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From the Rector:

“Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.” *Song of Solomon 2.12*

It seems that the last gasps of a long, hard winter, have ended. The flowers are budding. The pollen is falling. And the sun, once again, is shining bright over East Texas.

We are hopeful that, as the spring has come to Tyler, the COVID winter is fading and a renewed future lies just before us. We cannot know what public health challenges the coming weeks will bring, but as the vaccinations continue in Smith County, by the grace of God, many Christ Church ministries continue to re-emerge from a dormant season.

This last weekend, we enjoyed a wonderful Saturday afternoon of worship at The Back Porch and great fellowship at the Crawfish Boil.

Our children are signing up and adults are preparing for Vacation Bible School!

This coming weekend, mothers (*of school aged children 6 & under*) will gather for the Mom's Tea at Carr Hall. The following weekend, we will renew the annual Bob Rowlett Memorial Golf Tournament, and Bishop Fisher will confirm a score of youth and adults in the nave as members of Christ's One, Holy Church.

We continue to do what we must to protect people in church against sickness. And we are thrilled to be gathering together, more and more, for worship, faith formation, fellowship, and Christian service.

By God's grace, once again the flowers are blooming. Come join the fun at Christ Church!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

David H



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. Dr. Matt Boulter / *Associate Rector*

In 2011 long before anyone had ever heard of “COVID-19” or the “Coronavirus,” about 75 folks (plus lots of kiddos) gathered on a Saturday night at the Boulter home (named by Boulter as “the Hollows”) for the first annual Christ Church Crawfish Boil. Planned as a way to build community and foster fellowship within and around the Epiphany Community (a new worship service launched on the 4th floor of the Grelling-Spence Building in downtown Tyler), it was truly a smashing success. Many, many young couples as well as single folks said, “We didn’t know that church or Christian community could be like this.”

True, it was loads of fun. It was also lots of work! I vividly remember scrubbing down coolers and pots on Sunday morning (three or four years in a row), right before “booking it” to the church to perform Sunday services! Hence, Mrs. Boulter was grateful indeed when the location of the annual event was moved to the verdant fields of Christ Church South (and, hence, so was her husband)!

Back then, how could we have known how God would use the Crawfish Boil in 2021—as part of a “reopening strategy” to gather the saints back together after months on end of isolation? Indeed, that seems to be its purpose this year, one of five big events scheduled to take place immediately after the Back Porch Service, our family-friendly worship gathering in the Clements Amphitheater.

What a wonderful night it was! Scores and scores of faces I’d not seen for months, plus lots and lots of new faces. It’s funny how the swift and sundry changes of the world do not go on hiatus during a pandemic! Certainly, many folks have done something of a “pandemic move,” and so it was great to be with lots of new Christchurchers! Just as encouraging, though, was all the “bonafide newcomers,” and how our people invited friends to the event. A healthy church is an invitational church, and so that was a strong sign of continued vitality and life. Again, lots of comments were heard along the lines of, “Wow! I did not know Christians could have this much fun!” Thanks be to God!

And not just to God! Without the help of many many saints, the Boil would not have been a success. Deepest thanks are due to:

- **Mr. Tony Patterson**, the “Crawfish King of East Texas,” who pulled off, yet again, a truly remarkable culinary feat! (This year, once again, the tastiest batches were to later ones: tastier because spicier!) Special “shout out” to **Travis Albea**, who was at Tony’s right hand last Saturday for hours on end!
- **The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew**, led by **Mr. Hal Meyer**. Wow! Such a great job of managing the hot dogs & fixins, drinks, etc.—all in a “pandemically safe” way!
- **Laura Zeiher & Julie Hicks**, who, once again, led the effort to welcome (and register) folks to the event, with a special eye out for newcomers and visitors.
- My “Pavilion Crew Team” for the event: **Ben Crawford, Craig Dickey, Mark McGee,** and **Joel Nolen**. They did a great job!

In some ways, the Crawfish Boil is the highlight of my year. At no other event is the Body of Christ on full display, in all of its love, all of its joy, and all of its beauty!



music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*



Save the date

Choral Evensong

Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021

6:00 pm in the Nave

Music will include:

O Gracious Light VICTOR JUDSON SCHRAMM

Preces & Responses ROBERT J. POWELL

Psalm 104:25-37 EDWARD CUTHBERT BAIRSTOW

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in D CHARLES WOOD

Anthem: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me* EDWARD ELGAR

Jeffrey Ford *conductor* | Dr. Ian Aipperspach *organist*

Holly Marsh *soprano* | Candice Aipperspach *alto*

Chris Raney *tenor* | Jerry Bieritz *bass*

THE MAGILLS



In concert after The Back Porch
@ CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
Saturday, May 15 about 6:00pm



Matt and Megan Magill met on the stage in 1998 and have been at home together there ever since. They were married in 2001 and moved to New York City to pursue careers in music and theater. Having relocated to Tyler, TX in 2010, Matt and Megan now regularly perform around Texas and occasionally far beyond.

"People are often struck by our transparency wondering how we're able to be who we are on a stage in front of others. My answer is that we're full of faults and full of grace. Learning to live in the tension between who we are and who we are becoming has characterized our life and art together for years now."

- Matt Magill

children's ministry

Tina McGee/ Director of Children's Ministries



Joey found the golden egg and won the grand prize of a very cute chocolate bunny with very large ears!

Congratulations Joey!!

Children and Youth, Kindergarten to 8th grade, are having fun together on Sunday Mornings during the Christian Education hour. Activities and lessons help them to grow in their relationship with Christ and each other. Here are a couple pictures of last week's fun! If your child would like to participate, meet Ms. Tina in the Guild Hall at 10:00.



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

Adult and Youth volunteers are needed for both VBS locations.

You can register for both of these at www.christchurchtyler.org.

Promise Academy

June 28 - July 2 / 8:30-12

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, Chris, Bob, Kelly, Suzannah, Padre Miguel & family, Grady, Julie, Jeff, Michelle, Ray, Chandler, Jessica, Kathy, Angela, Anne, Sandy, Tolly, Sherrill, Joe, Robin, Jim

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Brechin (Scotland)*

The Episcopal Church: *Diocese of Connecticut & The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe*

Diocese of Texas: *All Saints Episcopal Church—Hitchcock & St. Matthew's Episcopal Church—Houston*

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!

4/28 **Jane Clare Comte**, 4/29 **Winifred Harbold**, 5/7 **Eleanor Albea**,
5/7 **Jack Bergfeld**, 5/8 **Vivian Willis**, 5/9 **Kylie Dorr**, 5/11 **Chesley Breen**,
5/11 **Jake Vaughn**

Newly Baptized:

Congratulations to ...

Ivy & Jason McMillin for the baptism of their daughter **Blake Elizabeth**,
April 25, 2021 in the Nave, Downtown.

Rachel & Jason Eslicker for the baptism of their daughter **Emma Jane**,
April 24, 2021 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, NC



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](https://www.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

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The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

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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, May 2nd - The 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 or Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Psalm 66:1-11

1 John 3:[14-17] 18-24 or Acts 8:26-40

John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 9th- The 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:19-30 or Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-19

Psalm 33

1 John 4:7-21 or Acts 11:19-30

John 15:9-17

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 Rite I
	9:00 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist Rite II <i>{live-streamed on Facebook & YT}</i>
	9:00 am	CCS: The Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist Rite I
	11:00 am	<i>Virtual Worship from the Nave</i> youtube.com/christchurchtyler
	11:05 am	CCS: The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Reservations must be made for each service.

Find link on the website or contact the church office.

CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

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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