

the Crucifer

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FROM THE RECTOR:

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
...The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“...The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.”
Zephaniah 3.14-17*

‘Mardi Gras’ is French for ‘Fat Tuesday’.

‘Fat Tuesday’ is the nickname for ‘Shrove Tuesday’, the day before Lent in which, for centuries, Anglo-Saxon Christians confessed their sins to a priest or pastor and were ‘shriven’, or ‘absolved of their sins’, then eat a hearty, fat-filled meal.

All across the world, people will gather on Tuesday February 13 to eat a delicious meal and celebrate before beginning the observance of Lent.

At Christ Church, we are thrilled to gather again for our annual Mardi Gras party! Thanks to a great team of cooks, the ‘George Faber and Friends’ Jazz ensemble, and the leadership of the chancel choir, Mardi Gras at Christ Church promises to be a fun evening!

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

David



Being loved by God, and loving God, is the meaning of life. Jesus points us to the Father, and the Father sends the Spirit to live in our hearts as Christians, empowering us to walk in love and service to the Lord and others. If we miss this, we miss everything.

And in the same breath, contemplating God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the richest and most satisfying way to use our intellects. This contemplation manifests itself in beauty.

One of the wonderful but secondary benefits of being loved by and loving God is the production of beautiful culture in the world. If you look at the marks of Christian civilization you see inspiring architecture, hear glorious music, experience breathtaking art, and—most dear to my heart—read wonderful literature. This all flows out of the Christian response to God's love and truth. As the psalmist puts it:

*For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord,
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.*

*Lord, how great are your works!
 your thoughts are very deep. (Psalm 92:4-5)*

This is not to say that Christian civilization is perfect or that Christians are without sin. Rather, all of this beauty shines forth despite the Church's sin and failing.

In the Anglican tradition especially, we are heir to some of the most wonderful literature, the most beautiful of words, in the English language. We can see this even in our prayerbook, that is infused with beautiful theology (drawn from Scripture, St. Augustine, and John Calvin) but also in its elegant and elevating language.

On the cold days of January and February, we have some opportunity to stay indoors and rediscover the rich heritage of our Church: We can read the mystical writings of Julian of Norwich, the magisterial theology of Richard Hooker, the soul-searching poetry of George Herbert, or the sweet poetry of Christina Rossetti. Even closer to our own time we have so much beauty offered up: In the tales C.S. Lewis, of course, but also the stories of Madeleine L'Engle, and in the Anglican influences in the tragic work of Chinua Achebe.

This is to say nothing of the many wonderful writers who share a common faith with us, even if it is in the broader Catholic Church, outside of our Episcopal fold: Marilynne Robinson, Christian Wiman, David Bentley Hart, and Kate Bowler.

It is also to say nothing about the wonderful art produced by folks who are not Christians, but that might open our hearts to God's beauty and truth.

There are so many good books, and since the weather is cold, it's a great time to read them, prayerfully, joyfully, and in thanksgiving for God's goodness.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO NEW PRIESTS!

