



**Sunday, August 17**

8:00am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

10:00am: Holy Eucharist with Hymns (Church)

*The Reverend Matthew H. Mead will be our Celebrant and Preacher.*

*Mr. Nathan Taylor will be guest organist at the 10:00am.*

*Coffee Hour follows both services in the Library.*

**Monday, August 18**

8:30pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

**Tuesday, August 19**

10:30am: Morning Prayer (Zoom)

**Thursday, August 21**

10:00am: Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

**Sunday, August 24**

8:00am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

10:00am: Holy Eucharist with Hymns (Church)

*The Reverend Claire Woodley-Aitchinson will be Celebrant and Preacher.*

*Mr. Nathan Taylor will be guest organist at the 10:00am.*

*Coffee Hour follows both services in the Library.*

***Father Matt is away August 17 (after church) through August 30.***



### **Sunday School Resumes on Sunday September 7.**

Sunday School meets at 10am every Sunday during the academic year. Our Sunday School welcomes children age 4 and through 7<sup>th</sup> grade for Sunday School. Sunday School students join the main service each week for Holy Communion. Nursery Care is provided each Sunday for younger children. Confirmation Class is offered for young people in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or high school.



**Scan the QR Code to register your children for Sunday School.** Teachers and children will gather in the Parish Hall at 9:55am on Sundays September 7, 14, and 21 so that all of our families and children can have an opportunity to meet our teachers and learn where their classrooms will be for the 2025-2026 Sunday School Year.

# Blessing of the Backpacks



**On Sunday September 7** we are also offering our annual Blessing of Backpacks! Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on September 7. Backpacks will be blessed at the conclusion of the 10am service – Sunday School students will join the main service each week for Holy Communion.

**Stay for food and fun after Church on September 7.** We will have outdoor games, bouncy castle, and endless hotdogs! Bring your kids, grandkids, and kids' friends!



**Our 2025-2026 Choral Season begins on September 21, at 10:00am.** Our Parish Choir will sing at the 10am service on Sunday Morning, offering a choral Psalm, two Anthems, and support for congregational singing of Hymns and the Mass Ordinary.



### **Children's Choir Resumes!**

Our new Children's Choir enjoyed an exciting first year together this past season. We sang once a month and met every Thursday from 5-5:30 pm rehearsing fun anthems and playing musical games together. We want to grow our happy group for the 2025-2026 season! Please be in touch with Dr. Justin Bischof, our Director of Music, at [justin@christchurchpelham.org](mailto:justin@christchurchpelham.org) or 646-206-7638. Grades 2-6. You can also scan the Sunday School QR code and register for Children's Choir.

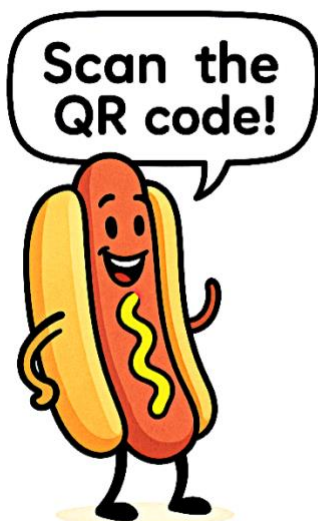


**Walters Hot Dogs! Sunday September 21, 11am-1pm**

We are bringing in a Walter's Hot Dogs Truck on Sunday September 21, filled with kinds of hot dogs, fries, beverages, and ice cream.

**Children under 18 are free; \$30 per Adult**

***Please RSVP by Scanning the QR Code below.***







**Wednesday September 10**

Join us for an evening session/conversation about our faith. As Episcopalians - some from the cradle, some converts, some searching - what do we believe? What is the structure of our Church and the Episcopal- Anglican Communion? An opportunity to talk, reflect and discuss and even to invite someone who is curious to join us or re-join the journey of faith. What values can we teach our children and how can we pass the faith on? This is a perfect opportunity to "grow the faith," in ourselves and others.

Schedule:

- We begin at 5:15 with Mass at the Bolton Altar
- Dinner at 6:00 in the Library
- Conversation 7:00-8:30

RSVP (essential for planning food,) Michael Moynihan  
[frmoy@yahoo.com](mailto:frmoy@yahoo.com)

(If bringing a friend please give their name so we can welcome them.)

# THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

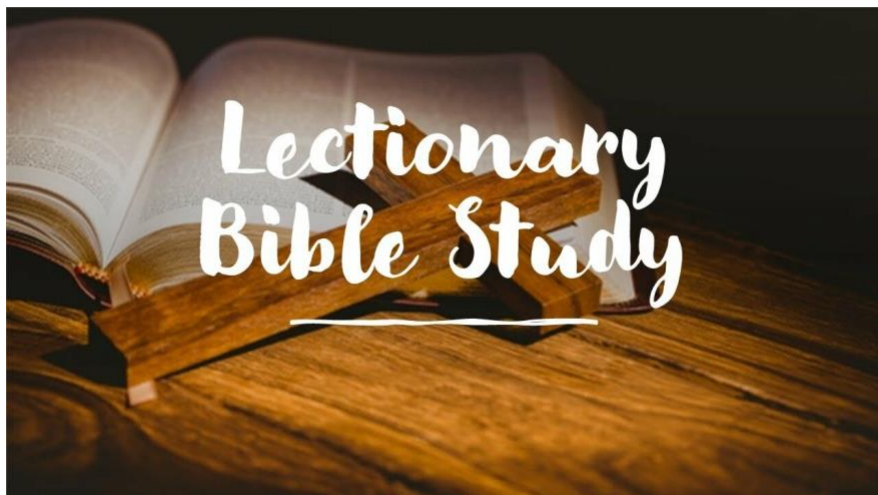
**Thursdays at 8am on ZOOM**

**Father Matt's Bible Study resumes 8:00am, Thursday, September 5**

Father Matt's Bible Study takes an academic look at the Scriptures, providing historical and geopolitical context, narrative context, and discussions about translations and manuscript variants. Over the past years we have read numerous books from start to finish, including Isaiah, Ezekiel, Job, Ruth, Obadiah, Jonah, Daniel, The Psalms, Gospel of Matthew, Gospel of John, 1&2 Thessalonians, Philemon, and Revelation. Currently, we are reading Genesis, and we will resume at chapter 37 on September 7. When we finish Genesis we will continue with Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.



Father Matt's Bible Study meets every Thursday during the academic year from 8:00 am to 8:45am on Zoom. Join using the Zoom Link on our Parish Website. Each Bible Study is recorded and posted to our YouTube Page (scan the code), so you can watch past Bible Studies.



### **Join us every Thursday at 10am in the Library**

On Thursdays from 10am to noon we offer a weekly Lectionary Bible Study. Our group is led by Michael Moynihan and Missy Kisob. Each week we gather to discuss the prior week's sermon and look ahead at the coming Sunday's Scripture (Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel) in the lectionary assigned by the Church. The conversation is free flowing and fun and often includes good food. All are welcome!



### **Piano Lessons with our Director of Music**

Justin has a few openings in his teaching studio this coming year for piano students from age 7 and up including adults. With over 40 years' experience working with students of all skill levels he is a patient and encouraging teacher. Please contact him at 646-206-7638 or [justin@justinbischof.com](mailto:justin@justinbischof.com) for further details. Don't be shy!





## **Classic Car Show will be Saturday, November 1 Volunteers Needed**

The Outreach Committee needs help from parishioners posting flyers and requesting donations from area businesses and organizations. We need volunteers to visit stores, restaurants, banks, car dealerships, bakeries, insurance agencies, gas stations, auto repair businesses, etc. We are asking volunteers to request the following donations from area businesses and organizations: Award plaques; Gift cards/certificates for goods and services; Cash donations; Items for swag bags, such as pens, key chains, drink coozies, caps, calendars, etc.

All volunteer solicitors are provided with ready-made packets containing : 10 Car show flyers; 10 copies of our official letter - on church letterhead - to present upon each potential donation visit to verify authenticity; IRS/Dept. of the Treasury copy of the church's c(3) tax exempt status. These tools will make your donation request visits go much more seamlessly. Packets can be picked up either outside of the church office or in the Narthex.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Carla Carroll at 646-245-5618.



Parish of Christ the Redeemer  
Pelham, New York



SAINT MICHAEL  
& ALL ANGELS

**Join us for the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas) on Sunday, September 28, at 4:00pm.**

Evensong is one of the most beautiful and spiritual parts of the Anglican Tradition. Our full Parish Choir will sing Evensong, and our preacher will be the Rev. Christian Wood, Rector of Saint John's Church, Tampa, Florida. Father Wood is Fr. Matt's cousin-in-law, and he is also on staff with me at the Saint Michael's Youth Conference each summer.

Evensong is a sung service of Evening Prayer. Evensong has been offered for nearly 600 years in Anglican and Episcopal cathedrals, city churches, and country parishes around the world. The format for Anglican Evensong can be traced directly to the first Book of Common Prayer and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer who crafted it from the smaller monastic offices that had been in use before the Reformation. Evensong is often offered on Sundays or Holy Days.

