

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE CALLED "TO BE A LIGHT, LIVING AS A WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE, SERVING AND NURTURING ALL"

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CTK Headlines

Palm Sunday at Christ the King

What a beautiful Palm Sunday at Christ the King, complimented with a performance by our Adult and Children's choirs.



New Beginnings

The spring equinox has just passed, and the season is well underway here in Texas. The grass is greening, plants are flowering, and trees are budding. Once again as we experience the new light of spring, we are reminded that this is part of God's plan and a symbol of His greatest gift of all, the light and love of His Son and His promise of life eternal- the new beginning we all hope to share. Easter falls at a time when we can see that hope realized in the world around us.

Read more about New Beginnings on page 3....

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

Hospitality

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” --Hebrews 13:2

This scripture verse is so important. Hospitality to strangers is an important way Christians give and receive the love of Christ. And you are lucky. Nearly every Sunday at Christ the King you have the opportunity to welcome a stranger. We call them visitors. Chances are you were once a stranger to this Church. We take welcoming so seriously that we were blessed to receive a special grant from the Diocese last year. This grant allowed us to call Tracy Painter as our Newcomer Coordinator.

Tracy and I meet weekly. She has lots of good ideas to share and she is a great listener. Her title is Newcomer Coordinator. While part of her responsibility involves welcoming newcomers, this is really everybody's job. Many people feel uncomfortable about what to do when they see a newcomer. I hear lots of questions like this: “What do I say?” and “What if they have been coming here longer than I have?” We have all been there before.

Tracy will facilitate some conversations about welcoming and her role as Newcomer Coordinator. This will take place from 9:15am to 10:00am on April 14, 21, and 28. I highly encourage you to attend. There are so many things to learn (and share) about how to be most welcoming.

You may have heard me say that every church in the world considers themselves to be welcoming. Yet, as everyone knows, not all churches are welcoming. I think we do a good job at welcoming. Yet we can always improve and be mindful of ways to thoughtfully welcome people in our midst. A warm welcome can very well make all the difference in a person's walk with God. So please do join us as we explore how to best “entertain angels.”

Yours in Christ,
Father David Nelson†

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~~NEW BEGINNINGS~~

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I am furthermore reminded of God's promise and new beginnings every Sunday morning when I see the faces of the young people in this church. How fortunate I have been to be able to interact with some of them through Sunday school, and I am sure all the other teachers can say the same. Children are God's reminder to us adults of new life and new beginnings, and to be a part of that growth is a blessing – children are indeed our teachers – if we pay attention.

I believe Sunday school has undergone a new beginning. There is a wondrous bright and shiny group of children who are regularly participating in Sunday school as well as an enthusiastic and creative new group of teachers who have stepped forward to supplement our dedicated diehards. Mimi Buchman, Brad Painter, Rosalie Pyle, Theresa Reed and Cheryl Strickland, along with sub Judy Walker, have brought new energy and helping hands to "Miss Rachel" Shedeed who has

so loyally and capably been a driving force in Sunday school this school year. Truly an awesome group!

Yes, Easter is indeed the pinnacle of Christianity with its promise of new life and new beginnings. It is the rock on which our faith is established. However, I believe that God has sent us many external signs of that promise of grace and love – in the world around us and, most importantly, in the purity and innocence and beauty of the faces and spirits of the children around us. I hope that you will take the time to appreciate and connect with the young among us; you will find yourself enriched.

I wish you all the blessings of Easter and a renewal of your faith journey as we go through this beautiful season.

Theresa Simmons
Vestry Member, Christian Education

~~ JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT ~~

Spring has arrived and so has the outdoor activities we all enjoy. Along with the activities we all enjoy are the responsibilities of chores around the house. Mowing, trimming and sprucing up around the house are all things we do so we can enjoy our outdoor activities. Christ the King has a yard crew to mow and trim our church yard. Volunteers share the mowing and trimming. However, there is always room for more people to join the mowing team. If you feel this is one of your talents, please let me know.

As you give of your talents as part of your stewardship, there are other areas where the church can receive your talents. As Junior Warden, I am always trying to keep things repaired or see that things get repaired. I would

like to invite everyone to share your talents. Please let me know of your talents. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters or any kind of repair skill are from time to time needed to maintain our church. Please let me know about your talents so that you can help the team with some of the duties we all share here at Christ the King.