*The Rev. Leesa Lewis & The Rev. Garrett Lane
 were ordained this past week!*

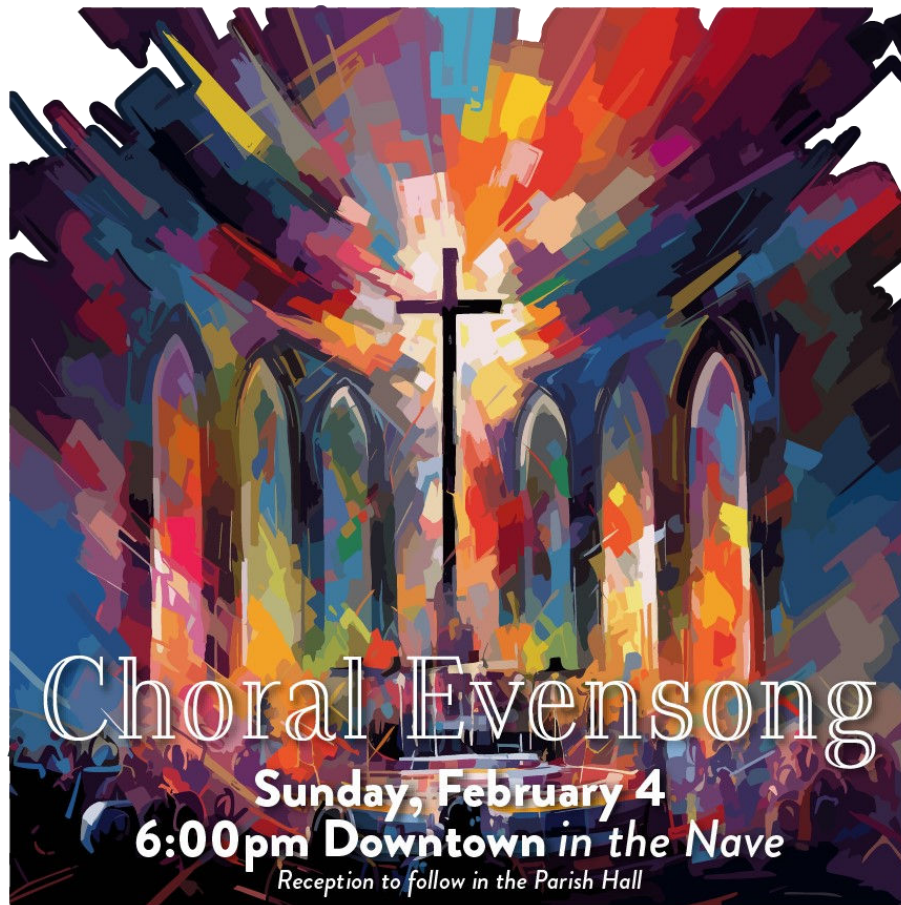
*"...in the last 10 years eight members of Christ Church
 have been ordained as priests in the church
 ...in the previous 130 year history of our church
 I believe there had only been one!"*

- Fr. David



music at Christ Church
Jeffrey Ford,
Choirmaster & Organist

The Crucifer . January 24, 2024



Get your tickets today!

christchurchtyler.org/mardi-gras

\$10 [age 11 & up]

\$5 [children 4-10 yr]

[free age 3 & under]

\$25 family

Includes:

The fantastic sounds of
George Faber & Friends

Robin Hood's
Lafayette Style Cajun Turkey Gumbo
& Seafood Gumbo

Father Bob's
South Carolina Style Seafood Gumbo

Gumbo served over rice, with garlic bread,
salad & King's Cake

Hot dogs & chips for children
Activities for children & youth

Cash wine bar.



Fun for the entire family!

George Faber
& Friends

Tues, Feb 13
6-8pm

Christ Church
DOWNTOWN
118 S. Bois d'Arc

With the holidays finished I am slowly getting back into the swing of things. Every year it seems to take me awhile. I love the excitement and the break from the routine but there is something comforting about the return to normalcy.

This year instead of a resolution about eating more salads, I have decided to focus on what brings me joy. What are the things that bring a spark of excitement to my routine? Salads do not typically make the list for me.

I can get so focused on my to do list that I easily forget that God gave me this day and this life to be of use to others and live with a joyful heart while doing it. Seeing friends, making new connections, reading a good book, and spending time with my family all bring me joy and remind me how close God really is. I just forget that sometimes.

Upcoming Events:

01/27 Escape Room outing with the middle school students

01/28 First Confirmation class for 8th grade students and older

02/16 and 02/17 Spiritual retreat for the youth with a cook out on Saturday



Sarah Jones
Director of Student Ministries

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

1/24 **Louisa Boyd**, 1/28 **Emmi Ingram**,
1/29 **Carter Boyd**, 2/8 **Lark Hesskew**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Imposition of Ashes
Christ Church Downtown
14 February 2024
7:00am, Noon & 6:00pm*

*childcare available



Spring 2024 –Downtown

Adult Confirmation Course.

Begins: Sunday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m.
Meets in the Library on the Third Floor.

1928 *Book of Common Prayer*

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
Noon Thursdays beginning December 7th through Epiphany
Downtown in the Nave

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS | SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am both Campuses



Bible Study **1 Peter**
WITH the Rector

Men: Tuesdays 8:00am
Women: Thursdays 10:30am
Christ Church *Downtown*

“Blessed man, I’m blessed!”