*Michaelmas (rhymes with "nickel" and pronounced like "Christmas") is the traditional English name for the feast day of Saint Michael and All Angels, observed on September 29.*



### **Pizzeria Night after Evensong, September 28!**

After Evensong we will have Pizzeria Night in the Undercroft with a variety of pizzas, and fun games including pool, foosball, shuffleboard, and the MLB Playoffs or NFL Football will be shown on our 65" TV. All are welcome, and we are also inviting teens from the Saint Michael's Conference to join us for Evensong & Pizzeria Night. **We are asking each adult to pay \$10 to support the cost of the evening. Children and Teens eat for free.**





# Friends of Music

## 2025-2026 Concert Series

Six concerts celebrating the 6th Anniversary of Christ Church's Juget-Sinclair Organ, Op. 51. 4 internationally acclaimed concert organists, a top New York City orchestra and our Parish Choir.



### **Justin Bischof, Organist**

Works by Bach, Bruhns, Messiaen,  
Vierne and improvisations

*Wednesday, October 22, 2025*

*7:00pm - 8:15pm*



### **The Christ Church Choir & The Modus Operandi Orchestra Justin Bischof, Conductor**

Faure Requiem &

Cantique de Jean Racine

*Sunday, November 2, 2025*

*3:30pm - 4:30pm*

**Stephen Tharp, Organist**  
Works by Bach, Dupre, Franck,  
Marchand and improvisation  
*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*  
*7:00pm - 8:15pm*



**Modus Operandi Orchestra**  
**with David Enlow, Organist**  
**Justin Bischof, Conductor**  
Poulenc Organ Concerto &  
Brahms Symphony No. 1  
*Wed., Jan. 28, 2026, 7:00pm - 8:30pm*



**Isabelle Demers, organist**  
Works by Bach, Dupré and Laurin  
*Wednesday March 11, 2026*  
*7:00pm - 8:15 pm*



**Ken Cowan, Organist**  
Works by Bach, Duruflé,  
Manari and Wagner  
*Wednesday May 6, 2026,*  
*7:00pm - 8:15pm*







## **Sunday, October 5: Blessing of Animals and Pet Adoption**

Our Annual Pet Adoption on St Francis Day. The Pet Adoption & Blessing of Animals begins after the 10am service.

## **Ongoing Outreach Request - Food Pantry**

Parishioners are invited to donate any of the following items on or before the FIRST Sunday of each month: Healthy cereal (grocery store size, no Costco or BJs boxes); Shelf-stable milk; 14-16oz. cans of fruit, corn, peas, or beans; 6oz. cans of tuna; 1lb. packages of rice; Pasta and 14-25oz. Plastic jars of spaghetti sauce, and reusable bags such as Fresh Direct Bags. Please - NO odd, old, opened or expired food – thanks!



## **Acolytes, Readers, & Live streamers Needed**

Taking part in the public worship of the church as an acolyte, reader, and/or live-streamer is a terrific opportunity to renew your experience of praying and participating. Sign up today via the QR Code.



## NEW OR VISITING?

*Welcome to Christ Church! Please scan this QR code and fill out our online visitors form. If you prefer there are hard copies of this form in the pew – please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the Announcements. This will help us keep in touch with you.*



## HOW TO GIVE

*Ushers will pass the collection plate during the Offertory music, and you are invited to make a donation to support Christ Church. If you prefer, you can give online by scanning the QR code or texting an amount to **914-351-2001**. Thank you so much for supporting Christ Church!*

## PLEDGE FOR 2025 TODAY



*Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please make a pledge to support Christ Church financially in 2025! Our goal is 150 pledges and a balanced budget. Pledge online using the QR code. Hard copies of Pledge Cards are in every pew and in the Narthex.*



## CHRIST CHURCH APP

*Download our **Christ Church App** to your mobile device. Enter our zip code **10803** to find the church.*



# CHRIST CHURCH

**Episcopal/Anglican**

## **Clergy & Staff**

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*  
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*  
Ms. Marie Main, *Parish Administrator*  
Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*  
Mr. Michael Moynihan *Director of Adult Education*  
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*  
Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*

## **Honorary Clergy**

The Rev. David Hoag, *Rector Emeritus*  
The Reverend Deacon Katie Lawrence, *Deacon Emerita*

## **Parish Officers & Vestry**

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*  
J.D. Calder, *Senior Warden*; Etta Gumbs, *Junior Warden*  
Allison Bodenmann, *Treasurer*; John Fox, *Assistant Treasurer*;  
Jean Gruener, *Clerk*  
Jennifer Hawks Bland, Stephen Dolan, Robert Boyer, Charlette Finch,  
Curtis Chase, Jack Kraft, Andy DesRault, Robert Landis, Barbara Zambelli

## **Worship Schedule**

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist  
Sundays as announced at 4pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong  
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

## **The Parish of Christ the Redeemer**

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*Christ Church Pelham is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition.  
As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth and committed  
to serving God through worship and service to our community and the world.*