

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

November 2011

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CTK Headlines

Thanksgiving Service

Each year Christ the King participates in a Community Thanksgiving Worship service with Atascocita Lutheran Church, Atascocita United Methodist Church, and Atascocita Presbyterian Church.

This year's service will take place on Sunday, November 20th at 6 pm at Atascocita United Methodist Church. From our parish, Drew Balog will play, our choir will sing, and Fr. David will preach.



USHERS at Christ the King



You probably noticed the two people at the front door before services who greet the parishioners coming through the front door. These are the "Ushers". Being an usher is an important and rewarding *volunteer* job.

Read more about our ushers on page 4...

Outreach Report:

- ✓ We delivered 65 pounds to HAAM
- ✓ CTK parishioners served breakfast at LOTS on Sunday, October 16th

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

As a preacher, my main goal is to preach the good news of God in Jesus Christ to the people of God (that's you). I usually focus upon Jesus in my sermons. I also preach about Biblical figures such as Moses, David, Mary, and Peter. And then there are the Saints—those holy people whose lives inspire us. These examples are tremendously important for our formation. All of us need to be inspired, fed, and strengthened by such holy examples.

At the same time, I want each of us at Christ the King to know that your response to God's love is critical. Your response to God's love makes us who we are. This is the Thanksgiving season. I am not talking about that holiday where we gather around the table, eat turkey and watch football. I am talking about our lives in Christ, our relationship with God, and our faith journey. Thanksgiving is our most appropriate response to the amazing love of God that we see most clearly in Jesus. Each Sunday when we celebrate Holy Eucharist together, we are saying thank you to God.

In this spirit of thanks, I want to say thank you to some of our youth here at Christ the King. I will not mention names. I want to share a few recent examples. We were in need of acolytes one Sunday and two of our youth jumped into action and served. On another Sunday we were short of ushers, and two of our young members sprung into action. Another youth member welcomed a new family to the church, and even invited their daughter to attend youth group. The youth group even gave their financial support to sponsor the Christmas card fundraiser we are currently doing.

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I share these examples of our youth being faithful because I think we should celebrate. Notice that these examples include gifts of time, talent, and treasure. That is something for us all to think about during our stewardship campaign. God is calling each of us to give thanks, to offer our gifts to God, and to celebrate. So the next time you see a person give in extraordinary ways, go ahead and celebrate. You may find that by celebrating their example, your own heart is filled as well.

Yours in Christ,
Father David Nelson†

~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 11/1 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8 am. Bring a friend.
- 11/6 All Saint's Day baptisms at the 10:30 service.
Then join us for FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH, immediately following the 10:30 service.
- 11/10 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7 pm.
- 11/13 & 11/27 The **Youth Group** will meet at the church at 6:30 pm.
- 11/20 REMINDER: Ripe for the Harvest stewardship ingathering of pledge cards.
- 11/20 Make plans to join us at our annual **Community Thanksgiving Worship** at Atascocita United Methodist Church at 6 pm. Father David will preside, Drew Balog will play and all choirs will sing!
- 11/26 It's Altar Guild cleaning day at 10 am.
- 11/27 **Brotherhood of St Andrew** installation during the 10:30 service.

Upcoming Events:

- Breakfast with Santa:** Saturday, December 3rd, 9 am – 1 pm
- Confirmation with Bishop Philip Duncan:** Sunday, December 4th, 6:30 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8 am Breakfast Brothers @ IHOP	2	3	4	5 
6 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service & Baptisms Noon 1 st Sunday Lunch 4:15 pm Choir Practice	7	8	9	10 7 pm Daughters of the King	11	12
13 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service Noon Fundraising Comm 4:15 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group	14	15 7pm Vestry Meeting	16	17	18	19
20 Pledge Ingathering 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service 4:15 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service	21	22	23	24 	25	26 10am Altar Guild Cleaning Day
27 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service Brotherhood installation 4:15 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group	28	29	30	Notes:		



~~USHERS AT CHRIST THE KING~~

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The “usher” finds its beginning in the very early church. The ushers actually were the first line of defense from the Romans and a very important position. The ushers would recognize everyone that entered the secret church building. Strangers were not let in without a close friend who the ushers recognized. They would watch through the doors and peep holes for signs of a Roman raid or spies. They would help everyone escape if there was the threat of a raid.

