

# the Crucifer

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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 is engraved on the outside wall of Canterbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in England.

A blessing offered in Anglican worship since at least the reign of Elizabeth I, this rich prayer recalls to me the Feast of All Saints.

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

The venerable Anglican blessing 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 inspired by their witness to be ever more faithful ambassadors of the Lord.



We will observe the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 2. We will recall the lives and ministry of the faithful departed. We will gather Saturday night to celebrate life in Christ at the **Fall Festival**, replete with the Chili Cook-Off, Trunk-or-Treat, and a petting zoo! And Sunday evening, we will worship in our downtown nave with a magnificent **Choral Evensong**.

As the weather begins to turn, the leaves start to fall away, and the sunshine grows dimmer, may God grant you grace, peace, and eternal life.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

*David +*

I'm reading through a book of letters of spiritual direction that the great scholar and author C. S. Lewis wrote throughout his lifetime. (Thank you to Clyde and Laurel for lending it to me! I'm almost finished with it!).

The book is called *Yours, Jack: Spiritual Direction from C. S. Lewis* and chronicles Lewis's own spiritual development from atheist to Christian, but also this gives one a peak into some of the wisdom he shared with those who wrote to him over the years.

In one of the letters written to Sarah Neylan, one of Lewis's godchildren, he writes this:

Remember that there are only three kinds of things anyone need ever do.

- (1) Things we ought to do
- (2) Things we've got to do
- (3) Things we like doing.

I say this because some people seem to spend so much of their time doing things for none of the three reasons, things like reading books they don't like because other people read them. Things you ought to do are things like doing one's school work or being nice to people. Things one has got to do are things like dressing and undressing, or household shopping. Things one likes doing — but of course I don't know what you like. Perhaps you'll write and tell me one day. (pp.133-34).

This little piece of wisdom struck me. First, because it was memorable — one must only do things one's got to do, ought to do, or likes to do. But also, because I think Lewis hits on something that I think is one of the most

pressing pastoral challenges for families in the church today, and certainly is a pressing challenge for me. The challenge is this: There is simply *too much to do!*

I've talked to so many families, here in Tyler, and back in Canada about just a barrage of expectations of things that need to get done. Aside from obligations for work and school, it seems like there is an ever growing list of extra-curricular activities, housework, social events, sports, and social media that keeps families running on the hamster wheel of life.

That's where Lewis is helpful. We only have to worry about what we've got to do, ought to do, and like to do.

We all ought to be conscientious at work and school. We've all got to take care of the practical needs as individuals and families. Then of course, we can do whatever we like to do.

But that's it. We can say no—indeed, ought to say no—to other events and activities that tire us out.

As Christians we don't need to worry about “keeping up with the Joneses.” We must take care of our responsibilities like everyone else, but we can say “no thanks” to the extras to make time for what we really like to do, things we enjoy doing. We can—in other words—keep room in our lives for *leisure*.

Leisure is where joy hides out, where prayer flowers, and creativity comes back to us. Sometimes life is busy and we can't help it. But sometimes we can! And when we can, we should. Being busy is not necessarily a virtue.



# NEWCOMERS

## LUNCH WITH THE RECTOR

### NOVEMBER 9 @ 12:15PM

### CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN/PARISH HALL

### 118 S. BOIS D'ARC

### RSVP: [CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG/LWR](http://CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG/LWR)



The Chancel Choir of  
Christ Church Tyler | *Downtown*  
*presents...*

# *Choral Evensong*

*All Saints*  
*A sung service of evening prayer*

Sunday, November 2 | 6:00pm  
118 S. Bois d'Arc | Tyler  
*reception to follow*

November 2 | 6:00 p.m. in the Nave

## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

with the Chancel Choir & the Carol (children's) Choir

Music to include:

- ✠ *Thee We Adore*, T. Frederick H. Candlyn
- ✠ *Preces, Lord's Prayer and Responses*, Martin Neary
- ✠ *Psalm 149 Cantate Domino*, C. Villiers Stanford
- ✠ *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G*, Herbert Sumsion
- ✠ *Give Us the Wings of Faith*, Ernest Bullock
- ✠ *Retiring Hymn No. 24 The day thou gavest*,  
Tune: St. Clements

Jeffrey Ford, *conducting*; A.J. Meals, *organist*

*Reception to follow in the Parish Hall—Bring a friend!*

Stewardship 2026 is underway!

