

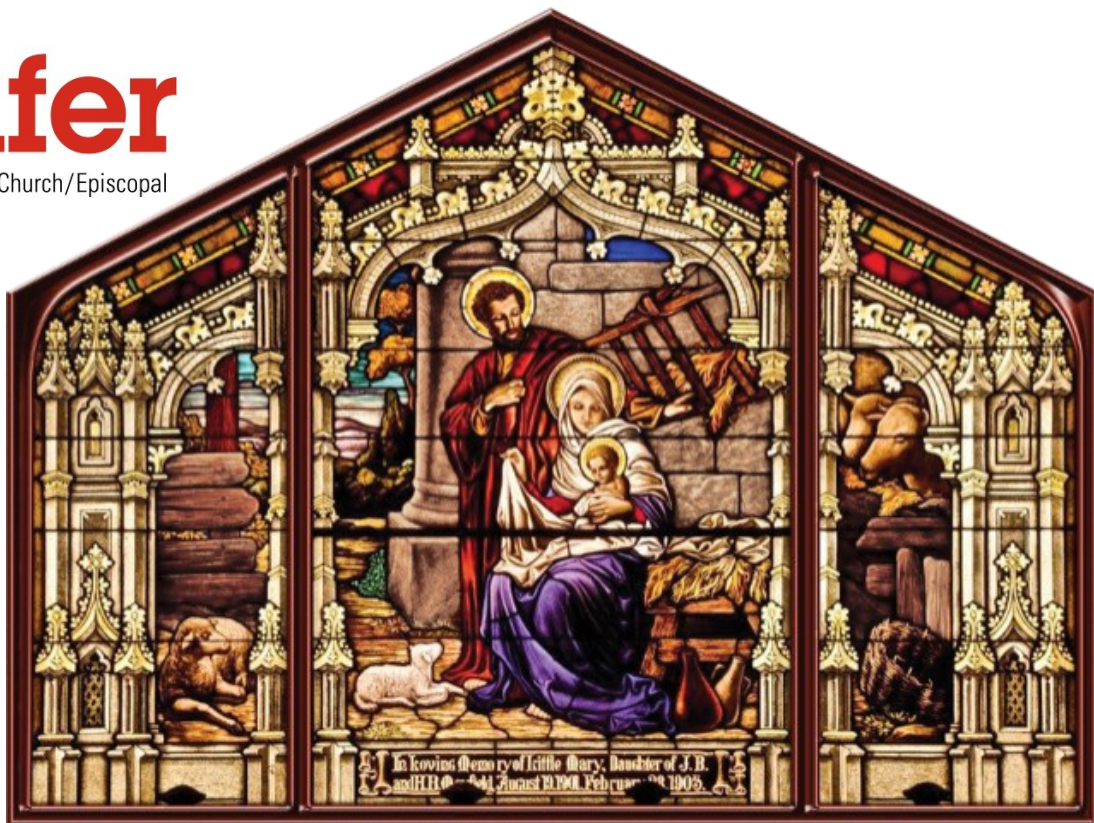
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From the Rector:

*Some of us stay at the cross, some of us wait at the tomb,
Quickened and raised with Christ yet lingering still in the gloom.
Some of us 'bide at the Passover feast with Pentecost all unknown,
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place that our Lord has made His own.
If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross, His work had been incomplete.
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb, He had only known defeat,
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross and the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious grace in the heavenly place where the risen Lord has gone. ~Annie Johnson Flint*

Easter tide is here! This essential, fifty-day season in which we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ is a time to celebrate, to rejoice, and to give thanks to the Lord.

Not because life is supernaturally sorted out over these fifty days. The challenges of the pandemic remain, in part, in our community. But in Eastertide, we remember that Jesus conquered death for us. We recall that whatever obstacles we encounter, we can, as Paul writes to the Philippians, 'do all things through Christ who strengthens us'. And we delight that, by God's grace, as more and more of our community is vaccinated, the pandemic's reign is waning.

Christ Church is re-opening this Eastertide. Sunday school has re-started. The Golf tournament, the Crawfish Boil, Choral Evensong, and more – after an extended hiatus, all are beginning anew.

Like never before, observe Eastertide as a festive season. Come to church. Plant flowers. Open the blinds. Enjoy lovely Tyler. Worship the Risen Lord. And lift your voice with all the Church throughout the world who shout our Eastertide acclaim – **'The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**

Faithfully yours in Christ,

David +



The vision of Christ Church is to be recognized as a joyful, spirit-filled community of apostles reaching out and transforming lives for Christ.

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty / Associate Rector of Christian Formation

As I write this article, the date is April 12, 2021, yesterday was the Second Sunday of Easter. 109 years ago on April 14, the Second Sunday of Easter, 1912, the world's largest ship, the Titanic was well into its maiden voyage across the Atlantic from Belfast to New York. On board was a Roman Catholic priest named Thomas Byles. Fr. Byles was a frail man who suffered from various forms of illness including what he termed "breakdowns and fits." Fr. Byles was traveling to New York to officiate at his brother's wedding.

