

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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6 JANUARY 2026

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us to-day. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein, you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both in English and Latin. The Rood shows our Saviour, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet, restful place, where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and Invite you to share In Its benefit. Come in, rest, and pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ, are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses, and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

**Restrooms** are located in the Parish House and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit, or by exiting the main doors and entering the Parish House by way of the side office door. A **Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish House. A **restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

**Pastoral Emergencies** such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one, should be directed to Fr. Tucker – 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner. Please do not hesitate to call. The **AED** is located to the left of the parish office door.

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## The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

## At Christ Church

1. Share the joy and strength in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

PROCESSION, BLESSING OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE,  
MYRRH & CHALK, AND SUNG MASS

6.00 pm

ORGAN – “Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern”  
1707)

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-*

AT THE PROCESSION

℣. Let us proceed in peace.

℞. In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 49 – “From the Eastern Mountains” (Vs. 1 & 2)

*Valour*

STATION AT THE CRECHE – Blessing of Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh, and Chalk

℣. ✠ Our help is in the Name of the Lord. ℞. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

**R**ECEIVE, O Holy Father, from me, thine unworthy servant, these gifts, which I offer to the honour of thy holy Name in homage to thy omnipotent majesty, as thou didst accept the sacrifice of Abel the Just and the same gifts which the three Magi didst offer unto thee. **Amen.**

**I**EXORCISE thee, creature of gold, incense, and myrrh by God the Father Almighty, by Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, and by the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, that freed from all the deceit, evil and cunning of the devil, thou mayest be a saving remedy to men against the snares of the enemy. May those, who with confidence in divine help, use thee in their homes and dwellings or about their persons be delivered from every hanger to body and soul and rejoice in the possession of every good, through the power and merits of Our Lord and Saviour and the intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, of the Holy Magi who on this day venerated Christ the Lord with the same gifts, and of all the Saints; now and for ever. **Amen.**

**O** GOD, who art invisible and eternal, we humbly beseech thee by the holy and terrible Name of thy Son, to bestow blessing and power upon these creatures of gold, incense, and myrrh, that those who have them about them may be protected from every illness, injury and danger of body and soul, so that they may gladly and safely serve thee in thy holy Church, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A**ND may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost descend upon these creatures of gold, incense, and myrrh and remain forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**B**LESS, O Lord God, this chalk that it may be helpful to men and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name that whosoever shall use it or inscribe with it the names of thy Saints Gaspard, Melchior, and Balthazar upon the doors of their homes, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***S** The Procession continues...*

HYMN 49 – “From the Eastern Mountains” (Vs. 3-5)

*Valour*

### AT THE MASS

#### INTROIT

**E**CCE advenit dominator Dominus: et regnum in manu ejus et potestas et imperium. *Ps. 71, I.* Deus, judicium tuum Regi da: et justitiam tuam Filio Regis. Gloria Patri... Ecce advenit...

**B**EHOLD, he is come, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the kingdom, and power, and dominion. *Ps. 72, I.* Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Glory be to the Father... Behold, he is come...

#### KYRIE – “Communion Service in E-flat”

*L.J. White*

Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.

Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we

wor-ship thee, we\_ glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al -

migh - ty.

O Lord, the on-ly be-got - ten Son Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive\_ our prayer. Thou that

sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther

have mer-cy up-on us.

For    Thou\_\_\_ on - ly art   Ho - ly;        thou   on - ly art   the\_\_\_

[illegible]

Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high\_\_\_\_\_

— in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

COLLECT

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who on this day didst by the leading of a star manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, which know thee now by faith, may finally attain unto thy contemplation of the beauty of thy majesty: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lesson.*

THE LESSON *Ephesians 3, 1-12*

*§ The Congregation stands for the Hymn and Gospel.*

HYMN 47 – “What Star Is This?”

*Puer nobis*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2, 1-12*

NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE *The Congregation may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

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INTENSIONS OF THE MASS

℣. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

℣. ✠ May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

℞. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY – “Lo, Star-Led Chiefs”  
1847)

