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#### From the Rector:

"May God grant to the living, grace; To the departed, rest; To the Church & the World, peace and concord; And to us sinners, eternal life" Traditional Anglican Blessing

This prayer has been used by Anglican Christians since at least the reign of Elizabeth I. On occasion, we have used it as a blessing at the conclusion of worship services at Christ Church.

The Feast of All Saints is a special day.

Our culture remembers this day by dressing in costume and trick or treating. But for many centuries, the Church has gathered together on All Saints to remember the faithful departed.

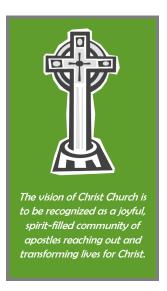
The venerable blessing inscribed on the walls of the greatest Anglican cathedrals in the world captures the heart of our hopes on All Saints – that God would bless us all – the living and the dead. And that by remembering the faithful departed, we are reminded of the precious gift of life, and are inspired to pursue a better world in their memory, to the glory of God.

We will observe the Feast of All Saints on Sunday October 31, thanking God for the lives and legacy of the faithful departed.

As the Delta wave fades, the weather begins to turn, the leaves fall away, and the sunshine wanes, may God grant you and yours grace, peace, and eternal life.

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Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,



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## from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty / Associate Rector of Christian Formation

#### For All the Saints:

This month in order to come up with an article that will keep you glued to the *Crucifer* and build you up, I thought about something dealing with current events: Afghanistan, Covid, vaccinations, masks, or the price of bacon. Thinking about all of this, I got very depressed but fortunately remembered today's Morning Prayer. *Be joyful in the Lord all you lands...* 

We all need to turn to something positive, and be joyful, and next on the Church Calendar is All Saints' Day, and you can't get any more positive than that. Recently, I came across a saint that had previously been unknown to me. This is from the October 1, 2021 *Wall Street Journal* article reporting the *Wichita Eagle* account of the events of Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Thousands came to Hartman Arena for his Mass of Christian Burial.

Many later lined Central Avenue in Wichita as his casket rolled past, drawn by a four-horse military honors caisson with a trailing horse and an empty saddle coming behind.

Hundreds of the people were Catholic schoolchildren, who knelt on the pavement and bricks, row after row of them, in the heat of the day, holding steady on those knees for a good 20 minutes. They looked upon him so that they will never forget...

All sorts lined the streets: Catholics and Protestants. People of faith, people who struggle with beliefs. Husbands and wives. Mothers with children... Now he has come home to rest, from the Hawaiian island of Oahu, where he lay in a grave marked "U.S. Unknown – Korea" for 63 years.

This man was Army chaplain Father Emil Kapuan whose remains were recently identified, but whose story became known in 2013 when he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Herbert Miller of Pulaski, New York, was about to be shot by a North Korean soldier in 1950 as Chinese forces entered the war and overwhelmed a much smaller group of American troops. Miller had been wounded in the leg, and could barely walk, much less trudge the nearly 100 miles to the prisoner of war camp where he and fellow soldiers were being marched. But as the soldier stood over him, with a gun aimed at his head, an Army chaplain "pushed that guy aside... picked me up and carried me" along the way. The Rev. Emil Kapaun, was a Catholic priest who stayed behind with the wounded, after members of his 1st Cavalry Division Army were forced to retreat from the blistering Battle of Unsan in November 1950. "He put me on his back," Miller recalled. "Without him, I would never be here."...

Father Kapaun rose to the occasion again when the Americans arrived at a communist prison. In the camps that winter, deep in a valley, men could freeze to death in their sleep. Father Kapaun offered them his own clothes. He somehow snuck past the guards, foraged in nearby fields, and returned with rice and potatoes. In desperation, some men hoarded food. He convinced them to share. They lived in filth. He washed their clothes and he cleansed their wounds.

