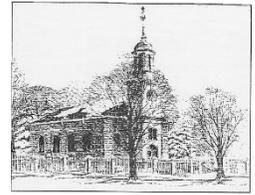


THE CROWN

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Blessing of the Animals 2021 - It's a Drive By! Sunday, October 3rd 4-5 PM



All Creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices let us sing; Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, o praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

See article inside for more information on Blessing of the Animals.

Dear Friends,

“Fill, we pray, the heart of this your servant who you have chosen to be a bishop in your Church, with such love of you and of all people, that s/he may feed and tend the flock of Christ...”

Book of Common Prayer, Liturgy for the Ordination for a Bishop

Dear Friends,

You may have heard the news: our Bishop, the Right Reverend William H. “Chip” Stokes, the 12th Bishop of New Jersey, has announced his upcoming retirement. The date is set for June 2023, giving the Diocese the time to conduct a thoughtful and thorough search for our next bishop and spiritual leader.

Bishop Stokes has with us for eight years; by the time he leaves us, his tenure will be close to ten years – a decade that has seen many changes and in which he has left an indelible mark. He has been with us for confirmations, for our 1717 Vinegar Bible Event, and for the 300th anniversary of the Graveyard and the 250th anniversary of the erection of the Church Building. All duties that bishops typically attend to and take part in.

What I have appreciated most about Bishop Stokes is how ably and pastorally he has cared for us through these long pandemic months. Long before most of us had any sense of what was coming, our Bishop was taking stock of what would become a dire situation. In February of 2020, he boldly canceled our Diocesan Convention, fearing the exposure that would bring to his people. At the time, I wondered just what he was doing! But by mid-March, it was clear that he had absolutely made a wise and good decision.

That was only the beginning. Bishop Stokes made our safety his number one priority. For a year he met every Thursday with us clergy via Zoom, keeping communication lines open, checking in on our own mental and spiritual health, and keeping us informed of what we could and could not do during this pandemic.

He and his team gave our congregations all the help we needed with securing those PPP Government Loans, holding our hands as we navigated through the (somewhat complicated) system. He led a weekly on-line Bible Study – so needed during times when we could not gather together. He made available regular zoom meetings on a variety of subjects from Stewardship and Sunday School to mental health issues and the trending social issues of our day, which both clergy and laity were welcome to attend. His decisive leadership and complete availability provide a calm assurance in a sea of uncertainty and fear. Just what we needed during these difficult and trying times.

Now it is time for us to look towards the future. On Sunday, September 26th, we elected six members of the parish to attend a zoom Convocation Meeting scheduled for October 24th. Bill Cuff, Allie Cummings, Jamie Green, Bob Honecker, Teddy Keating, and Kim Roberts. These delegates will gather information for us and will elect one lay and one clergy member from our Monmouth Convocation to be on the Episcopal Search/Nominating Committee.

This is only the beginning! If you are interested in being involved in the search for our next bishop, do speak with me or with one of the Wardens. It is an important decision for the Diocese as well as our parish church.

Peace,

Mother Lisa+

Property Repairs



A New Welcome!



Before: quite a mess



After: pipe replaced and relocated

Rectory

The crumbling front steps to the Rectory were at long last repaired this week by our trusty all-around carpenter, Steve (who also repaired the outer Library wall and window, the side of the Parish House which was hit by an ambulance last summer, and made repairs to the doors that lead down to the Church cellar). Steve has made it to every building we own these past few weeks. And we are thankful!

In addition, the corroded piping in the crawl space under the kitchen sink (off the basement) was also replaced this month. Mother Lisa can now wash dishes once again!

Much Needed Repairs to the Library



Before



During



After

This month the Library received some *much* needed repairs. We now no longer need to worry if one of our autumn storms will take the building out! Stop by and take a look.

Coming Up

The Vestry just approved to replace the deteriorating duct work under the Church building, much of which had been chewed through by various varmints over the years. We hope to have it completed in the next few weeks, during this “sweet spot” of time when we need neither air conditioning or heat.

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

ANY CHANGES?

Advise us of any changes in your address or telephone number. Let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

New Parish hours effective October 4:

Mon – closed

Tues – 9-2

Wed – 9-2

Thurs – 9-2

Fri – 9-2

Baptisms:

On Sunday, Sept. 19 Clara Mary Carfi, daughter of Zach and Martha Carfi received the sacrament of Holy Baptism and was welcomed into the Church.