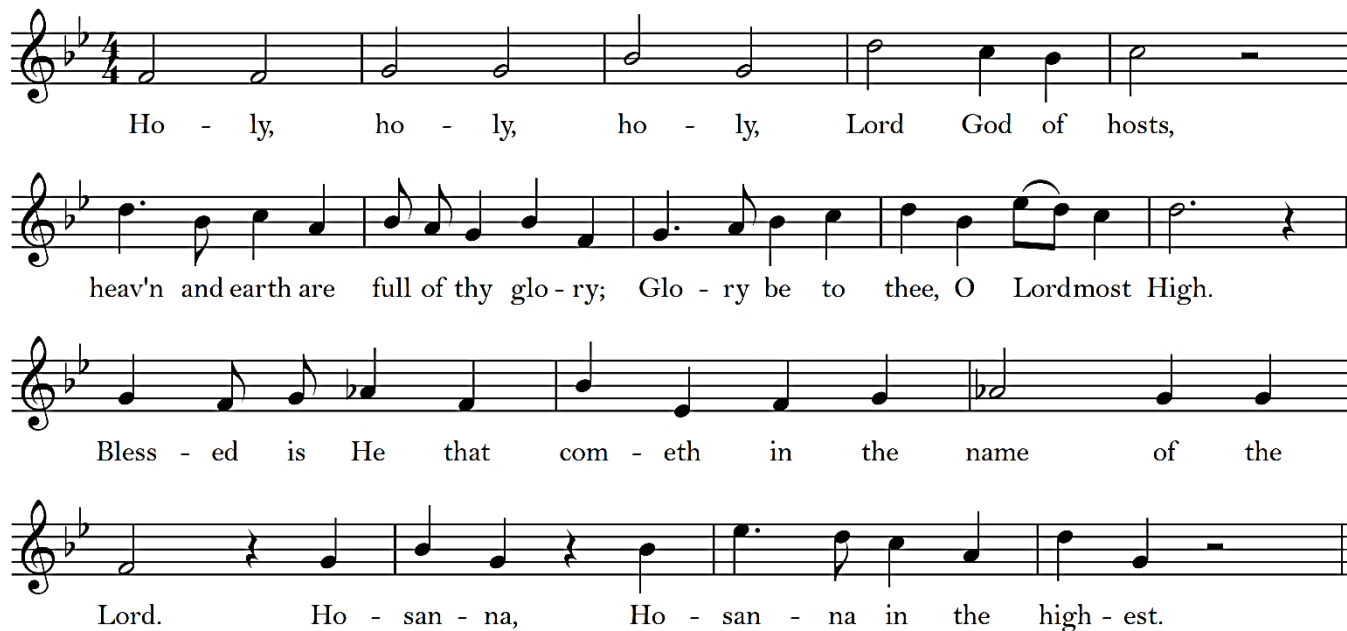
*William Crotch (1775-*

**L**O! star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring, and bending Magi seek their infant King! Mark'd ye, where, hov'ring o'er His head, o'er His radiant head, The dove's white wings celestial glory shed?

HYMN 46 – “Brightest and Best”

*Morning Star*

## SANCTUS &amp; BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,  
 heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Glo - ry be to thee, O Lordmost High.  
 Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***S** The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

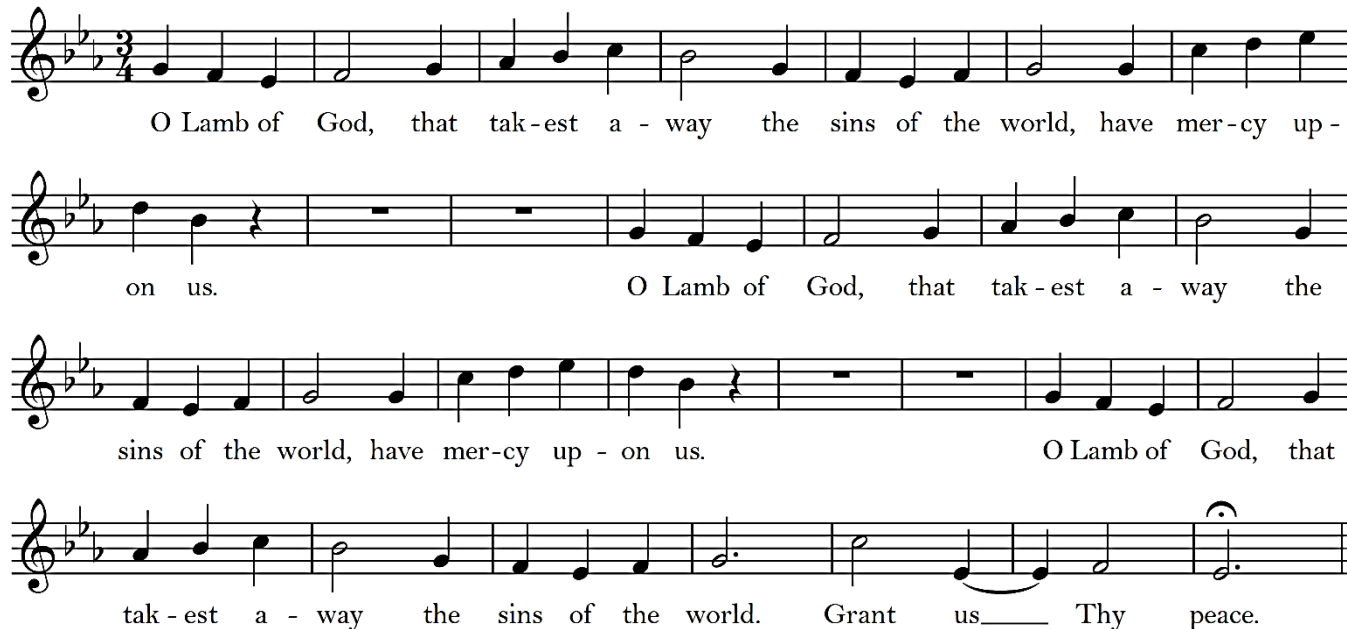
## CANON OF THE MASS

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a - way the sins of the world. Grant us Thy peace.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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## COMMUNION

