



Blessing of the Mural

On Saturday, December 9, the Pottstown Mural in

celebration of local Latino Culture was unveiled and blessed. It's located at the corner of Beech and Grant. The mural was created by the Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos (CCLU) with the support of Christ Church, and blessed by Rev. William Rex.



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

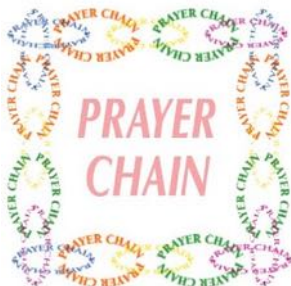


Prayer Chain

We need you on the Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is a voluntary email set in motion as soon as a request is received. The request goes out to a large number of people from Christ Church who have signed up to receive prayer chain requests.

Prayer chains get their name from the idea of a phone chain or phone tree. The advent of e-mail and other forms of messaging has caused us to adopt an easier method of an e-mail chain.

You can ask for prayers for whatever you need. Some people ask for guidance, others ask for healing for an ailing loved one. At Christ Church, we believe the prayer chain is another way to be of service to others and fulfill one of our core values experiencing God's love and grace. To join, send an email to Stephanie Laidig, stephanielaidig@aol.com.



Effortless Fundraising

We continue to offer two ongoing fundraisers - the **Giant Gift Cards** and **Redner's Receipt Program**. The purchase of Giant Gift Cards has dwindled over the past year and we are at risk of losing this opportunity. Please note that even if you do not do your grocery shopping at Giant, the gift cards can be used to purchase their gas. We receive 5% return on the Giant Gift Cards. For Redner's shoppers, remember to place your receipts in the box outside the ladies choir room and we will receive 1% back on the purchases. Goodness knows, everyone at Christ Church loves to celebrate with food so let's capitalize on these opportunities!

Thanks to Erma Magee, Debby Metz, and Jean Davidheiser for their commitment to these programs.



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Nursery Help Needed

Due to the departure of Linda Nabozny to accept a full-time job, we are in need of added nursery help. For the time being we are looking for volunteers. We would like more than one volunteer to rotate duties. Please contact Georgine Takach if you are willing to help.



HELP NEEDED!!!

We need a Car Show sales director for next year. Please contact the office, Keith Bricker or Bob Gross.

We need someone to manage the annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. Please contact the office, or Bob Gross.

Useful Links

Affirming Catholicism

www.affirmingcatholicism.org.uk

Alpha www.alphausa.org

Anglican Communion

www.anglicancommunion.org/

Anglican Communion News Service

www.anglicannews.org/

Anglicans Online anglicansonline.org

Anglicans Online USA anglicansonline.org/usa

Bible Gateway www.biblegateway.com/

Bishop's Bible Challenge

www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/

Christ Church, Pottstown

www.christpottstown.org

Church of England www.churchofengland.org

Daily Prayer and Worship Resources Online

oremus.org/index.html

Diocese of PA www.diopa.org

Diocese of PA Parish Events

www.diopa.org/parish-events

Episcopal Church Foundation

www.episcopalfoundation.org/

Episcopal Church in the US

www.episcopalchurch.org/

Episcopal News Service

episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens

Episcopal Questions and Answers

stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-andvisitors/episcopal-q-a/

Generous Orthodoxy www.generousorthodoxy.org/

Glossaries www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary
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Habitat for Humanity www.habitatmontco.org/

Liturgical Calendar

www.lectionarypage.net

Online Book of Common Prayer

www.bcponline.org/

Oremus (Liturgical resources) <http://www.oremus.org/>

Project Canterbury (Anglican History)

anglicanhistory.org

SAMS—Society of Anglican Missionaries and Sender www.sams-usa.org

Society of Archbishop Justus (Anglican information and documents)

justus.anglican.org

SPCK—Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge spckusa.org/

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

Rookie Anglican www.anglicanpastor.com

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