



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 blessing is engraved outside the great doors of Canterbury Cathedral, and on an exterior wall of Westminster Abbey in London.

Used by Anglican Christians since at least the reign of Elizabeth I, we have used it on occasion as a blessing at the conclusion of worship services at Christ Church.

At our congregation and throughout the world, 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. By remembering the faithful departed, we are reminded of the gift of life, and are inspired to pursue a better world in their memory, as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus.

We will observe the Feast of All Saints on Sunday November 5. We will recall the lives and ministry of the faithful departed. We will baptize new believers in the Christian faith. And in the nave at 6:00 that Sunday evening, we will worship the Lord through the beautiful music of Choral Evensong.

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

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

David +

from the associate rector...
The Rev. Ted Welty,
 Associate Rector

Swedish Death Cleaning

Last week I got a notice from the City of Tyler that this week would be Bulky Item Cleanup Week. I didn't think very much about it until yesterday, when I saw a pile of unwanted, bulky items in front of my neighbor's house. Immediately, I remembered a large, metal dog gate that was broken and beyond repair (Great Pyrenees have very little regard for dog gates). As I placed the broken gate in front of my house, I thought about several pieces of lawn furniture that should accompany the dog gate to the dump. I didn't place any of the lawn furniture for collection because of the thought that I can repair it, or my children or grandchildren might want it, or we might need the lawn furniture in the future. Then reality hit. I don't, have the time, the skill, or the will to repair that furniture, and my children and grandchildren certainly don't want a bunch of broken-down lawn furniture. And realistically at my age, in my next abode whether it is in this life or the next, I won't be needing lawn furniture.

All of this made me think back to an article I read in *The Wall Street Journal* several weeks ago about a process called Swedish Death Cleaning. The article spoke of a TV series based on a book titled *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* by Margareta Magnusson. The subtitle of the book is *How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter*. Magnusson says, "I am death cleaning, or, as we call it in Swedish, *döstädning*. *Dö* is "death" and *städning* is "cleaning." In Swedish it is a term that means that you remove unnecessary things and make your home nice and orderly when you think the time is

coming closer for you to leave the planet...So what is death cleaning? For me it means going through all my belongings and deciding how to get rid of the things I do not want anymore. Just look around you. Several of your things have probably been there for so long that you do not even see or value them anymore."

For me, a good beginning would be with the things that I have kept but haven't looked at in years. Things in the attic and in the storage unit that I have had for years. And books, books, and more books. Death cleaning is done in consideration of our loved ones. "Do not ever imagine that anyone will wish—or be able—to schedule time off to take care of what you didn't bother to take care of yourself. No matter how much they love you, don't leave this burden to them." Death cleaning sounds morbid, but if you think about it is really not. Composer Leonard Cohen once said, "Putting your house in order, if you can do it, is one of the most comforting activities, and the benefits of it are incalculable."

Even more important as we look toward the future is a spiritual house cleaning. How about putting our spiritual house in order. How about getting rid of things that are of no use to us. How about getting rid of the guilt and shame because of past sins? How about getting rid of old grudges and broken relationships? How about focusing on the one thing that we most want to keep and find most dear – our relationship with Jesus Christ?

Blessings in Christ,

Ted+



Thank you to the Chancel Choir and A.J. Meals, assistant organist for the musical offering of Mozart's *Missa brevis*, for the 11:00 Eucharist on October 1.

The Cherub and Carol Children's Choirs are off to a great start under the leadership of Susie Fergus and assisted by Hannah Rosser. The Carol Choir will be singing for the 9:00 Service on October 15, 2023.

