

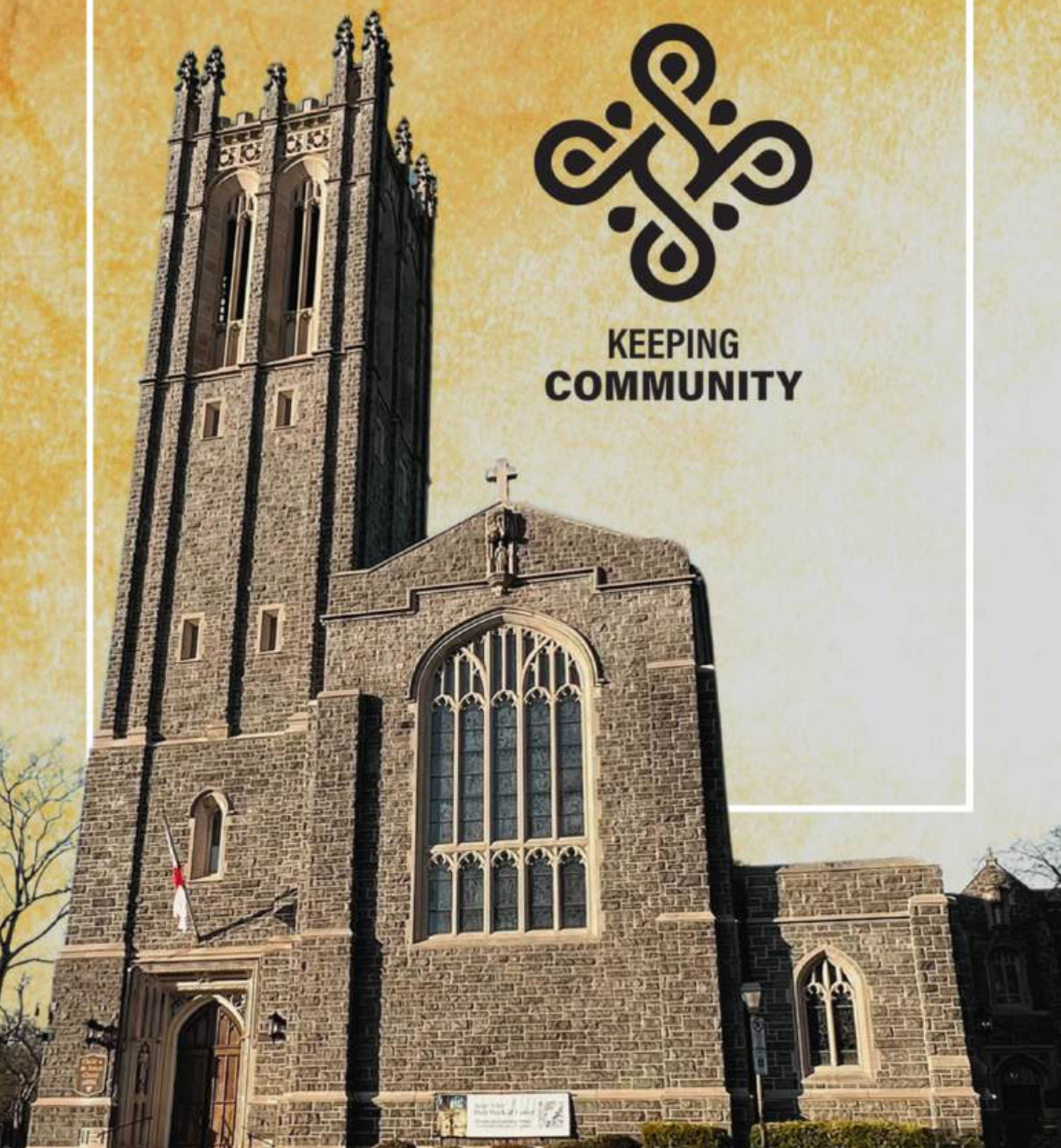


Christ & St. Luke's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

— Fall 2024 —



**KEEPING
COMMUNITY**



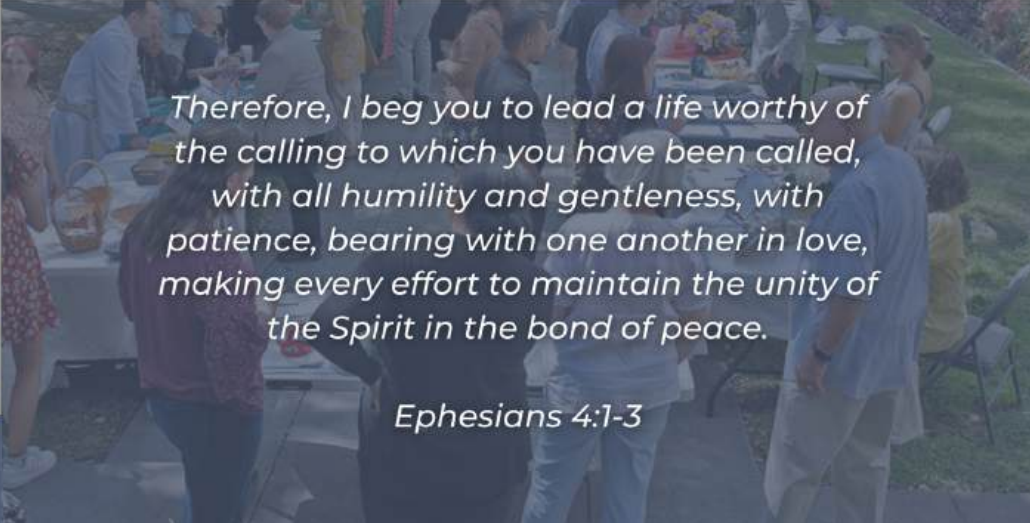
Keeping Community

Dear Christ & St. Luke's

Last year, as we continued to re-establish our community after years of pandemic and construction disruption and welcomed many new faces on our staff and in our pews, we took as our focus for the year "To Know and Be Known," foregrounding the importance of relationships in the Christian life.

This year our theme will build on that good work and we will focus on maintaining and strengthening that community and those relationships. Our theme will be **Keeping Community**. We like that word "keeping" because it implies a holy combination of care and effort. Keeping a community takes work! And it requires you to value that community and the people in it. The work of keeping community has been fundamental to the work of the Church since its inception, and it is as important now as it has ever been. For the very presence of a community committed to staying together while honoring individual (i.e. different) people and perspectives is an increasingly rare thing in our current cultural climate. But that is precisely the kind of community we have been called to be.

As you read this brochure you will see many ways that we are going to work on **Keeping Community** this fall. But I want to highlight just a few. The first and foremost will be, as always, our worship. Our participation in liturgy binds us together no matter who we are. By coming to church regularly and participating fully, you are actively nurturing this community and keeping it whole.



Therefore, I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