Commitment Sunday is October 26th.  
Make your pledge today  
[www.christchurchtyler.org/give](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/give)

Questions: contact Michael Osburn, Parish Administrator.  
903.597.9854 or [mardoin@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:mardoin@christchurchtyler.org)



"Do not fear, for I am with you; I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you  
with my righteous right hand."  
Isaiah 41:10



GET YOUR  
TICKETS NOW!

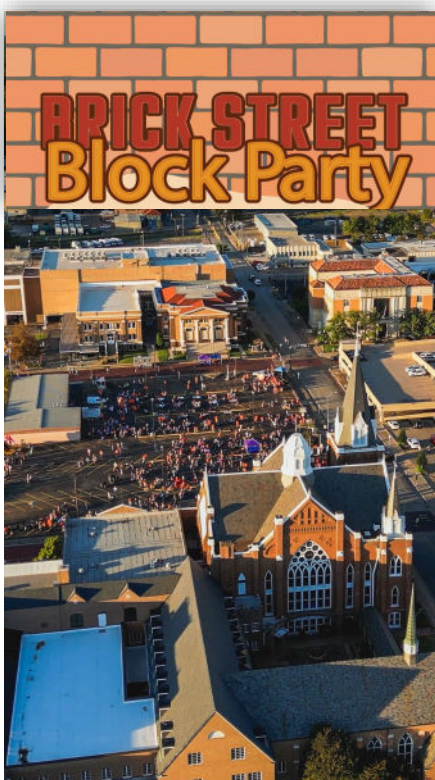
CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

10/22 **Carter Bangco**, 10/26 **Joseph Peveto**,  
10/27 **Connor Whitten**, 11/3 **Charlie Comte**



Sunday, November 16  
12:30pm @ CCS

DON'T YOU MAKE THE BEST CHILI?  
Enter the chili cook-off!



## RECAP!

Brick Street Block Party was a hit! This year, with Marvin Methodist, First Baptist Church and our Christ Church family, we loved on thousands of people from our community! Our churches served 2,000 hot dog dinners, [GIANT THANK YOU TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW!!] had around 2,000 in attendance, and shared in service together with over 350 volunteers from all three campuses! Several organizations from our community brought helpful information to bless and serve others too. This is a blessing to our community and most definitely brings the Body of Christ together!





# CHRISTIAN FORMATION | FALL 2025

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00AM AT BOTH CAMPUSES

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH


BIBLE STUDY WITH THE RECTOR

# ACTS

of the Apostles

Men's | Tuesdays at 8:00am


Women's | Thursdays at 10:30am



## WOMEN'S DEPTH GROUP

WDG meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. at the South Campus

We will study together  
*Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man* by Max Lucado.  
For more info & to sign up go to: [www.christchurchtyler.org/wdg](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/wdg)



## Keys of the Kingdom

A Theology Study Group & Book Club

*"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,  
and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 16:19

OCTOBER 23 and

~NOVEMBER 13 & DECEMBER 11~

3:00 – 4:30pm | resuming 2nd & 4th Thursdays in 2026

Downtown Campus | Guild Hall

Discussion & Tea

*All are welcome to participate, there is a place for you!*

For further information  
& to RSVP contact Valerie Huggler, Parish Secretary  
903.597.9834 / [office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org)

Book: *Confessions* by Augustine of Hippo



## Picnic Pavilion

*Under the*

Last Sunday of the Month  
Immediately Following  
South Campus Service  
Bring your lunch for fun and  
fellowship

It's back...

FIRST SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM IN THE GUILD HALL!



Coffee Time | Downtown

Next one: November 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Supper Club

Join us!

