

From the Rector:

Several years ago, the appendix of Laura, a 14 year-old girl from the west coast, burst while she and her family vacationed on a cruise ship off the Baja Coast. The ship was hundreds of miles from help, and the crew sent out a distress call looking for the nearest surgical unit.

The USS Ronald Reagan was almost 500 miles away—and they answered the call. The carrier was in the midst of training exercises—but the crew of 6000 stopped, turned its ship around and steamed through the night to get within helicopter transport range.

Laura was airlifted on board where navy doctors performed the life-saving surgery.

The cost, from an article by Lisa Mikitarian, 2.5 million dollars per day. How's could Laura's family pay for that? They could not. The cost is way too high.

But the US government believed this little girl was worth saving, so they deployed a naval carrier 500 miles to save her.

Every Sunday, we remember the demonstrable love of God. God's love makes even the intervention of the US Navy seem a small thing. God made us. The Lord came to earth for us. He taught us how to live. Then died and rose from death for us. This Sunday and every day, rejoice in the amazing love of God for YOU!

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,



The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin, Associate Rector

For most of my life, summer has been the season during which I spend most of my time outdoors. It's really the only time in Canada when one can comfortably sip coffee on patios, swim in lakes and rivers, or lounge in the backyard. Summer has been when our family does most of our impromptu hiking, pool-going, and trips to get ice cream in the evening. To me summers are associated with blue skies, sunlight filtering through green maple leaves, the sharp salty smell of the sea in the morning, and the rising smoke of bonfires at night.

I expect – from what I'm told – that my experience of summer will be a little bit different in East Texas. Yes, we'll still be making trips to the pool, but otherwise I have been warned to spend my afternoons indoors, in the reliable cool of air-conditioning. Thankfully, I also try to spend a lot of time reading good books in the summer, something that is just as possible indoors as out.

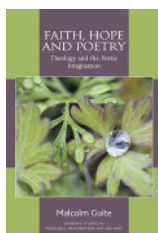
Studying theology, and then working in pastoral ministry means a lot of reading time throughout the year is eaten up by sifting through commentaries, articles, and emails. It can be a challenge to squeeze in time for reading that is 'fun': novels, poetry, even a comic book or two. I am trying to be better at this during the year, but over the summer it's a little easier.

To that end, here is what I have on my summer reading list. Some are books that I've started in the spring but have been pushed to the corner of my desk, and now lay at the bottom of a pile of papers and other more pressing work. Others are books I've had my eye on for a while, but haven't had a chance to read. In many ways, this list is aspirational, so we'll see how far I get. Perhaps some of these books are well-loved favourites of yours, or maybe you've never heard of any of them. My hope is that something on this list will be of interest to you and provide you with some pleasurable hours on a summer afternoon:



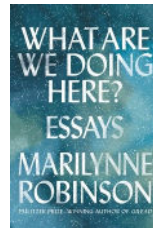
Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

This was a book I picked up because it was highlighted when I was browsing Half-Price Books. It's a story of precolonial life in Nigeria, with all of the commonplace tragedy and joy that was present then. I'm about midway through and looking forward to finishing it.



Faith, Hope and Poetry, Malcom Guite

This is on the booklist for a course I am taking in June. Malcom Guite is one of the few academics who is a pleasure to read, and I am looking forward to thinking with him through this volume on the theology of some of the great English poets.



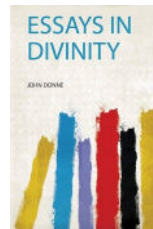
What Are We Doing Here?, Marilyn Robinson

Robinson's novels centered around the town of Gilead, Iowa have brought deep insight and healing to me. I plan to dip into this book of essays that I keep beside my bed.



The Eyes of the Heart, Frederick Buechner

This volume came by way of the Rev. M. L. Agnew, who kindly passed on to me some old books (thanks!). I've been long wanting to read this memoir by Buechner and now have a copy on my desk.



Essays in Divinity, John Donne

C. S. Lewis writes about the importance of reading old books, so that we are never stuck only in the sins of our own time, but have an outside perspective with different fault from ours. To that end, I am planning to tackle this volume of essays by the great poet and priest.



Purity, Jonathan Franzen

I loved Franzen's newest book *Crossroads* when I read it in the fall. I picked up an earlier novel *Purity* for a few dollars. It's a big book, and who knows if I will get to it this summer or not. But Franzen is wonderful for his believable character portraits and depictions of family life.