In our programmatic life, you will see that our adult formation sessions will begin by exploring theological reasons and practical ways to engage in civil discourse, a form of discussing and debating potentially divisive topics that does not shy away from speaking the truth, and also asks us to listen with generosity and curiosity.

This series will culminate in the inaugural **Jim Sell Community Conversation**, an initiative established after the death of beloved former Rector, The Rev. Jim Sell. You can read more about it on the following pages, but I just want to note how excited I am that we will honor Jim's legacy with the renowned spiritual writer and poet **Pádraig Ó Tuama**. Pádraig will be here to speak to us in late October about the great value of keeping community and how we might think creatively about doing that.



In addition to these programs, we will have a full slate of musical and educational opportunities for parishioners of all ages to participate in, as well as times of fellowship to nourish our community with food and fun.

I encourage you, therefore, as strongly as I can, to read through these pages and make every effort to join us for these activities and more, so that you can be a part of **Keeping Community** with us this fall as, together, we strive to live up to the calling to which we, the Church, have been called.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Noah

Jim Sell Community Conversation with Pádraig Ó Tuama

The Rev. Jim Sell, who passed away in 2022, served as Rector of Christ & St. Luke's for over 15 years. In response to his passing, Jim's family wanted to commemorate him not in stone or bronze but by starting the Jim Sell Community Conversations Fund.