Cherub Choir

Eleanor Albea, Madeleine Fennell, Matthew Ford, Issac Hartin, Justine Jones, Colin Long, Celia Mellon, Katie Meals, Connor Whitten

Carol Choir

Levi Albea, Jonathan Fennell, Ambrose Hartin, Solomon Long, Vivian Mellon, Evelyn Meals, Anderson Pippin, Zara Pippin

Chancel Choir

Jade Allen, Jerry Bieritz, Robin Hood Briens, Lysbeth Donmezer, Rosemary Cobb, David Dickerson, Stacy Dickerson, Susie Fergus, Karen Ford, Paul Haygood, Elizabeth Huggler, Valerie Huggler, Holly Marsh, Chris Raney, Tony Rives, Hannah Rosser, Rodney Schroeder, Sam Staggs, Bob Taliaferro, Maggie Taliaferro

Jeffrey Ford, *organist/choirmaster* & A.J. Meals, *assistant organist*

**CHORAL
EVENSONG**

November 5, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.
Downtown in the Nave

Music will include:

O gladsome light, O grace, **Louis Bourgeois**

Versicles and Responses, **Thomas Ebdon**

Psalm 149, **C. Villiers Stanford**

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A-Flat, **Basil Harwood**

There is a land of pure delight, **Grayston Ives**

Retiring Hymn No. 24 The day thou gavest, **St. Clement**

The Chancel Choir will be in the stalls

with A.J. Meals at the organ and Jeffrey Ford conducting.

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STEWARDSHIP 2024

What is a Pledge?

A pledge is an **estimate of giving**; some call it a **statement of intent**. Your pledge amount may be changed, increased or decreased during the year, at any time as your financial circumstances change.

Why should I Pledge?

Pledging allows you to **make intentional decisions** about your financial giving. When you plan for your giving, you make conscious choices about spending your money in ways **that reflect your faith & values**. Receiving your pledge allows the Vestry, the church's governing board, to do for our parish community what you do for your household: plan wisely for the use of our resources in support of the mission and ministry to which God has called us.

The Vestry sets a budget based on the total amount pledged to the church. While plate offerings are important to the parish, your pledge lets the Vestry plan more accurately for the ministry we can accomplish.



...GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

student ministry
Sarah Jones,
Director of Student Ministries

Identity is a central theme during adolescence and a very important one. Self-identity is the basis of self-esteem. Teenagers are creating and building their identity during this season of their lives. They are finding that they are great athletes, have top scores in science, and are popular with their peers.

All of these are wonderful things to start identifying with but what about the student who is struggling in science, the one that keeps getting benched, or the kid who has a difficult time making friends.

How are they identifying with those experiences? In a world where we desperately want to see our kids succeed how do we balance driving them forward and offering support of their goals without having their sole identity be about performance?

Kids need to know and understand their true identity and that is their identity in Christ. They need to know that they are all beautiful children of God and functioning members of the body of Christ. That they are fully and perfectly loved just as they are. Do our teens realize they are precious? Do our teens realize they were made on purpose for His purpose and that they are fully capable of bringing God's love into this world?

When that true identity is realized it cannot be shaken by fumbling a pass or failing a test. It cannot be swayed by tiktok videos or mean-spirited kids. They will have the knowledge that they belong, whatever the circumstances might be. We just have to keep reminding them.



EYC Dates to Remember
Second Mondays
Jr & Sr Discussion Group
6:30pm Boards & Bites

Sunday 10/08
New Driver Workshop. CCS 12:30pm.
Lunch will be provided.

Saturday 10/21
High School Escape Room outing.
Contact Sarah for more info
sjones@christchurchtyler.org

upcoming

FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
15747 OLD JACKSONVILLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
4PM-6PM

\$10/person (age 4+) or \$25/family

Chili Cook-Off \ Face-Painting \ Balloon Animals \ Hay Rides
Pumpkin Painting \ TRUNK or TREAT

ENTER THE CHILI-COOK-OFF {\$25 ENTRY FEE}

• TEXAN • YANKEE • NO-BULL CHILI • SALSA [CHKN / VEG / ETC]

www.christchurchtyler.org/fall-festival

SCAN for tickets, cook-off entry & all the info

All proceeds go to EYC.