On Sunday, Sept. 26 Aurora Grace Honecker, daughter of Zachariah and Sarah Honecker received the sacrament of Holy Baptism and was welcomed in the Church.

In Requiem

It is with sadness that we announce the recent death of Reverend James Craig McReynolds, priest on July 29th in Natick MA. Jim, who was the life partner of our beloved Father Jim LaSage, was often found assisting here at Christ Church during Father Jim's tenure here as Rector. After Father LaSage's death, Father McReynolds went on to serve at the Church of the Holy Communion in Fair Have from 1995 – 2008. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Special Thanks for your time and efforts

For Peggy James and Steve Craven for their work in having our PPP Loan forgiven.

We would sincerely like to thank those who have been sending in their pledge checks and offerings! We ask all of you to please try to keep up with your pledge. We are trying to keep operations as normal as possible, and that means we need your continued support.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please note: The Prayer List is updated on a continual basis. If you would like a person to be added, simply call the Church Office and leave your name, their first and last name; and when appropriate, who the person is and the nature of their condition.

(* indicates member of CCS)

For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble: *Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *John Smalls, *Joan, *Marion Phillips, *Jim Miller, *Beverly Ryser, *Judi Buncher, *Carolyn, *MiMi Brown, *Sarah Schmid, *Susan Van Valkenburg, *Irwin Rapolla, *Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, *Jonathan Badal, *Bob Van Valkenburgh, *Tom, *Rosemary, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Pam, Queeni, Jocelyn, Mariwether Schmid, Julie, Heather Lance, Pat and Bob Rivenes, Cindy and John Jobe, Vivian Hillborn, Lea Gallagher, Judy, Alicia Binn, Peedy, Edie, Marlene, Sherrie, Don Smith, Greg, Jack Sauber, Rico and Liesel Rauschmayer, Joe, Jane Barnes, Jay Curlee, Geraldine Watson, Katie, Michael, Michelle Ten Eyck, Tabitha Shimooka, Evelyn Curley, Marian Bryja, Judy Smith, Ann Hatami, Anthony, Eugene Krikowski, Kenneth Eckerd, Susan Galicki, Tommy, Adrienne Betz, William and Frank Coshahan, Peter Janosz, Lisa, Anthony Willimon, Sandy, Stuart, Frances., Sam Vaught *May they be relieved of their distress.*

For parishioners and friends serving in the armed forces both here and abroad: Traver, Michael, Bo, Travis "TJ" Wilson, Aaron, Jacqueline Brattan. *May they serve in safety and with honor.*



Pledge Campaign 2022: Rejoice in the Lord Always!

There may be a lot of hype about Broadway being back, but you ain't seen nothing yet! Very soon you will again receive a short weekly video produced and directed by the renowned team of James and Feyereisen. Together they are interviewing various parishioners and staff, exploring how they have been blessed and surprised by the works of our Lord during this pandemic. *Rejoice in the Lord Always* (Philippians 4.4) captures where we are as a Christian community, for God is always with us and doing new and marvelous things. Stay tuned for more!



Girls Friendly Society has planned a fun-packed month of October. On **Saturday, October 2nd**, our Branch will be meeting up with GFS St. George's to make dog biscuits for each of our Blessing of the Animals, which will be held for us on **Sunday October 3rd** from 4pm to 5pm. No need to bring anything; St. George's is providing all we need to make delicious dog biscuits. The address 7 Lincoln Avenue, Rumson, and we are meeting at Ralph Hall at 2:00pm.

Saturday, October 23rd is Beach Sweeps Clean Up! We are once again gathering at 9 a.m. to clean the area at the end of Maple Street in Red Bank. Lunch to follow at Toast.

Finally, we are hosting a very spooky zoom event – visiting an Escape Room! Wherever you are, you can log in on **Friday October 29th at 7:00pm** to join our girls from Rumson for a night perfect to get you ready for Halloween.



**Blessing of the Animals 2021
Sunday, October 3rd, 4-5 PM**

Like almost everything these days, the Blessing of the Animals is looking a little different this year. Blessings will be taking place on Sunday October 3rd (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi), from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Enter in your car through the Sycamore Avenue drive (by the Parish House). Mother Lisa will be ready for you at the end of the driveway in the Parking Lot, to bless your pets and creatures; all people and animals will safely remain in their car! You may exit either onto Highway 35/Broad Street (remember: no left turns from that exit) or you may turn left onto the road that leads to the Presbyterian Church and out to Sycamore Avenue. **Hope to see you then!**

Shrewsbury Historic District is on the Map!