This Fund is meant to be a living testament to Jim's desire to bring people together, from inside and outside the parish, to spark conversations that make a difference.



Pádraig Ó Tuama

The inaugural Jim Sell Community Conversation will take place on October 26 at 5:00 p.m. at Christ & St. Luke's. For this first conversation we have invited the great contemporary spiritual writer, poet, and teacher Pádraig Ó Tuama to talk to us about the value and challenge of maintaining a spirit of community in divisive times and what role communities of faith can play in holding us together when so many other forces are trying to drive us apart.

Pádraig Ó Tuama spent many formative years in Northern Ireland, during and after that tragic period known as "The Troubles." His experience during this time of extreme division has deeply informed his ministry, especially as the leader of the Corrymeela Community in Ireland—an internationally renowned organization engaged in the work of peace building and reconciliation. His work now focuses heavily on the power of

the spoken and written word. His internationally acclaimed podcast, "Poetry Unbound," explores the human experience and opens doors into the perspectives of others in ways that only poetry can. He is the author of several books which explore the complicated and beautiful relationship between humanity and the divine, including *In the Shelter* and *Being Here*.

We are aware that the societal climate this fall will be acrimonious. In honoring Fr. Jim Sells' legacy, we wanted to hear from someone who could offer us some recourse and resources to combat that anger and that animosity and help us overcome it.

Mr. Ó Tuama is just the person to help us in that work, and we hope that you will join us for this important and timely conversation.



The Rev. Jim Sell, Rector, Christ & St. Luke's, 1990 to 2005

You can find out more about the Jim Sell Community Conversation and donate to the fund at christandstlukes.org/jimsellcc.



Keeping Community Through Music

This fall, our *Sacred Music in a Sacred Space* concert series will highlight the many musical talents of our church community as well as musicians from across Hampton Roads. We are pleased to welcome back the **Norfolk Chamber Consort on Monday, September 30**, whose ties to our parish span decades. Their program will highlight the Italian father and son composers, Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti.

Our dedicated and faithful Parish Choir will be touring two great cathedrals next summer: Canterbury and St. Paul's, London. These two iconic and historic holy sites form the foundation of our Anglican heritage, and we will be presenting services of Choral Evensong throughout the year in anticipation of this momentous pilgrimage. **Our first evensong service will be on Sunday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m. and will feature the music of local Norfolk composer John Dixon.**

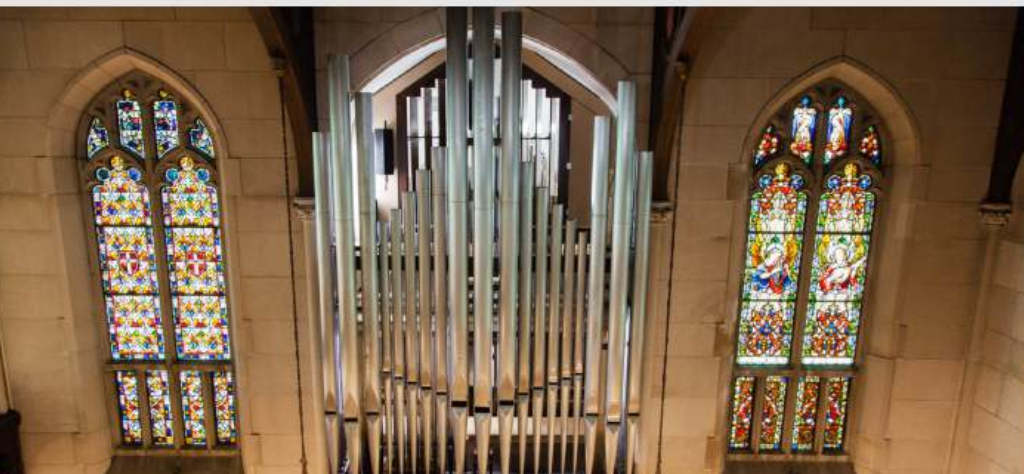
Audience favorite, **Dorothy Papadakos**, returns on **Friday, October 25**, for a thrilling improvised organ soundtrack to Alfred Hitchcock's first hit film, *The Lodger*. This silent film from 1927 is still considered to be one of Hitchcock's most successful productions and set the stage for his many blockbusters that would follow.