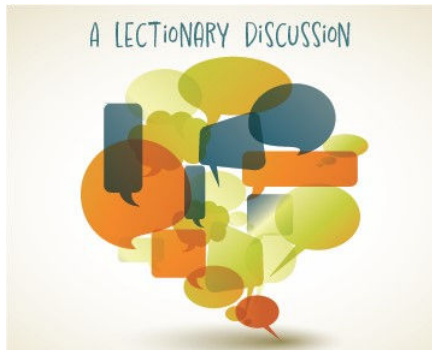
New Category!

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION | THIS FALL

NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH @ CCS & CCD

The theme of Nehemiah is the Lord's protection of his people and the need for their faithfulness in keeping the Torah (*the Mosaic law*) and their faithfulness in worship. After the exile, God is renewing his people in the land, in order to carry out what he promised to Abraham. God's people must renew their commitment to covenant faithfulness, laying hold of God's forgiveness and seeking to practice purity in their corporate and private lives. God in his mercy raised up Ezra the priest and teacher, and Nehemiah the governor, to lead his people in the hard work that this renewal requires. (*ESV Study Bible* Introduction to Nehemiah)



A Lectionary Discussion

Sundays DOWNTOWN in the Epiphany Room 3rd Floor 10:00am

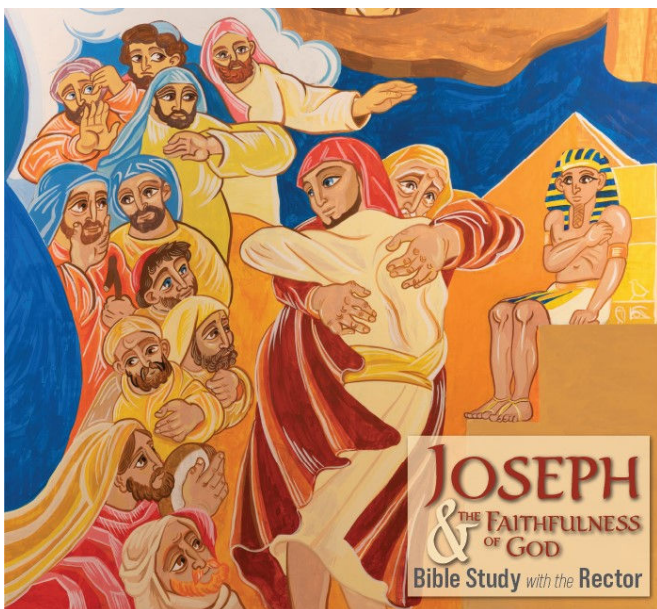
Join Deacon Stine in a discussion of the Sunday Eucharistic Lessons.

**Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures.*

Anglicanism 102 Confirmation is a sacramental rite of the church in which the Bishop lays hands on a person who publicly affirms his or her faith in Christ. For many, confirmation is a reaffirmation of commitments made to Christ on their behalf at their baptism as children. For others, it is a means of joining the church. It is for all a celebrated and solemn sacrament which expresses our faith in Christ.

Beginning in September, we will offer an **Anglicanism 102 class at Christ Church South at 10:00**. If you would like to join Christ Church through confirmation, or you would like to learn more about Anglican Christian theology and tradition, please join us at Christ Church South.

If interested in confirmation, please contact the Parish Secretary, Valerie Huggler, at office@christchurchtyler.org.



BIBLE STUDY with the RECTOR *Joseph & the Faithfulness of God*

Beginning in mid-September, please join Fr. David for our study of Genesis chapters 37-50, the remarkable story of Joseph. His father Israel's favorite son, Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery. Yet even in the pit, God was with Joseph. Enslaved in Egypt yet anointed by the LORD, Joseph rises to become the chief advisor to Pharaoh. His wisdom and graciousness, and the grace of God, saves the Israelites from ruin and death.