Ledell Reed was hired as a janitor by Fr. David Galloway in 1993. Originally from Texarkana, AR, he was a high school athlete, and his relay team won the 440 in the State tournament in 1977. Before he applied for the job, he had driven by Christ Church and noticed a gray Rolls Royce parked in front. He thought Christ Church looked like a good place to work, so he applied! Ten people applied and he was the one hired! Ledell had hoped to ride in the Rolls Royce some day and after working at Christ Church for 15 years, his wish was granted! During his tenure, he has worked with four Bishops, three Rectors and many, many Associate Rectors.



Q&A with Ledell:

Who is Lizzie: My 2002 Honda Shadow Motorcycle *pic 1*. [He purchased her brand new in 2002 after his mama gave her approval.]

What are your favorite foods: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and Banana pudding

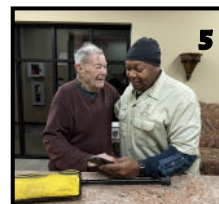
What have been your favorite duties at church: Buffing and waxing are my favorite as I take pride in my work and like to see the results. *pic 2*

How many are in your family: 7 children, 21 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren with 2 more “great-grans” on the way *pics 3abcd*. I am from a family of 16! [All the grands & great grands have been born in the last 30 years.]

Who knows the most about your life: The Altar Guild ladies *pic 4*. [Saturday morning helping (& socializing) with those ladies was another highlight of his job the past 30 years.]

What will you do in your retirement: Work on my 1963 Dodge Truck, spend time with my 97 year-old Uncle Buddy & Aunt Gladys in Dallas, and riding Lizzie. [He also mentioned that he and his friend are going to work on being body builders.]

Our love for Ledell is strong. [While doing this interview, Ken Ruether walked by, stopped, put his cane down and gave Ledell a big hug! *pic 5*] Ledell knows that he is a servant of the Lord and while at Christ Church he served everyone. He took pride in his job and knew that janitorial work was his life’s calling. Ledell’s favorite saying is “Blessed man, I’m blessed”. In truth, we are the ones who have been blessed by him. He will be missed!



3a] Ledell’s children, 3b] all 21 grandkids,
3c] grands & great-grands (Christmas 2023), 3d] first great-grand

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Isabelle, Tommy, Lorelei, Cody, Paul, Lucy, Amber, Lindzey, Dylan, Amber, Briggs, Margaret, Maggie, Jennifer, Linda, Chris, Mike, Mark, Marian, Dalton, Verdie, Stacy, Lily, Susie, Noah, Bennett, Mike, Vicki, Josh, Katie

The Anglican Communion: *The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Dallas & Delaware*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Luke's on the Lake—Austin & St. Alban's—Austin*

upcoming

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Youth Confirmation class begins
12:30pm CCD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Adult Confirmation Class begins
10:00 CCD

Choral Evensong

6:00pm Downtown in the Nave
followed by a reception

THURSDAY, FEB 7

Women's Depth Group
6:00pm | CCS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Pretzel Sunday for the Children

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Mardi Gras Party see graphic page 3
6:00pm Downtown

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday see graphic page 3

TUESDAYS, FEB 20—MAR 19

Lenten Lectures | CCD

Tuesdays of Lent Noontime Teachings
followed by a light lunch

Praying the Rosary | CCD

11:30 am in the Chapel

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the
family & friends of

Jill Saigusa,
wife of Mak Saigusa

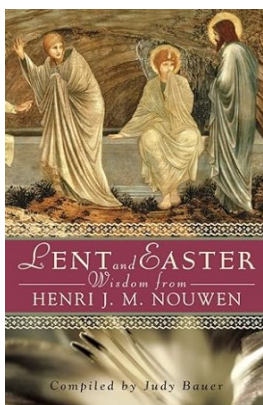
&

David Fender,
husband of Jane Fender.

Welcome the newly baptized:

Elle Louise Whitney,
daughter of
Carrie & Russell Whitney,
granddaughter of
Beth & Clayton Whitney.