On the morning of that Eastertide Sunday, Father Byles held the Catholic mass with second class passengers in their lounge and afterwards with the third-class passengers for whom Fr Byles delivered a sermon in English and

French. According to newspaper accounts he preached on the need to have a *"lifeboat in the shape of religious consolation at hand in case of spiritual shipwreck"*.

At 11:40 PM on that Sunday evening 109 years ago, the world's largest ship, the Titanic, struck an iceberg 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland. Father Byles was on an upper deck saying his evening prayers. The priest hurried immediately down to the third-class area on the lower decks of the ship. Water was rushing in from several gashes in the hull of the ship. By the time he got down to the lower decks, there were already many casualties.



As the ship was sinking, there was mass confusion as women and children were being loaded into lifeboats. According to witnesses, as the ship went down, Father Byles helped women and children get into the lifeboats, then heard confessions, gave absolution, and led passengers in prayer. He twice refused the offer of a place in a lifeboat saying that his duty was to stay on the ship as long as there was one soul in need of his ministry. One of the survivors said that as the great ship sank, Father Byles stood on the deck praying with Catholics, Protestants, and Jews kneeling around him.

Here is the collect for the Second Sunday of Easter: *Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.* This story of a frail priest brings new meaning to this collect. What Fr. Byles demonstrated in his life, later on, inspired many in their faith. Hopefully, that includes you and me.

Blessings in Christ,

Ted+

**FYI: There is a TITANIC
interactive exhibit at the
Tyler Library through
April 30th.**

music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

*Thank you for those that gave to help underwrite the Easter Music.
It helped to make a wonder celebration of the empty tomb!*

THE SEASON OF EASTER

- This is the center of the church's year! It is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that lies at the center of Christian faith.
- Easter Sunday is the greatest day of the church year. It is called the "Queen of Seasons".
- The fortieth day after Easter is called Ascension Day where Jesus was carried up to heaven.
- Now Jesus is recognized as Christ or King, ruler of all and mediator before God's throne.
- The name Easter comes from an Anglo-Saxon word. It is probably derived from the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess Oestre, whose feast day came in the spring.



Save the date

Choral Evensong

Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021
6:00 pm

In the Nave



CRAWFISH BOIL

Saturday, April 24th
about 6:00pm after **THE BACK PORCH**

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy.



Every Senior should have received a packet to fill out for consideration of the ECW scholarship. If you did not receive the information please contact the church office.

Deadline April 30.



VBS 2021 online Registration is now open!

All Saints Episcopal School
June 21-25 / 9am - 12pm
Children 4k-4th grade
Older children are encouraged to volunteer.

Register Online at
www.christchurchtyler.org
Space is limited

Annual Bob Rowlett Golf Tournament

May 7, 2021

12:00 Lunch / 1:00 Shotgun Start

Pine Springs Golf Club 5630 CR 334 / Tyler, 75708
4 man best ball scramble

\$75/person— includes lunch, range balls, green fee, cart & a chance to win various prizes, \$100 Hole Sponsorships.

For more information or to register contact
Jerry Sanders at 903.521.0269 or Tina McGee at tmcgee@christchurchtyler.org



thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Chesley, Drew, Virginia G., Betsey, Evans, Chad, Karen, Christy, Shelly, Lauren, Terri, Paul, Amanda, Jerry, S.C., Tommy, Lucy, Larry, Tom, Kenzie, Paxton, Cynthia, Martha, Joanna, Katie, Randy, Nita, Stephanie, Christi, Roland, Kim, Carolyn, Charles, Gabriel, Elijah, Everett, Tucker, Kim, Toby, Chuck, Susan, Betty, John, Nadine, Linda, Peggy, Rob, Cathy, Caitlin, Marjorie, Bob, Julie, Matthew, Ruthie, Pete, Shirley, Gil, Mark, Brian, Bob, Jason, Mimi, Phil, Carl, Marie, Ann, Mary, Len, Kathy, John, Jayne, James, Lynne, Hudson, Steve, John, Charles, Caroline, Jim, Christian, Stacy, Frank, Phil, Gene, Beverly, Betty, Alice, Randy, Sarah, Larry, Robin, BD, James, Nancy, Keighley, Wayne, David, Keith, Pam, Lauren, Yvonne, Marc, Greg, Paul, Dale, Bernice, Hal, Jessica, Carey, Chesa, Dalton, Mike, Kirby, Austin, Eleanor, Chris, Betty, Bob, Kelly, Suzannah, Padre Miguel & family, Grady, Julie, Jeff, Michelle, Ray, Chandler, Jessica, Kathy, Angela, Anne

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Biharamulo (Tanzania)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Colombia & Colorado*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Bartholomew's Church—Hempstead & St. Matthew's Episcopal Church—Henderson*

The Prayer List will be reset as of Sunday, May 23, the Day of Pentecost.