The Shrewsbury Historical Society recently a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to install a National Register Marker to acknowledge the Shrewsbury Historic District's achievement of being placed on the National Register in 1978. This site identifies the Allen House, Wardell House, and our very own Christ Church! The sign is across the street from us on Sycamore Avenue. Worth a stroll over to take a look!



Confirmation Class....will not be meeting this month, as we could not figure out a time for all parties! Keep tuned for the November class times.

Crop Walk – Almost Halfway There

Thanks to all who have generously donated to Crop Walk this year – with donations made on the website and others given to me, we have raised \$870 toward our 2021 goal of \$2000. We all appreciate this participation! For those still wanting to donate, it's simple – just go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/shrewsbury-silver>. It's that easy!

We are also working with both the Presbyterian Church next door and St. John's in Little Silver; members of both will be joining us for a brief walk on Sunday, October 3, at 11:30 or so – right after our 10 am service. We will be doing somewhat of a round trip to St. John's and back. Good weather promised! Note that the signs saying October 17 refer to a big rally at Red Bank High School that day; it's separate from our walk.

Also – we are still collecting bags and boxes and cans of beans and rice and soup and peanut butter. You can leave them at the Parish House – we will deliver our contributions on October 17.

From Queeni Caay

To my Christ Church Shrewsbury Family:

With all my heart, I earnestly hope that we can live in a world without poverty and hunger. For many years, the nations have strived to attain these sustainable development goals and yet here we are witnessing firsthand, how sad, and cruel life can be.

A few days ago, as I was walking in the slums of Davao City. I saw a lot of children, mostly around 6 years old and above, selling vegetables and asking for spare change. This kind of scenario isn't new to me because every time I go to crowded places, I can really see them everywhere. It really makes me judge the government, how can they turn a blind eye on these poor and innocent children? What's more concerning is that these children don't only walk around town without slippers, they are also not wearing any mask. They even eat spare food from random people eating on streetside diners because clearly, they don't realize how life-threatening the virus is.

I saw people have given them a few coins and told them how unsafe it is to eat other people's spare food in these times, but they never listened. One kid had caught my attention, he was with his younger sister. I noticed earlier that he was the only one who didn't bother the customers. I was about to pay when I heard him buy food for his sister. He looked at me with a wide smile and it felt so good. I was mesmerized and it touched my heart knowing he made sure his younger sister had something to eat when he himself looked tired and hungry. And so, I handed him a few small bills in which he immediately used to buy more food. He looked so happy, and it really made my day. He thanked me and went to her sister. He was still smiling when I left, and it was a big trigger to my happy hormones that I immediately shared my day to my friends online. It was a sad and wonderful thing to experience.

My birthday is coming, and I was looking forward to making someone happy on that day. That smile really made my heart flutter and so I was hoping I can make someone smile because I exist. Whenever I have extra money, I make small charitable donations that supports children and elderly. From time to time, I donate the things I no longer use especially the clothes and shoes that no longer fit because that's a basic need. And in my own little way, I also support

the UNDP's Sustainable Development Goals most specially for poverty and hunger through Samsung Global Goals. I am not sharing this to brag because there is nothing to brag about but to encourage people to help. Remember, there is no such thing as a "small help". Every little thing you do to help is already a huge help. God recognizes that.

Below is the link for World Vision Philippines, an organization I also support where you can donate for children. You might be familiar because it's an evangelical Christian organization that has international subsidiaries. If you're more comfortable donating any amount through UNICEF, I have also added a link to their website. I assure you; your help will go a long way.

Thank you and God bless. May we prosper in all things!

WORLD VISION

https://www.worldvision.org.ph/donate/back-to-school-campaign-2021/?utm_medium=paid&utm_source=google-adwords-ada&utm_campaign=back-to-school&utm_content={{adset.name}}_{{ad.name}}&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5prvrpHb8gIVRJ_CCh3pZwDVEAAYASAAEgLUPPD_BwE

UNICEF

PH:

<https://donate.unicef.ph/campaign/onetime>

With love from PH to USA,
Queen



Composer of the month: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Ralph (pronounced “Rafe”) Vaughan Williams was born on October 12, 1872, in Gloucestershire, and died on August 26, 1958, in London. The late music journalist Harold C. Schonberg aptly described him as “a big, burly, indestructible man who had one of the longest creative spans in history.” Indeed, in his 85 years, Vaughan Williams composed nine symphonies, an opera, incidental music, concertos (for such typically neglected instruments as the tuba and harmonica!), film music, chamber music, and numerous songs and choral works.