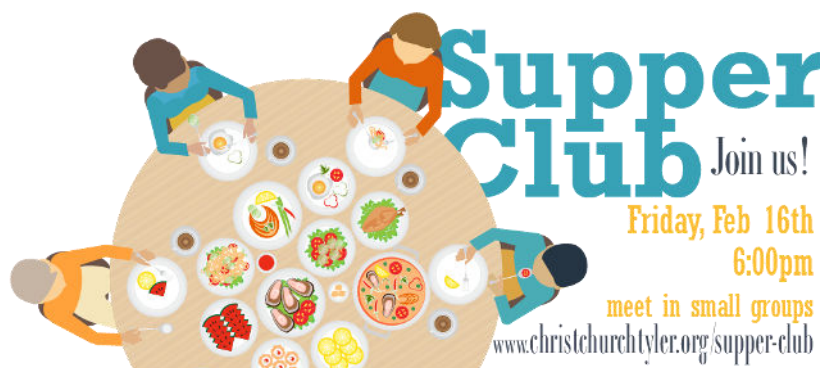
January 13, 2024
at Christ Church Downtown.



**Starting
Feb 21**

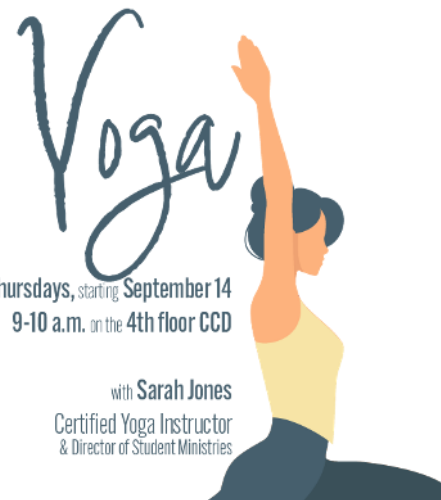
A discussion of the book *Lent & Easter* from Henri J.M. Nouwen,
Compiled by Judy Bauer

Start the book on
Ash Wednesday it is a daily
journey through Lent.



*Women's
Depth Group*

1ST & 3RD WED / 6PM- 8
CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH



Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle
Bishop of the Diocese of Texas

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher
Bishop Suffragan

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Ms. Jennifer Ducote *Housekeeper*

Mr. Anthony Moore *Sexton, Christ Church South*

Blair Zdenek, Jessi Mayes, Trish Gutierrez *Nursery*

We want to thank our out-going
Class of 2023 vestry members for their service!!
Mr. Stephen Bentley, Mr. Jerry Sanders,
Mrs. Terri Squyres, &
Mr. Bob Westbrook

The Vestry

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|---|-----------------|
| Mr. Peter Boyd | Treasurer |
| Mr. Bill Clawwater | Asst. Treasurer |
| Mrs. Kim Meyer | Class of 2024 |
| Mr. Danny Noteware | Class of 2024 |
| Mrs. Sheryl Richter, Jr. Warden CCS | Class of 2024 |
| Dr. Mak Saigusa | Class of 2024 |
| Dr. Dan Toney | Class of 2024 |
| Mr. Julius Bergfeld | Class of 2025 |
| Mrs. Catherine Buhrkuhl | Class of 2025 |
| Mr. Steven Comte | Class of 2025 |
| Mrs. Karen Hughes | Class of 2025 |
| Mr. Mark Shuttlesworth, Jr. Warden CCD | Class of 2025 |
| Mr. Ashley Bracken | Class of 2026 |
| Mr. John Bufe, Sr. Warden | Class of 2026 |
| Ms. Joyce McGee | Class of 2026 |
| Mr. Stan Ward | Class of 2026 |
| Mrs. Ann Weissmann | Class of 2026 |

Welcome our new
vestry members,
Class of 2026!

Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,
Call the church office during office hours 903.597.9854;
after hours call The Rev. David Luckenbach 903-279-8777,
The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin 903-952-3850,
or The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, January 28
4 Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1b-13
Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, February 4
5 Epiphany

2 Kings 4:[8-17] 18-21 [22-31] 32-37
Psalm 142
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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*

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CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)

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