I try to incorporate a little bit of poetry into my day as often as possible. To that end, I am slowly working through the complete poems of John Keats. I am also planning to pick up another volume of poetry by Louise Glück, one of my favourite living poets. I try to read one volume by her every year. Deeply meditative and spiritual reflections on the natural world.

I have a few other volumes I started this spring that I want to return to. I planned to re-read my doctoral supervisor, Ephraim Radner's, book *A Time To Keep: Theology, Mortality, and the Shape of Human Life*. This had a great impression on me when I read it several years ago, and I want to recapture some of what I learned and have forgotten. William Dyrness's *Poetic Theology* is also something I want to tackle before the end of June.

If you have some favourite summer reads, please feel free to share them with me.

Jeffrey Ford,
Choirmaster & Organist

Some humor from Mr. Ford
Church Service Sheet Typos

(disclaimer: these were NOT at Christ Church)

- Appears on cover of the Octavo:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Herber Sumsion (The Composer's name is Herbert Sumsion)
- Signing of the Register: "Handell" by Largo

Autocorrect error

- We need some monkeys! If your child would like to be a part of this amazing ministry, scan the QR code or click on the link below to join now.



Coffee, Coffee, We Adore Thee

Wake up and strengthen the things that remain. Rev. 3:2a

(sung to the tune Hymn to Joy)

Coffee, coffee, we adore thee, Pour us up a mug there-of!
Eye-lids rise like blinds before thee, Waking to the sun above.
Melting clouds of mental drabness, Driving dark the night away;
Bev'rage of our morning gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

See you in church!!!

Hallelujah
PRAISE FOR THE PAST
FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

Praise for the Past Faith for the Future

As we mentioned in the last Crucifer, our tradition began in 1867 by a handful of visionaries. In 1872, the Hungarian Count and refugee, The Rev. Emir Bela Gyeita Carois Hamvasy became the first rector of Christ Church, Tyler. Two years later our church was welcomed into the Diocese of Texas as a parish.

That same year, after great personal sacrifice

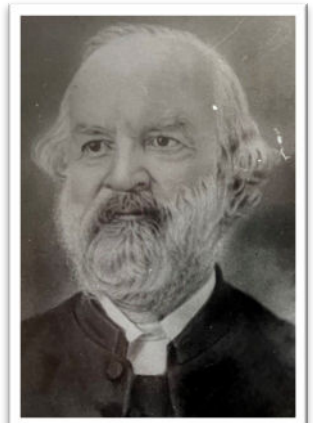
by the congregation, the first building at the corner of Locust and Bois d'Arc was completed. That building served Christ Church for over 44 years.

In 1913, two lots were purchased at our current location. Due to wartime and scarce labor, the facility wasn't completed until 1918. The Rev C.E. Snowden led the way in the building project, spending a great deal of time at the construction site. Meanwhile, artists with the House of Jacoby in St. Louis, Missouri created the memorial stained glass windows that are still the adorning hallmark of the downtown worship space.

The floor plan of the original building included the present worship space, the kitchen and dining room under the nave, and the Guild Hall and Sunday School rooms beneath the Guild Hall. These classrooms are currently our early childhood classrooms.

We will soon be telling you more of what our vestry and clergy envision for Christ Church Downtown and Christ Church South. It is our prayer that we can each be a part of a story that impacts our community for many more generations.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!



My happiest memories growing up were spending most every summer on Lake Jacksonville at my Granny's and Papa's. Granny was a great southern cook. To her, food was love and she was especially indulgent towards me, her first grandchild. More than once she let me go overboard on her famous chocolate pie! My brother was due the summer I turned eight so I got to spend extra time with my grandparents. When they took me home to Houston to meet my baby brother, Jay, I had a few extra rolls around my middle!

That summer was very memorable for me. The Watergate hearings were going on and as this was considered historic, Granny thought I needed to watch. So I was thrilled to discover that she had registered me for VBS at the Methodist Church where she was a faithful member. Watergate would have to go on without me!

I'd never been to a "non-Episcopalian" VBS and I remember loving it, although I did cause quite the scandal! As I recall, we were talking about what it meant to be a Christian. I had no idea what that meant because I wasn't a Christian, I was an Episcopalian!! When I announced this to the group the kids were horrified to realize there was a "non-Christian" in their midst and immediately ran to tell the group leader of my moral failings. It's a funny memory now but to my little girl self I was devastated that I wasn't what I was "supposed" to be. Thankfully, the leaders explained what it was to be a Christian /Episcopalian and a Christian/Methodist and the rest of the week went fine!