6:00pm Friday,  
November 14



small groups  
RSVP by Nov 7th:  
[christchurchtyler.org/supper-club](http://christchurchtyler.org/supper-club)

*In Our Prayers*

**Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:**

Luba, Maria, Yeve, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Joshua, Pam, AJ, Jim, Frank, Angela, Ben, Artimus, WF, Christian, SW, Lauren, Maggie, Jennifer, Carmen, Carolyn, Linda, Chris, Dalton, Mike, Mark, Marian, Ann, Naomi, Desiree, Matthew, Frank, Amanda, Daniel, Warren, Graham, Jerry, Clara, FF, Casey, Lamar, Dominic, Carole, David, Hunter, Rhonda, Mark, Max, Joey, Mike

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Peshawar (Pakistan)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Utah & Venezuela*

**Diocese of Texas:** *St. Paul's—Kilgore, Holy Apostles—Katy*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine if you'd like to keep or add someone to the prayer list 903.530.8168 or ssti@tjc.edu.

*In Memoriam*

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

**Chris Collier,**  
*son of Boyd Collier,*  
&

**Jeanne Wait,**  
*mother of Jeremy Wait.*

## upcoming

THURSDAY | October 23

**Theology Study Group**

3:00pm | CCD Guild Hall

SUNDAY | October 26 *Commitment Sunday*

**Confirmation with Bishop Fisher**

11:05 South Campus

**Picnic Under the Pavilion**

12:30PM | CCS

SATURDAY | November 1

**Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off**

4:00PM South Campus (see graphic pg. 4)

get your tickets at [christchurchtyler.org/fall-festival](http://christchurchtyler.org/fall-festival)

SUNDAY | November 2 *All Saints Sunday*

**Coffee Time**

10:00am CCD Guild Hal

**Choral Evensong**

6:00pm in the Nave | reception to follow

WEDNESDAY | November 5

**Women's Depth Group**

6:00pm | CCS

SUNDAY | November 9

**Newcomers Lunch with the Rector**

12:30pm | CCD

RSVP at [christcutchtyler.org/lwr](http://christcutchtyler.org/lwr)

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 14

**Supper Club** *small groups*

6:00pm | in homes

SUNDAY | November 16

**5th Gear** [5th Grade Program]

12:30pm | CCS

November 26

**Church offices close at noon**

reopen Monday December 1

SUNDAY | November 30

**Advent I**

TUESDAYS IN ADVENT | December 2, 9, 16

**Tidings of Joy Concerts**

Noon | Downtown in the Nave

followed by light lunch in the Parish Hall

THURSDAYS IN ADVENT | December 4, 11, 18

**1928 Eucharist**

Noon | CCD

SUNDAY | December 7

**Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**

6:00pm in the Nave

SATURDAY | December 13

**Primetimers Theater Outing**

2:30 Tyler Civic Theater (see graphic below)

**Caroling in the Azalea District**

more info to come



**Christmas Theater Outing**

**Primetimers**

**Saturday, December 13th**

**2:30pm Irving Berlin's White Christmas**  
Tyler Civic Theater

**Theater Tickets - \$25 each**  
Due to the Parish Administrator, Michael Osburn by November 13th.

Questions may be directed to  
John & Stacey McKinley at [jmckin9596@aol.com](mailto:jmckin9596@aol.com).



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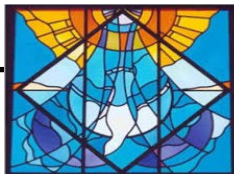
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### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 25  
Jeremiah 14:[1-6] 7-10, 19-22, Psalm 84,  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
All Saints Sunday  
Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14, Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17  
Psalm 149, Matthew 5:1-12



**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
will be celebrated November 2nd.

**Prayer List for All Saints Sunday.**  
If you would like to include a name to the list of the departed  
during services on November 2,  
go to [christchurchtyler.org/prayers](http://christchurchtyler.org/prayers) or  
contact the church office by Tuesday, October 28.

**Baptisms**  
If interested in baptism on this date,  
please contact the church office,  
[office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org) or 903-597-9854.

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The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin 903-952-3850,  
or The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.

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**Sunday**  
9am—11am

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
10:00am—1:00pm



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## ***Worship Schedule***

### **Sunday Worship Services**

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

9:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

11:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

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

*~live-streamed [christchurchtyler.org](http://christchurchtyler.org)*

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spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*