Vaughan Williams studied at the Royal College of Music, acquired a Doctor of Music degree from Cambridge, in 1901, and, from there, forged his own path: he developed a compositional voice steeped in the English folk tradition; this contrasts with many of his contemporaries and immediate predecessors—Edward Elgar, Charles Stanford, Hubert Parry—who embraced the German Romantic style. (“The Beethoven idiom repels me,” he once wrote.) As English folk song was not widely available in the early twentieth century, Vaughan Williams realized he would have to go and find it himself. With his close friend the composer Gustav Holst, he did field research to collect folk song in its unadorned state. The music he found manifested in his own compositions, both through direct quotes and through stylistic components. “Every composer cannot expect to have a world-wide message,” Vaughan Williams wrote, “but he may reasonably expect to have a special message for his own people.”

This reverence for the music of England led, perhaps curiously for a self-described “cheerful agnostic,” toward his editing and creating *The English Hymnal*. He was encouraged in this endeavor by Percy Dearmer, the recently-appointed vicar of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Primrose Hill in London, who, in 1904, took a cab to Vaughan Williams’s house and knocked on the door with his grand idea. Dearmer’s idea was to replace existing the hundreds of different Anglican hymn books, which were widely deemed mediocre, with a rich assortment of musically-interesting English hymns to be published by Oxford University Press.

Vaughan Williams became captivated by the project, collecting—and, indeed, composing more than a few of the “anonymous” tunes that appear—over 700 hymn songs. Upon its publication in 1906,

The English Hymnal was controversial: several bishops were upset about some of the hymns to the Virgin Mary and various saints; it was banned by the Diocese of Bristol, even censured by the Archbishop of Canterbury himself. Dearmer, however, stood behind the book, and worked out a compromise with Oxford University Press, deleting the hymns considered offensive, and re-publishing the following year, 1907.

Several years later, the edited version fell into disuse, and the original *Hymnal* exploded in popularity. It became so widely-used that, a century later, then Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, appearing in a film documentary about Vaughan Williams, said “I don’t know if it’s appropriate to canonize an Agnostic,” but [for his work in crafting the *Hymnal*] Vaughan Williams was worthy of it. In the preface to *The English Hymnal*, Vaughan Williams wrote: “It ought no longer to be true anywhere that the most exalted moments of a church-goer’s week are associated with music that would not be tolerated in any place of secular entertainment.”

(notes by Patrick Durek, Iris’s husband)



Peakers and Everyone—

Our October book is a lovely little thing by Luke Adam Hawker called *Together*. The line drawings are charming and the content is very appropriate for these days.

When we finish *Together* we’re going to have some fun with *The Phantom Tollbooth* in this, the 50th year of its publication.

As always, join us in the parish house for an informal Eucharist at 9:30 and the dive into our bookish delights about 10:15. Everybody’s welcome!



Second Saturday Workday
October 9th from 10am-4pm
Please lend a hand

In September most of the weeding was done, but there is still a few more weeks to complete the job. During the next workday the church office window air conditioners need to be removed and it requires a helping hand. There are always loose debris, fallen branches and a host of black walnuts to be picked up. Please try to set aside an hour or two on October 9 between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to come be an active part of clearing and keeping our church yard in good order. As always, a simple and hot lunch will be provided. This is a good opportunity for any youth who need community Service credit.

Walter Dein, Second Saturday coordinator



BOSCOV'S FUNDRAISER
IS BACK - 2021 Style!
October 20, 2021

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends promotion is happening, October 20, 2021 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. Once again, for a mere \$5.00 you can purchase a coupon worth 25%, 15% or 10% to use **in the store** on that date. There's also the opportunity to win a \$100 gift card. This is a win-win. For each ticket sold the Church gets to keep the full \$5.00 and you get to discount shop. So why not do this?

Coupons are available for purchase now on Sundays throughout the week during office hours. Coupons will be in my mailbox together with an envelope. Checks payable to Christ Church accepted. Please put Boscov's fundraiser on the memo line.



Halloween/All Saints/All Souls....All Rolled into One!

Because of the uncertainties of the pandemic, we will once again be celebrating this great triad of holy days on one day this year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 31. The beautiful Litany of the Departed along with the traditional reading of the names of our loved ones at the All Souls' Service will be used at both the 8:00am and 10:00am services. This year, you will be able to place your candles at the altar, safely spaced as you process, please!