If you would like to join the lawn crew, learn more about the duties of the Junior Warden or find out how you can help, contact me at holbrookfarm@hotmail.com or (713) 851-7178.

Aaron Holbrook
Junior Warden



~~OUTREACH~~

Christ the King is big on outreach! Each month we deliver food pantry items to either HAAM or CUIC. Our first annual charity golf tournament benefited HAAM, LOTS and CUIC, and we were excited to present checks to both organizations!

We also provide monetary gifts to CUIC, HAAM, LOTS and Family Times throughout the year as part of our missionary asking as outlined by the Diocese.

Below are some recent outreach photos and letters of appreciation!

HAAM is in need of the following items this month: cereal, meal type soups, shampoo/conditioner, spaghetti, canned fruit, toilet paper, bar soap, granola bars, dish soap, feminine hygiene products and detergent.

Bob Keller
Vestry Member, Outreach



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Dear Sir or Madam,

We greatly appreciate your selection of FamilyTime to receive your generous donation of \$340.00, check #3160 on 2/18/2013.

FamilyTime operates the only shelter in North Harris County serving women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Your contribution not only helps provide shelter, but it also helps provide crisis intervention, counseling, support groups, a 24-hour crisis helpline, and a rape crisis program.

As always, all of FamilyTime's services to victims of abuse are free of charge.

The generosity of caring donors is a long-term investment in improving lives. Thank you for helping us to build a stronger community.

Sincerely,

Judy Cox
Executive Director

With respect to the Internal Revenue Service substantiation requirements for charitable contributions, this letter will serve to advise that no goods or services of value were provided in return for your thoughtful donation to FamilyTime. Federal Tax ID # 74-1956396.

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FamilyTime Crisis and Counseling Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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3-12-13

Dear Friends of HAAM,

Thank you so very much for your recent donation of food to our food pantry. We are very grateful for your generosity. There is no way we could help so many needy families without our faithful partners.

Sincerely,
Jan Whitman
Food Pantry Director



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~~NEWCOMER CORNER~~

Did you know that Quebec produces 75% of the world's maple syrup? We were lucky enough to be visiting during the sugaring season, which heralds the arrival of spring. Temperatures that range from highs in the 40's to lows in the 20's make the sap of the maple tree start running. The sap is collected and boiled down to become maple syrup. It usually takes 30-40 gallons of sugar maple sap to produce just one gallon of pure maple syrup!

While vacationing in the Laurentian Mountains outside Montreal during Spring Break, we wanted to know more about this important part of Canadian cultural heritage, so we visited a "cabane de sucre" or "sugar shack." We researched some on the Internet, French dictionary in hand, to decide which one to visit. We chose a small one that seemed authentic and was easy to find.

Upon arrival, we purchased tickets at the door, and then went inside to wait our turn. We milled about, not sure where to go or what to expect. The place was crowded with boisterous families and live music, but no one spoke English and no one talked to us. The kids were quiet and seemed uneasy, and I was busy trying to figure out what the procedure was. Luckily, the hostess quickly called our name and directed us to the coat checkroom and then to our table.

We were seated in the middle of a long wooden table with continuous benches on both sides. There were people on all sides. As the first course was brought to the table, we looked at the

strange array of foods in front of us, not knowing what to do. I noticed that the people next to us were on the same course, so I copied what they did. And it was delicious!

The woman saw what I was doing and laughed. Luckily, she spoke a little English and showed us how to eat the unfamiliar foods. She made suggestions and passed us condiments to use. We soon felt a part of the jovial spirit of the place. And when we left the building without getting some maple taffy, she found us in the parking lot and directed us to the boiler room where they pour the hot maple syrup on fresh clean snow, to be picked up with a popsicle stick and eaten. Such a treat!

I couldn't help but draw parallels between our experience at the sugar shack and what visitors experience at Christ the King. From the importance of an informative and easy-to-read web site to the spirit of authenticity visitors are seeking, the whole of the experience depends on so many people.

And just as first-time visitors may be confused about where to go and what to do during the service, all it takes is a friendly face to guide them and make them feel at home. I sincerely hope that all newcomers to Christ the King leave feeling as warm and well fed as we did when we left the sugar shack. But maybe not as sticky.