The modern usher is a lot safer job but it is still an important function of today’s church.

Ushers are responsible for the orderly operation of the day’s events.

- They show up early and stay late.... (One of the joys of serving the Lord!)
- The first one to unlock the door, sets the air conditioning so the church is comfortable. ☺
- They patrol the place for vermin (varmints) that have snuck in; like squirrels, flying squirrels, lizards, and, yes, snakes!!!! (We have had them all...!!! ☹)
- They greet everyone who enters the church and pass out bulletins.
- (Some ushers even kiss and hug their favorite parishioners!!). ☺
- They greet new visitors and get them to sign the guest book.
- They answer questions, especially from visitors.
- They get the bell rung on time. (Usually...)
- They take the bread and wine to the altar.
- They collect the offerings.
- They “usher” people to the altar for communion in an orderly fashion.
- They assist people who are mobility challenged (politically correct way of saying “can’t walk well”. I’m not far from there!!)
- They perform special tasks if the priest asks.
- They open and close the doors.
- THEY TURN OFF THE A/C AT THE END OF CHURCH to save electricity.

There is a serious side too. They watch out for mischief; varmints (for lack of a better term) in the parking lot or other places they don’t belong. They take charge in case of an emergency, like someone fainting, etc.

There is one job that some people really like as an usher: The ushers take communion last. This tells the priest that communion is over and no one else is participating. The ushers can help the priest finish the leftover bread and wine, if needed. ☺

There are usually two ushers. Anyone wishing to sign up to be an usher should put it down as a “time and talent” on the pledge card or talk with one of the ushers. We’d love to have you join us!!!

Robert Lunson

~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

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CHRIST THE KING 2011 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.

ANNOUNCING our new 2012 Vestry members: John Holmes, Mike McDaniel & Teresa Simmons!

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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.

A snapshot of our September 2011 Financial Statement. *We are 72% to budget in pledges for the year.*

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance	\$57,063.17
Revenue	+\$16,860.95
Expenses	-\$15,546.83
Ending Balance	\$58,377.29

Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$6,483.86
Revenue	+\$0
Expenses	-\$0
Ending Balance	\$6,483.86

~~OUR CHURCH IN PICTURES~~

Ripe for the Harvest Stewardship Kick-off Dinner on October 15th.

Our way of saying thank you to the parishioners of Christ the King!



Blessing of the Animals on October 2nd! And yes, snakes are pets, too!!



What happens at the Buras', stays at the Buras'

The family circuits group with young children met on October 22nd for a Pizza and Play party. An amusing crowd of 23 people participated in a night of games and family fun. The big winners of the night were: Ruben Garcia at the Uno table, Tracy Painter at the Mexican Train table, and Darby Buras in the Beyblade showdown. (If you don't know what a Beyblade is, just ask any nine year old boy.

Really, it's just a modern spinning tops game.)

There's no better way to get to know your church family than to challenge them to a competitive game!

~~OUR CHURCH IN PICTURES~~

The Ghosts of Malhado

Hilary Sellar, local author and CTK parishioner, presented to our church on October 9th. We were treated to her special story, the history of her children's books and a book signing.



Serving Breakfast at LOTS on Sunday, October 16th



Community Thanksgiving Service

It's become our favorite Thanksgiving tradition:

Join us and our neighbors at Atascocita Lutheran Church, Atascocita United Methodist Church, and Atascocita Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 20th
6:00 pm
Atascocita United Methodist

Father David Nelson presiding
Drew Balog playing
All choirs singing!!



Breakfast (& Pictures!) with Santa



The whole community is invited to
BREAKFAST and PICTURES with SANTA

Saturday, December 3rd
9 am - 1 pm at the church

The event is **FREE** to the community
Receive a FREE picture and picture frame

Confirmation with Bishop Duncan

Make plans to attend a special service with
BISHOP PHILIP DUNCAN

Sunday evening, December 4th
6:30 pm

**Come celebrate our latest group of parishioners
completing their confirmation class**





11/4 Karen Glover
 11/7 Vivian Maende
 11/17 DeDe Holbrook
 11/26 Xavier Goudeaux
 11/26 Autumn Glover

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.**

11/1 Freddie & Karen Glover
 11/13 Gene & Paula Campbell



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

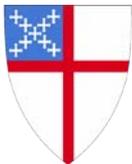
Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

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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