Monmouth University's visit to Christ Church

Richard Veit, Professor of Anthropology and Interim Dean of the School Of Humanities And Social Sciences at Monmouth University, brought a group of students to visit the Christ Church Graveyard on the evening of September 28th. Our own Jeff Veil gave them the bonus of a much-appreciated tour of the church. Dr. Veit has participated in several history programs here at Christ Church. We hope to see him again in the future with this students.

Serving Schedule: October 2021

October 3

Acolyte: 8:00am Priscilla Gettis
10:00am Team 1: Andrew Brown, Dexter and Kody Craven
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling
Lector: 8:00am Teddy Keating 10:00am Connie Goddard
Ushers: 8:00am Walter Dein 10:00am Elaine Feyereisen, Bramley Maber
Coffee Hour: Connie Goddard

October 10

Acolyte: 8:00am Judi Buncher 8:00am
10:00am Team 2: Stacy Reagan, PJ Reyes, Cassandra & Abigail Murphy
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards
Lector: 8:00am Peggy James 10:00am Dash Cassidy
Ushers: 8:00am John Callaghan 10:00am Larry Nibbling, Walter Dein
Coffee Hour: Mark and Colleen Roth

October 17 (ML+ gone; Kathleen Bishop Celebrant)

Acolyte: 8:00am Edgar John
10:00am Team 3: Halina Nibbling, Matthew & Joshua Dunford
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster
Lector: 8:00am Priscilla Gettis 10:00am Bill Cuff
Ushers: 8:00am, Peggy James 10:00am Rod Webster, Jim O'Connor
Coffee Hour: Dianne Regiec

October 24 (ML+ gone; Kathleen Bishop Celebrant)

Acolyte: 8:00am Priscilla Gettis
10:00am Team 4: Andrew Brown, Isabel & Asara Chen-Durek
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher
Lector: Walter Dein 8:00am, Bob Van Valkenburgh
Ushers: Judi Buncher 8:00am, Elaine Feyereisen, Bramley Maber
Coffee Hour: **TBD**

October 31 (All Saints/Souls Service)

Acolyte: 8:00am Edgar John
10:00am, Team 1: PJ Reyes, Jonathan Badal (TH)
Dexter and Kody Craven
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher
Lector: Teddy Keating 8:00am, Martie Viets
Ushers: Carl Alfano 8:00am, Larry Nibbling, Walter Dein
Coffee Hour: **TBD**

October, 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>Office Hours:</u> <i>Tue. – Fri.</i> 9AM – 2PM				1	1	2
3 <u>11:30 Crop Walk</u> <u>4-5PM</u> <i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	4 <u>Office closed</u>	5	6 <u>9:30-11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist Peak of the Week	7	8	9 <u>10am-4pm</u> 2nd Saturday Workday
10	11 <u>Office closed</u> <u>Vestry Meeting</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u>	12 <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	13 <u>9:30-11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist Peak of the Week <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	14 Mother Lisa - vacation	15 Mother Lisa Vacation	16 Mother Lisa - Vacation
17 <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	18 <u>Office closed</u> <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	19 <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	20 <u>9:30-11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist Boscov's Shopping Day 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Mother Lisa - Vacation	21 <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	22 <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	23 Mother Lisa - Vacation
24 <u>1:00 p.m.</u> <u>Convocation</u> <i>Zoom</i> <u>Mother Lisa</u> <u>Vacation</u>	25 <u>Office closed</u> <u>Mother Lisa -</u> <u>Vacation</u>	26	27 <u>9:30-11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist Peak of the Week	28	29	30
31 All Saints All Souls Service 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.						

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The Communications Team reminds you to check the web site for current parish news.

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"Be friends with Christ Church Shrewsbury" and then invite your friends to be our friend so we all can be informed and connected to events in our community.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST. BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH WITH YOU.

The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector
The Reverend Victoria Cuff, Deacon
Iris Chen, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Roese, Office Administrator
Jeff Veil, Sexton

VESTRY 2021

Peggy James – Senior Warden, Stewardship

Elaine Feyereisen – Junior Warden, Reopening Chair

Carl Alfano

Walter Dein – Building and Grounds

Connie Goddard – Outreach

Sheila Hatami-Watson

Sue Napoletano- Church School

Larry Nibbling - Finance

Martie Viets

Treasurer – Stephen Craven

Asst. Treasurer--Lynn Marengo, Larry Nibbling

Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart



View outside the church on a sunny autumn day