On **Sunday, November 3 at 5:30 p.m.**, **Todd Wilson**, teacher and mentor of our Director of Music, Kevin Kwan, **will accompany our Parish Choir in Maurice Duruflé's transcendent *Requiem***. This work is based on the Gregorian chants from the Mass for the Dead, interwoven in Duruflé's lush, impressionistic harmonies, and will highlight the beautiful colors of our newly restored organ. Like the last two years, this piece will be sung in the context of the Eucharist in remembrance of those loved ones we have lost.

Our successful midday concert series that we inaugurated last spring will continue on **Friday, November 15, at noon, featuring violinist Rebecca Fetter and cellist Jeff Phelps**.

And on **Friday, November 22, composer and pianist "Stephen Coxe and Friends" will gather** together for another fabulous concert.

Keep up with all of our concerts at christandstlukes.org/sms and join us for some or all of these special events.



Building Blessing and Block Party!

Saturday, October 12, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Save the date! Help us celebrate the journey we have taken to get to our new beautiful spaces by joining us for a **Building Blessing and Block Party, Saturday, October 12.**

Everyone is invited to come and help us celebrate the completion of our campus improvements with a good old fashioned block party. We'll be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and providing sides and drinks and desserts along with some music and activities all in our new driveway area.

So, mark your calendars and keep your eyes out for more information about this joyous event.



Why are we celebrating? Because as of this writing, we are quickly approaching the conclusion of our building project. The renovation of our Parish House and Lloyd Hall buildings is complete and The Williams School Preschool is now in place.

Additionally, all three of our remaining projects, the re-landscaping of the Lychgate Garden, the reinstallation of the *Te Deum* stained glass window, and the repair of the hood in our kitchen are underway. Meaning in a matter of weeks **we will have completed the entirety of the master plan this parish set out to accomplish almost 10 years ago.** That is definitely worth celebrating!

So please do join us on October 12 as we mark the joyous end to this season of construction and renovation.

Alleluia!



September Events

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| Sunday, September 8 | Homecoming Sunday |
| Sunday, September 15 <i>11:30 a.m.</i> | Ministry Fair |
| Sunday, September 22 <i>9:15 a.m.</i> | Fall Adult Formation Programming begins |
| Sunday, September 29 <i>12:00 p.m.</i> | Newcomers Brunch |
| Monday, September 30 <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | Norfolk Chamber Consort concert |

Third Annual Ministry Fair

Our Annual Ministry Fair has a new twist this year! **Join us September 15 after the 10:15 a.m. liturgy as we celebrate our numerous ministries while recruiting new volunteers.**

Due to the Lychgate Garden renovation, the Ministry Fair will be held in the driveway off Stockley Gardens. This is the perfect opportunity to deepen your connections at Christ & St. Luke's and to celebrate the wonderful volunteers that make our ministries possible. Please join us!





Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., September 22 - October 20

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The words of this iconic prayer, found on page 833 in our Book of Common Prayer, will frame an important conversation on the spiritual practice of civil discourse in our Fall Adult Forum. Developed by the Episcopal Office of Government Relations, **“Make Me an Instrument of Peace” is designed to equip people with the tools to engage in the art of Civil Discourse**—a skill that is desperately needed in our present life.

Over 5 weeks, we’ll hear from presenters who are well versed in civil discourse, and learn the fundamentals of this skill in the hopes of helping us faithfully engage in the difficult conversations that surround us. We’ll also celebrate the fact that churches are what are known as third spaces—spaces that are separate from our work and home lives which allow us to engage with others who we might not otherwise encounter.