**V**IDIMUS stellam ejus in Oriente, et  
 venimus cum muneribus adorare  
 Dominum.

**W**E have seen his star in the East, and are  
 come with gifts to worship the Lord.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All those baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and who discern the substantial Presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who, instead, wish to receive a blessing, may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Priest will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest.*

HYMN 50 – “Saw You Never”

*Chartres*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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THE LAST GOSPEL *John 1, 1-14*

℣. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

*(Here Genuflect)*

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH,

*(Arise)*

and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 51 – “We Three Kings”  
*Orient*

*Three Kings of*

ORGAN – “Prelude in G” BWV 541/a  
*1750)*

*J.S. Bach (1685-*



## PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers and greens that decorate the church this Christmastide are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those listed in the Christmas Memorial Flowers.*



*The **Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle** in the Lady Chapel is given in celebration of the birthday of Mary Katherine Fritz.*

**Of your charity, please remember in your prayers...**

***the sick:*** Grayson Porter, Bob Iero, Cindy Nahill, Alannah Aldea, Suzette Mansell, Amelia Sciortino, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sharon Kedzierski, Daryl Albury, and Alexander Ounjian.

***and those who have long term illnesses:*** Richard Hebron, Anna McDuff, James Ferrell, Kevin Nelson, Marlene Barnhart, Vicky Barbos, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Mark Goldstein, Ryan Wiese, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Lisa Jones, Kathy Buckland, Ellen Murphy, Kimberlee McCafferty, Joseph Carson III, Sava Nedic, Marlene Barnhart, Scott Evans, Tess Santos, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Rick Sibley, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, James Tucker, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Dixon Leavers, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Kathy Gabel, Sean Higgins, and Kelly Zsenak.

***and for those in military service:*** Cara Bradley, USN; Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter, USAFR; Capt. Rachel George, RN; Nickolas George, USMC; Kevin Preston, USAR.

***celebrating a birthday this week:*** Mary Kelly, Franklin Engler Jr., Eric Liberman, Chelsey Walls, Quinn Militch, Neil Sander, Jack Kintner, Samira Hobson, The Rev. Tinh Huynh, Darsea Markell.

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*Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.*

*If you would like to remember a loved one in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental Candle is \$10.*

# Announcements

**Luncheon For Donna Kirk:** Come celebrate Donna Kirk and her decades of service to our Parish at a luncheon in her honour, **Sunday, January 11, 12.00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Annual Meeting:** Our parish Annual Meeting will be held on **January 25, 11.30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please join us to lend your voice to our plans for the next year and elect members to the vestry and delegates to Convention and the Convocation.

**Bishop's Visitation for Confirmation & Reception:** Bishop French will visit Christ Church on **Sunday, March 8, 10.00 am**, for her official visitation, which will include Confirmation & Reception.

**Confirmation Classes:** Confirmation classes will be held on the following dates:

- January 11, 25
- February 1, 8, 22

All classes are at 9.00 am in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** Rehearsal for confirmation will be **Sunday, March 1, 9.00 am** in the church. All Confirmands and those being received should plan to attend this rehearsal.

### Upcoming Events:

Jan 11 – 9am: Confirmation Class  
Jan 11 – 12pm: Luncheon for Donna Kirk  
Jan 18 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep  
Jan 25 – 9am: Confirmation Class  
Jan 25 – 11.30am: Parish Annual Meeting  
Feb 1 & 8 – 9am: Confirmation Class  
Feb 15 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep  
Feb 18: Ash Wednesday  
Feb 20 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper  
Feb. 22 – 9am: Confirmation Class  
Feb. 27 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper  
Mar. 1 – 9am: Confirmation Rehearsal  
Mar. 6 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper  
Mar. 8 – 10am: The Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Sally French



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### Vestry

Ms. Kate Williamson, *Warden* (856.577.1334) ~ Miss Mary Ellen Carty, *Warden* (609.298.4337)  
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### Clergy & Staff

**The Rev. Canon J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector***  
The Rev. David Snyder, *Pastoral Associate*  
Mr. Greg Geehern, *Seminarian*  
Mr. Stephen C. Bearse, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Mrs. Donna Kirk & Mr. Timothy Smith, *Parish Administrators*  
Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*  
Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

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**Tuesday, 6 January** – *The Epiphany of the Lord*

- ✕ Low Mass – 12.10 pm
- ✕ Procession & Sung Mass of the Epiphany – 6.00 pm

**Wednesday, 7 January** – *Of the Octave*

{*No Mass to-day*}

- ✕ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm

**Thursday, 8 January** – *Of the Octave*

- ✕ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

**Friday, 9 January** – *Julia Chester Emery, 1922*

- ✕ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

**Saturday, 10 January** – *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*

- ✕ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

**Sunday, 11 January** – *The First Sunday After the Epiphany (Baptism of Our Lord)*

- ✕ Low Mass – 8.00 am
  - ✕ Confirmation Class – 9.00 am
  - ✕ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
  - ✕ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
  - ✕ Luncheon for Donna Kirk – 12.00 pm
  - ✕ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm
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