The guards ridiculed his devotion to his Savior and the Almighty. They took his clothes and made him stand in the freezing cold for hours. Yet, he never lost his faith. If anything, it only grew stronger. At night, he slipped into huts to lead prisoners in prayer, saying the Rosary, administering the sacraments, offering three simple words: "God bless you." One of them later said that with his very presence he could just for a moment turn a mud hut into a cathedral. That spring, he went further -- he held an Easter service.

As the sun rose that Easter Sunday, he put on his purple stole and led dozens of prisoners to the ruins of an old church in the camp. And he read from a prayer missal that they had kept hidden. He held up a small crucifix that he had made from sticks. And as the guards watched, Father Kapaun and all those prisoners -- men of different faiths, perhaps some men of no faith -- sang the Lord's Prayer and "America the Beautiful." They sang so loud that other prisoners across the camp not only heard them, they joined in, too -- filling that valley with song and with prayer.

That faith -- that they might be delivered from evil, that they could make it home -- was perhaps the greatest gift to those men; that even amidst such hardship and despair, there could be hope; amid their misery in the temporal they could see those truths that are eternal; that even in such hell, there could be a touch of the divine. Looking back, one of them said that that is what "kept a lot of us alive."

When Fr. Kapaun began to suffer from the physical toll of his captivity, the Chinese transferred him to a filthy, unheated hospital where he died alone. As he was being carried to the hospital, he asked God's forgiveness for his captors, and made his fellow prisoners promise to keep their faith. Chaplain Kapaun died in captivity on May 23, 1951.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings in Christ, Ted+ The Crucifer October 20, 2021 Page 3

# parish administrator

Diana Keesey



Stewardship packets with commitment cards have been mailed. If you need one please contact Diana Keesey, Parish Administrator at dkeesey@christchurctyler.org. More information can be found at christchurchtyler.org/give.

Thank you for your support of the Lord's work through Christ Church in 2022.

## music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist

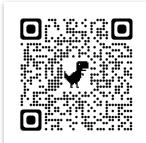


\*Avi began studying piano at the age of seven. Among his teachers were Ruth Slenczynska, the last living pupil of Rachmaninoff. He is a Dallas native and attended St. Mark's School of Texas, earned a B.A. in Neuroscience from Vanderbilt and an M.D. from UT Southwestern. After completing residency training at UT Southwestern, he completed fellowship training at Precision Spine Care in Tyler, under the guidance of the Dr. Aaron Calodney. He will be performing Rachmaninoff, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Chopin. Arrive early for a "sing" with Mary Helen Morris and Jeffrey Ford.





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# Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off

Sunday, October 24th 5:30-7:30

\$1/person (age 4+) \$25/family

Christ Church South | 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy



Enter the Chili Cook-off! Categories: HOTTEST. YANKEE. TEXAN \$25 entry fee

Wear your favorite costume and JuJubilee will complete your look with face painting!

Pumpkin Painting & Carving!

Our ministries are in need of loving volunteers to point children & youth to Christ, and our required class for volunteers, Safeguarding God's Children, is available November 7th. Please pray about being a part of shaping and guiding younger generations in the Truth - they need YOU!

# 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, Matthew, Sarah, Betsy, Nina, Steve Cindy, Gregg, Josiah, Marilyn, Julia, Anne, Maxwell, Alexa, Donald, Shelly, Kerry, Patsy, Diedre, Zoe, Gage, Francis, Brittni, Woody-Kaye, Rodgers Family, Paul, Lucy, Vickie, Gina, Betsy, Monalee, Katie, Patrick, Greg, Marie, Tommy, Debby, Sally, Lloyd, Kristi, Memphis, Greg, Vonice, James, The Mercer Family, Gregory, John, Diane

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Grafton (Australia), The Episcopal Church: Dioceses of Honduras & Idaho
Diocese of Texas: St. Paul's Episcopal Church—Houston & St. Stephen's 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

Rebecca Brown.

#### CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYSI

10/25 Brighton Lee, 10/26 Joseph Peveto, 11/1 Nash Bergfeld, 11/2 Cate Khalaf



# DINNER WITH THE RECTOR

NOV 6 @ 6:30PM SATURDAY

AFTERTHE BACK PORCH

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#### Congratulations for the birth of:

Sterling Elizabeth Doran

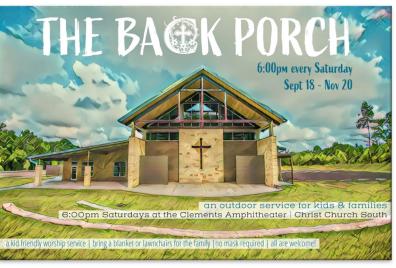
daughter of Allison & Mitchell Doran and granddaughter of Kathleen & Steve Hardy.

#### All Saints Day will be celebrated October 31.

• Prayer List for All Saints Sunday. If you would like to add a name to the list of the departed read during services on October 31, please scan the QR code or contact the church office by Tuesday, October 26.



• If interested in **BAPTISM**, please call the church 903.597.9854 or email office@christchurchtyler.org.



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#### SCHEDULE:

Sat, October 23

6:00pm | The Back Porch CCS Amphitheater

Sun, Oct 24

5:30pm | Fall Festival & Chili Cook-out CCS

Tues, Oct 26

8:00am | Men's Bible Study with the Rector CCD Parish Hall

Wed, Oct 27

7:15am | Wednesday Men's' Bible Study CCD Undercroft

10:00am | Wednesday morning small group

6:00-7:30pm | EYC

Thurs, Oct 28

10:30am | Women's Bible Study with the Rector CCD

6:00pm | Loaves & Fishes

Sat, Oct 30

6:00pm | The Back Porch CCS Amphitheater

Sun, Oct 31 All Saints Sunday

Commitment Sunday | Stewardship 2022 CCS

Sat, Nov 6

6:00pm | The Back Porch CCS Amphitheater followed by Newcomer Dinner with the Rector

Sun, Nov 7

6:00pm | Choral Evensong CCD

Sun, Nov 14

3:00pm | Afternoon of Music CCD

# ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES:

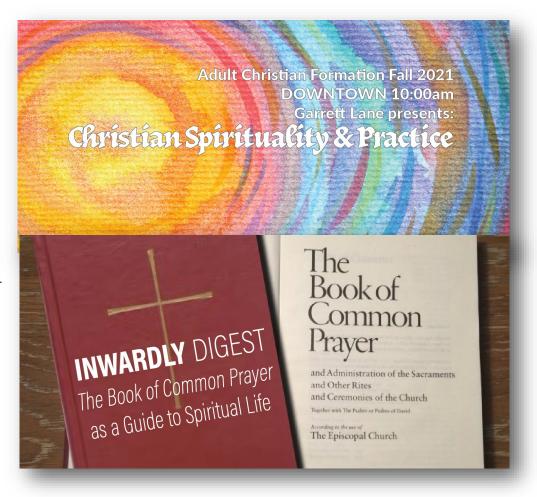
10:00am Sundays

CCD:

Christian Spirituality & Practice

CCS:

Inwardly Digest: The Book of Common Prayer



Bible Study with the Rector Fall 2021

Men: TUESDAYS at 8:00am Women: THURSDAYS at 10:30am

Join Fr. David in a study of the Epistle to the Philippians, in the Parish Hall, Downtown.



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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, October 24
The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 25
Isaiah 59:[1-4] 9-19
Psalm 13
Hebrews 5:12—6:1, 9-12
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 31
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost | All Saints Sunday

Sirach 44:1-10, 13-14
Psalm 149
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
Matthew 5:1-12
Sirach 2:[1-6] 7-11
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:[11-14] 15-23
Luke 6:20-26 [27-36]



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## **Worship Schedule**

#### **Sunday** Schedule

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I* 9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II* 

11:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I {live-streamed christchurchtyler.org}* 11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II {live-streamed christchurchtyler.org}* 

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