Christ Church's VBS is just around the corner and we welcome all kinds here! So if you don't know you are a "Christian" but instead a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or even none of the above, we have an Out of this World experience waiting for you July 26-30. **Register Now!**

Kimber

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

6/8 Lucy Wolf, 6/20 Payton Hernandez, 6/20 Rylan Hernandez



REGISTER NOW!
 Participants (rising 4k -4th grade) & Volunteers
 What? VBS June 26-30 Where? All Saints Episcopal School

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 SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

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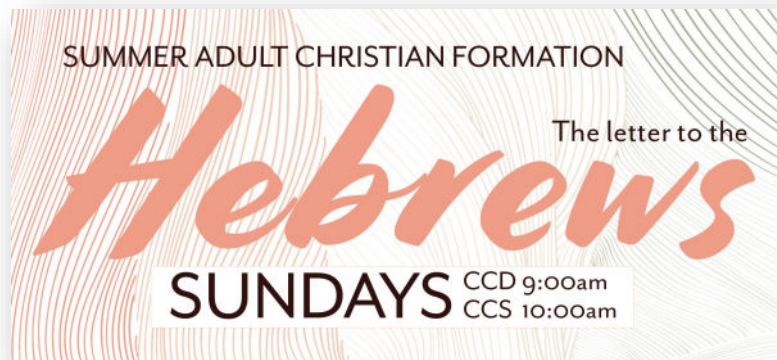
Scan the QR code to register for VBS or to volunteer >>>

Questions?
 Ask Kimber 903-530-2580 | kshort@christchurchtyler.org



Tyler Mission Week
 is the largest outreach event at Christ Church annually. Dozens of students (5th-12th grade) and volunteers donate their time to our local East Texas Community.

June 19-23, 2023
 More info to come!



Saturday, May 20 Christ Church hosted a clinic for Bethesda Clinic. The day was amazing! A big thank you to all that participated!

Dr. J Brant Buchinger, Dr. Roger Fowler, Dr. Philip Pippin, Dr. Chet Cooley DDS, Dianne Tiller-RN, Laura Legg-RN, Penny Fletcher-RN, Joyce McGee-RN, Louise Arnold, RN, Christy Buchinger-Hygienist, Interpreter: Silvia Luckenbach, Team Lead: Laurel Beaty, Front Desk Receptionist: Ginny Reinhardt, Clerical/Devotional Leader: The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin, Clerical: Kathy Buchinger and Carol Mayorga, Greeter: Pam Holley

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Paul & Lucy, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Rob, Victoria, Chaley, Stacy, Sophie, Chesley, Link, Tom, John, Mike, Mark, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Marian, Carl, Mimi, Phil, Jennifer, MB, Raymond, Arnold, George, Pam, Julie, John, Ahmet, Will, Luke, James, Gregg, Cynthia, Lynda, Ann, Frank, HB, Anne, Oleg, Luba, Cris, Lloyd, Ben, Angela, Samuel, Serena, Dot, Roger, Patty, Victoria, Christine, ME, Pam, Tommy, Robert, Lynn, Curt, Kaden

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of West Tennessee

The Episcopal Church:

Dioceses of Western Louisiana & Western Massachusetts

Diocese of Texas: St. Francis—Tyler & St. John the Baptist—Tyler

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

Congratulations on the birth of: Margaret Claire Mettauer May 18, 2023 Daughter of Catherine & Scott Mettauer & grandson of Ann & Willis Jarrel

upcoming

M-F, June 19-23 Tyler Mission Week (see graphic)

M-F, June 26-30 Vacation Bible School (see graphic)

Wednesday, June 28 Summer Party | CCS Supporting the future of our church 6-8pm Music, Food & Fun for the kids | CCS

Sunday, July 2 Independence Day PICNICS 11:00am Picnic in the Parish Hall | CCD 12:15pm Picnic at the Pavilion | CCS

Sunday, August 13 Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 10 Gear Up Sunday



Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, July 23. If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

Save the Date

SUMMER PARTY

June 28th | 6-8 p.m. | Christ Church South Supporting the future of our church One Church Two Campuses

MUSIC, FOOD & FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

Watch your mail for more information

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You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year A BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, June 11

Proper 5

Hosea 5:15--6:6

Psalm 50

Romans 4:13-18

Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, June 18

Proper 6

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-15]



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Worship Schedule

Sundays through Labor Day

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

10:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist

11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

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