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

4/1 **Jonah Maness**, 4/3 **George Hodges**, 4/7 **Reagan Cassity**,
4/12 **Aubrey Henninger**, 4/16 **Lauren Thomas**, 4/18 **GiGi Mercer**,
4/21 **Anna Ward**, 4/22 **Cole Phillips**, 4/24 **Isabella Dickerson**,
4/25 **August Henninger**, 4/26 **Michaela Garvey**

Newly Baptized:

Congratulations to ...

Lindsey & Chad Ingram for the baptism of their daughter **Emilia Cait**,
Erin & Jason Scott for the baptism of their son **Harrison Wayne**, and
Betty & Matthew Young for the baptism of their daughter **Zoe Elizabeth**
April 10, 2021 at The Back Porch service at Christ Church South.

&

James & Virginia Clark for the baptism of their daughter **Caroline Elizabeth**
(granddaughter of Caroline Wylie), and
Barrett & Kathryn Wheeler for the baptism of their daughter **Caroline Marie**
(granddaughter of Peggy & Bill Brelsford)
April 10, 2021 in the Nave, Downtown.



TYLER STREET TEAM tylerstreetteam.org

Thanks be to God for Cally Finney & the Tyler Street Team!

Interested in learning more? ... in praying for this ministry? ... in volunteering?

Contact **Cally** at info@tylerstreetteam.org or **Lynne Bordeaux** at (512) 608-2171

(see Fr. Ted's article in the Crucifer dated 3/17/2021)

In-person Opportunities



An email & text will be sent with the link to RSVP for **Sunday Services**, Monday mornings at 9:00am, reservations will stay open until the service is at capacity or until noon on Friday.

There is also a link on the website, to RSVP, or you can call the Parish Secretary, Paula Harrison at 903.597.9854.



Christ Church clergy will lead an Adult Christian Formation Bible study titled ***The Resurrection Life: Hope during Difficult Times***. Please join us for Adult Christian Formation at 10:00 AM on Sundays, at Christ Church Downtown on the fourth floor. As a matter of interest, the elevator is working.

Anglicanism 101

Designed for people new to Christ Church, you are invited to join us Sunday April 11 - May 2, from 10:15-10:45 at both campuses.

Please join us! Membership in our church is two-fold. Everyone is welcome to participate in the life of Christ Church. *To be able to vote for church leaders, called the vestry, at the annual parish meeting, you need to be confirmed by a bishop in our church.* Bishop Fisher will join us at 11:00 on Sunday May 9 to confirm new members of Christ Church. This class will also serve as a confirmation preparation class for adults who desire to be confirmed in May.

Virtual Opportunities still Available:



youtube.com/christchurchtyler

SUNDAYS

9:00am Christ Church South *live* on Facebook and YouTube
11:00am Worship from the Nave available



Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle

Bishop of the Diocese of Texas

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

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Office Assistant & Housekeeper

Mr. Anthony Moore

Sexton, Christ Church South

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Ms. Tamarian Britton, Ms. Elizabeth Haan

Nursery

The Vestry

Mr. Tim Alexander

Treasurer

Mr. Peter Boyd

Asst. Treasurer

Mr. Travis Albea

Class of 2021

Mr. Clyde Beaty

Class of 2021

Mrs. Susan Bracken

Class of 2021

Mr. Rodney Schroeder

Class of 2021

Mr. Ted Walters, Senior Warden

Class of 2021

Mrs. Lou Ann Berman

Class of 2022

Mr. Steve Hardy

Class of 2022

Mrs. Christi Khalaf, Clerk

Class of 2022

Mr. John Owen, Jr. Warden CCD

Class of 2022

Mr. Tim Quinn, Jr. Warden CCS

Class of 2022

Mr. Stephen Bentley

Class of 2023

Mr. Mark Burton

Class of 2023

Mr. Jerry Sanders

Class of 2023

Mrs. Terri Squyres

Class of 2023

Mr. Bob Westbrook

Class of 2023

Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,
you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector,
at 903-279-8777, The Rev. Matt Boulter, 903-944-8494,
The Rev. Ted Welty, 903-714-7052 or
The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.
*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.*

Scripture Readings for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, April 18 - The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 or Micah 4:1-5,

Psalm 98

1 John 1:1--2:2

Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 25- The 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: [23-31] 32-37 or Ezekiel 34:1-10

Psalm 23 or Psalm 100

1 John 3:1-8

John 10:11-16

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm	CCS: The Back Porch <i>an outdoor service for kids & families</i>
Sunday	7:30 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite I</i>
	9:00 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite II</i> {live-streamed on Facebook & YT}
	9:00 am	CCS: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite II</i>
	11:00 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite I</i>
	11:00 am	<i>Virtual</i> Worship from the Nave youtube.com/christchurchtyler
	11:05 am	CCS: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite II</i>

***Reservations must be made for each service.
Find link on the website or contact the church office.***

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CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)
CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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