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From the Rector:

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Romans 12.6-8

Some time back, I read that bees have much to teach us about teamwork.

On a warm day about half the bees in a hive stay inside beating their wings while the other half go out to gather pollen and nectar. Because of the beating wings, the temperature inside the hive is about 10 degrees cooler than outside. The bees rotate duties and the bees that cool the hive one day are honey gatherers the next.

Christ Church is a community of families who worship, serve, study, fellowship and grow in faith together. We are all blessed by the ministries of our friends in the church. Some prepare the Lord's Table, some welcome folks into the Great Hall. Some serve the hungry on Thursday evening, others teach our children about the love of Jesus.

We are hopeful that, while we are presently walking through a storm in Smith County, it will, by God's grace, abate over the coming weeks. Next month, we will begin a new chapter in the life of Christ Church.

On **Gear Up Sunday**, September 12, we will celebrate the end of summer and begin the autumn season. New Sunday school classes, mid-week Bible studies, and neighborhood groups will begin. Children and Youth will begin a new year of faith formation and EYC Youth Group.

God has blessed everyone with gifts for ministry. As it is written in Romans 12, I invite you to 'exercise them accordingly.' Join a neighborhood group or supper club this fall. Participate in a Sunday school class or serve the needy at Loaves and Fishes. Help us to disciple our teenagers.

Even in the midst of the storm, God calls and equips all believers to worship, service, study, pray, and grow. Let's Gear Up and get to work!

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,



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*

Running through the Tough Times (*as a Priest*)

When I was in seminary (the second time, as an Episcopalian, not the first time, as a Presbyterian) a wise priest counseled us students: “You will find it quite helpful in your ministry always to have three important relationships: one with a therapist, one with a confessor, and one with a spiritual director.”

Strong words. Words which, received with mild skepticism back then, I embrace and affirm today. Nevertheless, I have not always lived up to them, for rarely over my two decades of ordained ministry have I had relationships with all three types of counselor at the same time.

What I *have* had during the past two decades (and before) is the gift of running.

While I doubt that I have another marathon in me, and while the Texas summer months always threaten to derail me (I admit it), running remains a lifeline for me. This is true in general, but it has been more especially true lately, over the past year-and-a-half (ish).

Is it just me, or have the last eighteen months or so seen a level of anxiety previously unknown? Granted, the pandemic is not World War II or the Great Depression, but there’s no doubt that it has brought with it a kind of malaise and dread which even those previous trials did not exude.

During it all (I include not the pandemic in isolation, but the multitude of effects it has wrought) I have run.

For me running is not a form of exercise; it’s a way of being present with myself.

Running is like contemplative prayer. Nay, it *is* contemplative prayer. In it I come face to face with my fears, my anxieties, my guilt, my obsessions, my sins, my worries.

Just as in contemplative prayer, on my runs, I’m confronted with all of these “enemies” (to use the language of the Psalms, for example, in Ps 59:1). They just “pop up” in my head and heart, accusing me, tormenting me. It’s quite a problem, in the heat of the moment. Our secular world’s solution? Distraction (usually by way of entertainment or social media) or escape (often through drugs or alcohol, or, less destructively, medication).

But for beings who would be spiritual, there is a better way.

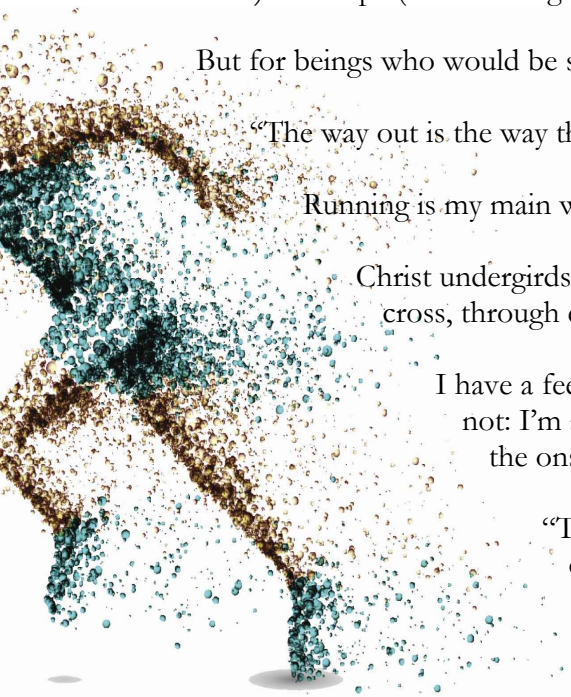
“The way out is the way through,” says the old Buddhist maxim.

Running is my main way of “going through.” Through the pain, through the fear, through the anxiety.

Christ undergirds this image, for his “way out” was the ultimate “way through.” Through the cross, through death, to indestructible life.

