



The Courier

Christ the King Episcopal Church
1224 North Jefferson Street
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A Few Words from Fr. Ted - PURPLE?

I have never much cared for the color purple (sounds like a book title, doesn't it?) Why we prefer certain colors over others I don't know. But my aversion to purple is life-long. I suppose it is a good thing that I will never be a bishop. Those purple shirts would become tiresome. I am also grateful for the optional use of blue vestments during the season of Advent.

Although some Episcopal parishes have transitioned to what is called a Lenten Array (an unbleached homespun fabric with oxblood stripes) during the current season, purple has been the traditional color of Lent. This has been so at least since the late sixteenth century when the seasonal colors for worship were codified after the Roman Catholic Council of Trent. Why purple for Lent, though?

The trusty internet provided a couple of helpful explanations. There seems to be agreement that in ancient times, purple dye was the most expensive to procure. It was made by crushing up Mediterranean mollusks (snails) and was costly because of its scarcity. It, therefore, was mostly only available to the very wealthy and to monarchs. It soon came to symbolize royalty. Its use in Lent reminds us that at his crucifixion, Jesus was sarcastically identified with a sign calling him the King of the Jews.

The Gospel of Mark likewise tells us:

“The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.”—Mark 15:16-20

Purple, then, recalls for us Jesus' kingship and his Passion.

Yet another source, adds to these that in Old English and some other European languages the term purple had some connotation of “lengthening.” Easter, and subsequently, Lent are celebrated in spring time because of Jesus' death and resurrection occurring at the time of the Jewish Passover. Spring being the time when the daylight becomes longer in the northern hemisphere, connected these observances with the purple we have become accustomed to seeing in church.

I can put up with wearing purple for forty days because it reminds us of Jesus' Passion for our sake, his kingship, and that every winter is followed by spring.

Fr. Ted+

Sources: <https://catholicct.org/2020/03/03/why-is-lent-purple/>

<https://blog.ecclesiasticalsewing.com/2020/01/22/why-do-we-use-purple-during-lent/>



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN :

When disaster has struck, Christ the King has always given generously to those who suffer terribly.

At their February meeting, the Vestry of Christ the King voted to allocate \$500 from the Outreach Budget to go to Episcopal Relief and Development designated for aid to Turkey and Syria for earthquake relief. A special collection on February 19, and additional donations on February 26, brought the total donation to \$1542.00. This is a tremendous amount from a "small" parish. Perhaps we're not as small as we think we are!

Episcopal Relief and Development will use our donation for the following:

- Provision of temporary accommodation and safe shelter
- Distribution of emergency supplies including food baskets and hygiene kits
- Repairing damaged bakeries to restart bread production to provide fresh food for local communities
- Constructing solar power systems to provide electricity for schools, homes for the elderly, and to provide clean water
- Implementing cholera prevention awareness
- Conducting life skills and job training for youth
- Providing mental health and psycho-social support for people affected.

God has spoken to us to help our brothers and sisters, and their children, and Christ the King has responded very well. Thank you to all the people of Christ the King.

Gary Beatty

SPEAKING OF TURKEY

Andrew Wickersham, who has been attending CTK for some time, is a graduate student who recently spent time doing research in Turkey. Given the recent tragic events in that area, I asked if he would talk to us about his experience of that country and what such a natural disaster might mean to such a region. He has agreed to share brief remarks with us during Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 12, 2023. I hope many of you can stay to hear what he has to share and ask any questions you might have. Thanks to Andrew for sharing his knowledge with us.



CHANGES TO AGREEMENT

You will see in the Vestry Minutes included with this issue of *The Courier* that the agreement by which Fr. Ted+ (me) serves as the Priest-in-Charge at Christ the King has been altered from the ones of past years and the one signed in November. We were notified that the compensation being provided did not meet the Diocesan Minimum Compensation Guidelines. Complying with these guidelines would have required a substantial increase in expense beyond what has been budgeted and reducing the only other truly discretionary item of spending – Outreach. It did not feel like doing so would be consistent with the who we are as a parish or our calling as followers of Jesus. It was agreed, therefore, that my hours of work will be reduced to sixteen hours from the twenty hours previously called for.

Let me be very clear that I am not receiving a reduction in pay. In fact, even this will mean a very slight increase. It also does not mean that I will immediately change my behavior or availability to the parish or each of you. Over the next several months, though, the Vestry and I will be reviewing how my work time is spent and how it might be adapted to fit the new agreed-upon work schedule. This may well mean that some of the tasks I have been doing which do not require that one be a priest will need to be picked up by others.

It is my belief that this will most likely result in Christ the King being not only more efficient, but more effective, in its ministry to each of us within and those outside of the church. It will be important for these changes to have been made when Christ the King seeks a new priest to serve here following my retirement.

I continue to give thanks to God for the opportunity he, and you, have given me to be your priest.

Fr. Ted+

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Our support group meeting for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and dementia will meet on **Thursday, March 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to invite others you may know who could use support to consider joining us. Meetings will continue to be held the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

For questions, call Nancy Heasley at 260-450-7077, Fr. Ted, or Meg Moss.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Brandon Hibbard

21 Molly Parker



HELP WANTED!