What might our call be as a place of divine encounter? And how might the tool of civil discourse help us honor that call? This class will be facilitated by the parish clergy and meets on Sundays starting September 22 during the 9:15 a.m. formation hour.

October Events

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| Thursday, October 3 <i>5:30 p.m.</i> | Take A Dip Into Baptism begins |
| Saturday, October 5 <i>5:30 p.m.</i> | Blessing of the Animals |
| Sunday, October 6 | Stewardship Kick-off |
| Sunday, October 6 <i>11:35 a.m.</i> | Episcopal 101 begins |
| Sunday, October 6 <i>5:30 p.m.</i> | Choral Evensong |
| Saturday, October 12 <i>12:00 p.m.</i> | Block Party and Building Blessing |
| Friday, October 25 <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | Dorothy Papadakos Organ Concert & Silent Movie |
| Saturday, October 26 <i>5:00 p.m.</i> | Jim Sell Community Conversation with Pádraig Ó Tuama |
| Sunday, October 27 <i>9:15 a.m.</i> | Adult Forum with Pádraig Ó Tuama |



Episcopal 101

Sundays, 11:35 a.m., October 6 - November 10

This class is a basic introduction to life and worship in the Episcopal Church. It is highly recommended for those considering joining the church and coming from other traditions, or anyone who wants to know more about what we do and why we do it.

We'll explore topics such as Baptism, Eucharist, liturgy, and other aspects that constitute the Episcopal identity.

Episcopal 101 also serves as our prerequisite course for those seeking Confirmation or Reception. Learners from all levels of Episcopal knowledge are welcome. Please contact Fr. Jared at jared.grant@christandstlukes.org if you are interested in participating.

Take A Dip Into Baptism

October 3, 10, and 17

This class is offered twice a year (fall and spring) to help prepare baptismal candidates, their families, and their sponsors or godparents for the sacrament of baptism. Traditionally, there are four services during the year in which the sacrament of baptism is offered: All Saints, the Baptism of Our Lord, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost. **This three-session class covers the history of baptism, the spiritual gifts we receive, and the promises we make for our children and ourselves in baptism.**

Take a Dip serves as the prerequisite class for those seeking baptism. If you are seeking baptism in the coming year, whether for yourself or your child, we encourage you to sign up by emailing Kathy Hanna at kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org. If your child was baptized as an infant and learning more about baptism sounds like fun for the whole family, this is for you, too. Childcare is provided for children under 3. This is a wonderful way to deepen our understanding of baptism.



November Events

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| Sunday, November 3 | All Saints' Sunday with baptisms |
| Sunday, November 3 <i>5:30 p.m.</i> | All Souls' Requiem Eucharist |
| Sunday, November 10 | Ingathering Sunday |
| Friday, November 15 <i>12:00 p.m.</i> | Midday Chamber Music Concert |
| Sunday, November 17 | Bishop Visitation and Confirmation |
| Friday, November 22 <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | Stephen Coxe and Friends |
| Thursday, November 28 <i>10:15 a.m.</i> | Thanksgiving Day Eucharist |



Adult Forum: The Road Ahead

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., November 3, 10, and 24

Our scriptures are full of stories of how people respond and react in the aftermath of pivotal moments in their lives. In this adult formation series we will be engaging in a study of some of those stories from scripture to glean what lessons there may be for us as we all strive to move forward in faith.

Stewardship & Ingathering Sunday

The sharing of our time and financial resources is a tangible way to “keep community” with one another.

November 10 is Ingathering Sunday during which we will celebrate and give thanks for the charitable commitments we have made to each other for 2025. **Your annual pledge brings the mission of Christ & St. Luke's to life and also provides almost 90% of our operating budget.**

As we look ahead to next year, we invite you to join us in making a financial pledge to support our vibrant and growing community. To make your pledge, please visit christandstlukes.org/pledge.

Pledge materials will be mailed the week of October 7, 2024.





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Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist, Rite I: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: 10:15 a.m.

This service includes childcare, Children's Chapel, and choir.

Thursdays

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: 7:30 a.m.

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