I have a feeling that, in my struggles with anxiety, I am not alone. (Indeed, I *know* that I’m not: I’m a pastor, and I know my sheep!) What are *your* ways of coping, of dealing with the onslaught, especially during the pandemic? I’d sincerely like to know. (Email me!)

“The way out is the way through.” Thanks be to God for the “throughness” of the cross!



music at Christ Church
Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist

SUMMER MUSIC at
Christ Church
Downtown

Music is anything but dull during the summertime!

August 15, 2021

10:00 Eucharist

Sue Bugg & Karina McBrayer, duo flutists

August 22, 2021

10:00 Eucharist

Maggie Taliaferro, violin

August 29, 2021

10:00 Eucharist

Lori Smith, harp

Special thanks to Laurie Dowell for helping to keep all the robes (chancel choir, verger, and acolytes) clean.

The Chancel Choir will begin back for rehearsal on August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. downtown.

SAVE THE DATE!

GEAR UP

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 12, 2021

stay tuned for more info.



Each year Vacation Bible School chooses a non-profit organization to collect items for.

This year we chose the newly formed

Tyler Street Team

Children, Youth and Volunteers brought Tents, Flashlights, Socks, Personal Care bags, hand sanitizer, bug spray & money.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our collection campaign a success.



thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC, Nita, Stephanie, Christy, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy, Barbara, Lindsey, Emmi, James, Matthew, Sarah, Betsy, Nina, Steve Cindy, Gregg, Josiah, Savonnah, Marilyn, Julia, Anne

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin (Ghana)*

The Episcopal Church: *Episcopal Church of Micronesia & Episcopal News Service*

Diocese of Texas: *Church of the Holy Spirit—Houston & St. Andrews Episcopal Church—Houston*

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

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Marie Mohl,

mother of Bill Mohl

&

Robert E Rossman

father of Bryan Rossman

Congratulations

70 years
of Marriage

Lel & Melba Medford

July 29, 2021

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

8/9 **Annie Comte**, 8/12 **Sullivan Shilling**,
8/17 **Charlotte Mercer**, 8/23 **Eliza Dos Santos**,
8/23 **Katie Luckenbach**



Are you looking for a way to SERVE at Christ Church?

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

A religious order dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom through a lifelong program of prayer, service, and evangelism.

Contact: **George Ann Reed** at reedga@gmail.com

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes provides meals to the homeless, poor and working poor of Tyler. This ministry, established over twenty years ago, serves on average 75 meals each Thursday evening in the Undercroft. Four different teams of 8-10 Christ Church volunteers cook, serve, and clean every Thursday to provide this ministry.

Contact: **Jerry Head** at jehead@hotmail.com

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 15th | **Blessing of the Backpacks**
 10:00 am Downtown
 11:05 am South Campus

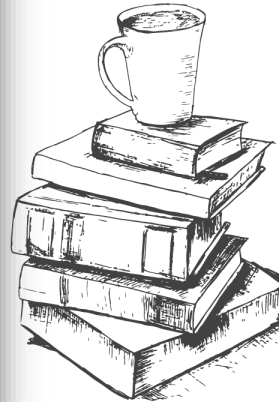
SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 12th | **Gear UP Sunday!**

Sunday, September 19th | **Services times return to normal**



Coming Soon... The return of **Wednesday morning small group** to Christ Church Downtown. Join us at 10 am September 15 for a get-together to discuss the coming year's activities. *Coffee & treats provided*



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ADOPT-A-NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Fr. David will be holding an informational meeting this Sunday the 15th at the South Campus.

Virtual Opportunities still Available:
 find links at www.christchurchtyler.org

SUNDAYS

10:00 am **Downtown from the Nave** *live on YouTube*

11:05am

Christ Church South *live on Facebook and YouTube*

CHRIST CHURCH GIFT SHOP [We are open again!]

The Gift Shop is a fundraiser for the Christ Church ECW and run by volunteers from the Terra Sancta Guild

Sundays 8:30 -12:30 & Tuesday & Thursdays 10-1 or at giftshop@christchurchtyler.org.

ADOPT A NEIGHBOR CHURCH PROGRAM

TYLER

Street Team



(903)-253-0301
www.tylerstreetteam.org



SUNDAY Youth Spiritual Formation
 study of THE GOSPEL OF MARK

join us...breakfast provided

DOWNTOWN: 9am @ 4th Floor

SOUTH: 10am @ The Cabin

Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle

Bishop of the Diocese of Texas

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Mr. Peter Boyd

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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, August 15

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 15

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 147 or Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:53-59

Sunday, August 22

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 16

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25

Psalm 16 or Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 5:21-33

John 6:60-69

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule

Summer Sunday *Schedule*

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

10:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *{live-streamed on YouTube}*

11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II {live-streamed on Facebook & YT}*

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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