



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

February 2011

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Welcome to Christ the King!

We are glad you are here!

Christ the King is the little church with a big heart. And we have a lot to love! We ring in 2011 with a new website @ www.CTKAtascocita.org, we have a new rector, Father David Nelson, and we are already into outreach with events such as LOTS Breakfast and a Fill the Pantry Open House benefiting HAAM!

Read about all our upcoming events & celebrations in our newsletter.

Stay connected with all our friends!

HAAM www.haaministries.org

Lord of the Streets www.lordofthestreets.org

Diocese of Texas www.epicenter.org

Your Vestry at Work

Here are your 2011 Vestry Members:

Sr. Warden	Rosemary Sullivan
Jr. Warden	Aaron Holbrook
Finance	Stephen Buras
Outreach	Carol Martin
Stewardship	Shawn Sanders
Publicity	Rachel Taylor
Christian Ed	Rachel Shaye
Evangelism	Russell Strickland
Grounds Maintenance	Robert Lunson
Clerk	Stephen Draper
Treasurer	Bob Keller



Father Nick, interim rector for Christ the King since 2009

"What a joy and honor it is to be called to serve as your new rector!"



Father David Nelson and his wife, Beth Anne

Notes from Nick

"AND I'M OUT OF HERE..."

I want to thank all of you at Christ the King for making my job as your Interim Rector so easy and enjoyable. This is a great congregation with a bright future.

I wish the Rev. David Nelson all the best in his new ministry with you. May our Lord continue to bless, guide and keep you in the palm of His hand.

**Yours in Christ
Fr. Nick+**

From the desk of Father David

Dear People of Christ the King,

Greetings. I want to begin by saying what a joy and an honor it is to be called to serve as your new rector! I am so grateful to God and to the members of Christ the King for the opportunity to serve Christ and the world together. My wife, Beth Anne, is equally excited. We can't wait for March to arrive!

Most recently I served as a parish priest and campus minister in Bowling Green, Ohio. Prior to that I served as a campus minister in Toledo, Ohio. I graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary (2005) and attended college at St. Mary's in San Antonio (2002). Coming to the Houston area is a homecoming for me, as I grew up in Sugar Land. Beth Anne is an ordained American Baptist pastor. She is from Lansing, Michigan and a graduate of Michigan State University (2006) and Eden Theological Seminary (2009). She has a passion for youth ministry. We met during our respective ordination processes.

I am a big sports fan. I played baseball in college and more recently found an obscure sport called disc golf (or frisbee golf). I enjoy reading and discussing theology books and cheering for Houston Texans, despite their tendency to break my heart! My wife loves to swim, knit, read, cook, and do yoga.

When I first saw your Parish Profile I was touched by your commitment to outreach, the way you treat everyone like family, and the joyous spirit of this Church. When I met with the search committee and vestry, this confirmed my initial feelings about Christ the King. Your love for Christ is evident in how you speak of each other. Your love for serving the community is evident in the many outreach ministries of your parish. I am getting excited pondering what God has in store for us in our ministry together.

So thank you so much for all that you have done to prepare the way for me to enter this community of faith. There is something special about knowing that people are praying for you. I have felt this power from you and I thank each and every one of you for keeping me in your prayers. I will continue to keep you in my daily prayers.

There will be a special reception welcoming us on February 26th from 4pm-6pm. My first day in the office will be March 1st and my first Sunday is March 6th. We look forward to meeting you soon. *May God's blessing be with you!*

**Yours in Christ,
Father David Nelson+**

Calendar of Events

- 2/1 The Breakfast Brothers are meeting at IHOP on FM 1960 in Atascocita at 8am
- 2/6 Is First Sunday lunch immediately following the 10:30 service
- 2/10 The Daughters of the King are meeting at the church at 7pm
- 2/12 The Brotherhood of St Andrew is meeting at the church at 8:30 am
- 2/19 Family Circuits "Adults only" will be touring St. Arnold's Brewery at 11am
- 2/20 Join us for a "Thank You" Reception for Father Nick immediately following the 10:30 service
- 2/26 Help us welcome Father David Nelson and his wife, Beth Anne, and a FILL THE PANTRY open house!
All donated food items will benefit HAAM

◀ January 2011		~ February 2011 ~					▶ March 2011
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 8am Breakfast Brothers @IHOP	2	3	4	5	
6 8:00 Service 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Choir Practice 10:30 Service 12:00 1 st Sunday Lunch	7	8	9	10 7pm Daughters of the King	11	12 8:30am Brotherhood of St Andrew	
13 8:00 Service 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Choir Practice 10:30 Service 6:30 Youth Meeting	14	15 7pm Vestry Meeting	16	17	18	19 11am Family Circuit Adults Only St Arnold's Brewery Tour	
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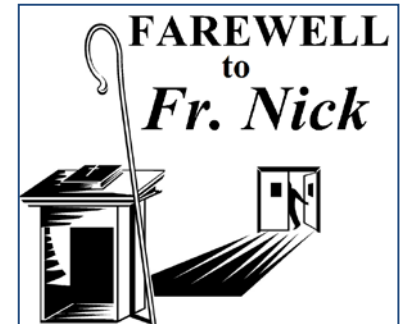


'Thank You' Reception for Father Nick

"We are greatly appreciative for all that Father Nick has done for us and for our Church during our time of transition."

Please join us on Sunday, February 20th after the 10:30 am service for a covered-dish lunch as we say **THANK YOU & GOODBYE** to Father Nick.

Dessert will be provided, so bring your favorite salad, vegetable or main dish to share.



FILL THE PANTRY Open House

Help us welcome Father David Nelson, and his wife Beth Anne to Humble and their new home at Christ the King! We will be hosting a FILL THE PANTRY Open House at the church on February 26th from 4-6pm. Bring a food item to "fill the pantry." *All food items will be donated to HAAM - our local community food pantry.*

The entire community is invited, so bring the whole family to meet our new rector!

For more information, contact Rachel Taylor or any member of the vestry



Tour at Saint Arnold's Brewery

The adult group of Family Circuits is about to crank up for the new season. Our first event will be a mid-day Saturday outing on February 19th to the St. Arnold's Brewery's new facility at 2000 Lyons (between I-45 and US-59, visible from I-10).

There is a \$7 charge for the brewery tour, which includes a souvenir glass. They also make a very good root beer in addition to real beer. Tables will be available inside for a bring-your-own picnic lunch. We will meet at the Brewery at 11am.

For more information, contact Barbara Spence @ (281) 436-0721



**Family Circuits
Adult Group**



Daughters of the King begin a study on Esther

The DOK will begin a study on Esther starting in February. Any woman that is interested in joining the study is welcome. You don't have to be a member of the Daughters of the King to come.

We will meet the second Thursday of each month from 7:00~9:00 pm at the church. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information, contact Theresa Reed @ (713) 444-6943



BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 Debbie Lee
- 2/7 Summyr Glover
- 2/9 Donna Dalton
- 2/11 Russell Strickland
- 2/18 Rachel Taylor
- 2/23 Ashley Taylor
- 2/23 Susan Lunson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/1 Andy & Susan Yee
- 2/10 Brad & Tracy Painter
- 2/14 Ray & Mimi Buchman

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.*

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. We invite you to join us in our spiritual journey, through the various worship, educational and ministry opportunities we have.

Come learn more about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Order of the Daughters of the King, the Episcopal Youth Community, the Choir or any of our worship services (Acolytes, Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Guild).

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 Choir Practice
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist with music

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study



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