Tracy Painter
Newcomer Coordinator

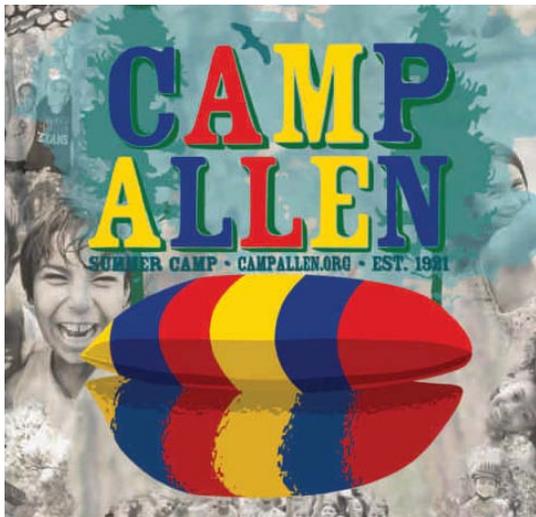
~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 4/2 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 4/6 There will be a Vestry Retreat from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Best Western in Atascocita.
- 4/7 First Sunday Lunch immediately following the 10:30 am service. Everyone is welcome!
- 4/7 & 4/21 The **Youth Group** is meeting at the church at 6:00 pm.
- 4/11 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 4/13 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** is meeting at the church at 8:00 am.
- 4/16 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 4/20 Adult Family Circuits – see bulletin board for details!
- 4/28 Do you have your team signed up yet? **BEAN BAG GOLF Tournament** after the 10:30 service!

**SAVE THE DATE! “ Quiet Day for Women” Celebrating Easter Through the Season
Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am to noon at the church**

~ April 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers	3	4	5	6 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Vestry Retreat
7 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service 12 noon 1 st Sunday Lunch 6:00 pm Youth Group	8	9	10	11 7:00 pm Daughters of the King	12	13 8:00 am Brotherhood of St Andrew
14 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service	15	16 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	17	18	19	20 6:00 pm Family Circuits – Adults Only
21 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service 6:00 pm Youth Group	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service 12 noon Bean Bag Golf	29	30	Notes:			





Camp Allen

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now open!

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June 9th – August 15th

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LOTS Spring Luncheon

It's the Annual
Lord of the Streets
Fund Raiser

Friday, May 10th
11:30 am – 1:00 pm



Bean Bag Golf!

Let the Bean Bags Fly!!

Sign your team up early to reserve your spot in the
10th Annual Bean Bag Golf Tournament

Sunday, April 28th
Noon

\$4 per team
Awards for all categories



~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

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CHRIST THE KING 2013 VESTRY MEMBERS

Your vestry is a group of lay members elected by you, the church members, to serve with the rector as the leadership and governing body of the church. Through an annual retreat, and monthly and other special meetings, the rector and vestry are responsible to set and oversee the vision of ministry for the church, and to conduct the business of the church as required by canon or civil law. All committees, commissions, or other church groups and their ministries come under the oversight of the vestry.

Each Sunday you can find a 'Vestry Person of the Day' present during the services for announcements, and available before and after each service for any questions any parishioner or newcomer might have about the church or any of the ministries.

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One of the responsibilities of the vestry, along with the rector, is managing the church's finances. We feel it's important that our parishioners have a sense of our church's financial position.

Here is a snapshot of our February 2013 Financial Statement:

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET %
Total Pledges & Contributions	\$18,744.96	\$18,750.00	99.97%
Total Expenses	(\$19,610.78)	(\$20,485.14)	95.73%
Excess Pledges/Expenses	(\$865.82)	(\$1,735.14)	49.90%



4/7	Julie Langler	4/21	JoAnne Stermon
4/10	David Nelson	4/26	Katie Holmes
4/12	P.J. McCluskey	4/27	Matthew Lalor
4/14	Nicole Simien	4/28	Bob Keller
4/17	Barry Rought	4/29	Crissy Nelson

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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- 4/12 Ruben & Anna Garcia
- 4/16 Henry & Debbie Lee
- 4/21 Andrew & Amy Beesley



Anniversary Prayer

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

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About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral size parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood, Crosby, Huffman and Summerwood. Come visit us for Sunday Service and learn about all the wonderful things our church has to offer!

Our Mission

To be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all

Jesus is Lord – Following the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures

Outreach – Committing to Christ-centered service

You are Welcome – Respecting the dignity of all God's children

Faith and Fellowship – Growing together in joyful celebration of our faith in Christ

United in Prayer and Worship – Praising God through our liturgy

Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist with music

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