Please Note:

If you are new to Christ the King, if you know of dates that you would like included in these lists, or if we have an incorrect date, please contact Sue Jepsen (sliepsen@yahoo.com). Thank you!

BOOK CLUB



We'll meet on March 6 at Marguerite Wire's home to discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Marguerite will lead the discussion. "*The Last Thing He Told Me* is a domestic suspense/mystery that takes a unique look at family, loyalty and trust," says one Goodreads reviewer.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Join us if you can!

RUMMAGE

Frischmans' barn is open to receive your rummage all winter long. You may bring your treasures and even do a bit of shopping if you like! Please be sure to turn the lights off and close the door tightly when you drop things off.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH



Remember that we helped Huntington kids get ready for school last August? Well, it's time to start collecting again! Last year we ran out of hats and gloves before all could be served; this year we're told we should be prepared for about 1,200 kids. There's a bin in the sacristy if you find such things on clearance (now's a good time for that). Please write down how many and what size you add to the list provided. If you prefer to give money, remember to write what it's for on your check or envelope. And if you knit or crochet, the kids loved the homemade hats that we had last year (with thanks to Linda Beatty).

SERVICE ROSTER MARCH, 2023

	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar
		Love INC Ingathering		Little Blessings Ingathering
Reader (OT & Epistle)	Dick Wire	Marguerite Wire	Meg Moss	Carmen Oswalt
Intercessor	Marguerite Wire	Dick Wire	Liz Snively	Bill Oswalt
Server 1	Carmen Oswalt	Dixie Harrold	Carmen Oswalt	Dixie Harrold
Server 2	Meg Moss	Paul Wilson	Jeff Roberts	Paul Wilson
Crucifer	Meg Moss	Paul Wilson	Jeff Roberts	Kory Boxell
Oblations				
2 Counters:				
Vestry member				Sue Jepsen
Non-vestry	Alex Klausung		Meg Moss	
Altar Guild	Marguerite Wire	Alex Klausung	Linda Beatty	Sue Jepsen
Transport Marlene & Shirley	Wire	Wire	Jepsen	
Coffee Hour	Beatty	Wire	Heasley	Neidlinger

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR NEXT MONTH !



CHRIST the KING

ANNUAL CALENDAR

2023

JANUARY		JULY	
19	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.	20	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.
22	Annual Meeting	27	Little Blessings Board, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall
26	Little Blessings Board, 5:30 p.m.	21	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00
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FEBRUARY		AUGUST	
16	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 6:00 p.m.	17	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.
19	Mutual Ministry Review, 11 – 1, Vestry	25	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00
22	Ash Wednesday Eucharist, 6:30 p.m.	SEPTEMBER	
26	Lenten Study, 10:30 a.m.	10 - 20	Fr. Ted on vacation
MARCH		21	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.
2,9,16,23,30	Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.		Nut order forms due (to be decided later)
5,12,19,26	Lenten Study, 10:30 a.m.	28	Little Blessings Board, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
16	Vestry meeting @ 6:00 pm		
23	Little Blessings Board 5:30 p.m.	22	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00
24	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00	OCTOBER	
APRIL			Nut sorting & packaging (?)
1	Spring Cleanup, 9:30 a.m.		Nut pickup, 10 - 12
2	Palm Sunday Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.	19	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.
6	Maundy Thursday Eucharist, 6:30 p.m.	26	Little Blessings Board, 5:30 p.m.
7	Good Friday Liturgy, 12:10 p.m.	27	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00
8	Easter Vigil, 7:00 p.m.		
9	Easter Sunday Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.		
21	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00	NOVEMBER	
		4	Diocesan Convention, South Bend
MAY		10	Fall Cleanup, 9:00 a.m.
18	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.	16	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.
25	Little Blessings Board, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall	19	Christ the King Sunday/Brunch
26	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00	19	Greening of the church
JUNE		22	Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.
1	Rummage Sale, 4 - 7	24	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00
2	Rummage Sale, 8 - 5		
3	Rummage Sale, 8 - 12; Cleanup, 12 noon	DECEMBER	
9 - 19	Fr. Ted on vacation	14	Little Blessings Board, 5:30 p.m.
15	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.	21	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.
17	Heritage Days Parade	24	Christmas Eve Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.
25	Galilean Picnic @ Frischmans', 12 noon	25	Christmas Day Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
23	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00	22	New Life Meal Ministry, 5:00 – 7:00
	2nd Sunday of each month: Love INC ingathering		4th Sunday: Little Blessings ingathering

WEEKLY, each Thursday: MORNING PRAYER, 9:00 a.m.; EVENING PRAYER, 5:30 p.m.

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VESTRY

Britina Boxell 2023
Sue Nunemaker 2023
Linda Beatty 2024
Marguerite Wire 2024
Sue Jepsen 2025
Nancy Heasley 2025

PHONE NUMBERS

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260-356- 3570
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SERVICES at CHRIST the KING

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer

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PERSONNEL

Priest-in-Charge: Fr. Theodore Neidlinger
Bishop/Rector: The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks
Sr. Warden: Gary Beatty
Jr. Warden: John Jepsen
Treasurer: Mark Parker
Music Director: Sue Nunemaker