The story of Joseph is a rich lesson of faith, courage, human nature, and the goodness of God.

Meet Downtown
Men's Bible study **Tuesdays at 8:00am**

Women's Bible study **Thursdays at 10:30am**

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

10/4 **Sterling Doran**, 10/5 **Matthew Ford**,
10/5 **James Pippin**, 10/8 **Jos Garvey**, 10/10 **Claire Godbold**,
10/13 **Maley Bergfeld**, 10/16 **Mia Henninger**,
10/16 **Everett Mellon**



Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, November 5.

If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Isabelle, Delight Ministries, Bob, Frank, Tarrie, Frieda, Lynda, Charlotte, Marie, Maggie, Jennifer, Julie, Jeanne, Dorys, Tommy, Lorelei, Cody, Cary, Linda, Michael, Arnold, Evon, Jeanene, Brian, Marla, Vicki, Luke, Kaci, Nicole, Aaron, Mark, Max, Paul, Lucy

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Gambella (Alexandria)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Central Ecuador & Central Florida*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Christopher's—Austin & The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd —Austin*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

upcoming

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
Children's Choir Perform
9:00am Downtown in the Nave

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Brotherhood of St. Andrew
5:00pm Pizza Party—CCS Pavilion

Women's Depth Group
6:00pm—CCS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
Supper Club
6:00pm see graphic

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
Primetimers see graphic
RSVP deadline for Christmas Event

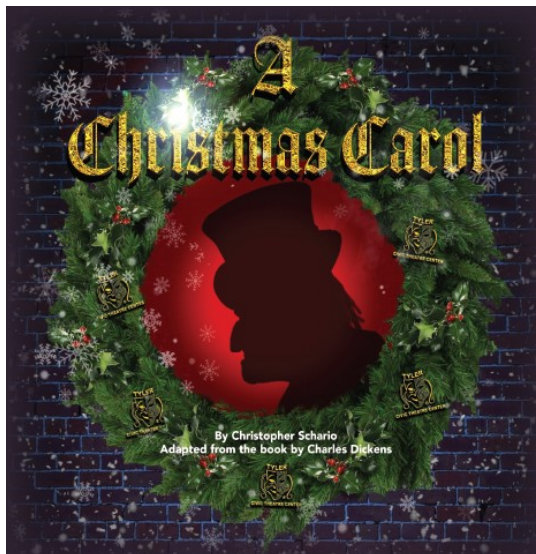
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
Stewardship **Commitment Sunday**

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off
4:00pm—6 CCS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
All Saints Sunday

Choral Evensong
5:00pm Downtown in the Nave

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Confirmation | CCS
11:05pm CCS



primetimers Christmas Event!

Please join your fellow "Over 50" parishioners for an afternoon at the theater, followed by dinner out at a local restaurant.

This year we will be attending Tyler Civic Theater's production of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**.

- Show time & date: Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 pm
- Dinner at a local restaurant - *location to be determined*
- Cost: Tickets are \$18 each, and will be purchased through Christ Church for group seating
- Please provide Diana Keesey with a check made out to Christ Church (*memo: A Christmas Carol*), **no later than October 31st**

Please direct any questions to John McKinley (jemintex07@gmail.com) or Stacey McKinley (jmckin9596@aol.com)

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Bishop Suffragan

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Mr. Jerry Sanders Class of 2023

Mrs. Terri Squyres, Clerk Class of 2023

Mr. Stan Ward Class of 2023

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In the event of a pastoral emergency,
Call the church office during office hours 903.597.9854;
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The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin 903-952-3850,
The Rev. Ted Welty 903-714-7052 or
The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year A BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, October 8

Proper 22

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80

Philippians 3:14-21

Matthew 21:33-43

Sunday, October 15

Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:4-13

Matthew 22:1-14



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Worship Schedule

Sundays

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*
11:05 am~ **CCS**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
~ live-streamed christchurchtyler.org

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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