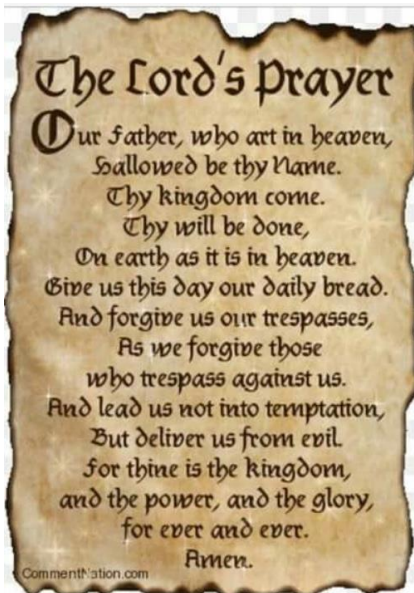




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We must learn the lessons of the Lord's Prayer

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, the Lord Archbishop of York and Primate of England

In his book on the Lord's Prayer, the New Testament theologian Tom Wright makes the point that the prayer Jesus taught us is "not just the spiritual version of the baby's mug and spoon set" that will teach us how to pray, but "a suit of clothes designed for us to wear in our full maturity" and into which we still have growing to do.

In other words, we say the Lord's Prayer, but also the

Lord's Prayer says us. It teaches us who God is. It teaches us how to pray. And it teaches us what to pray for. Even the first two words are a revolution. Although there are a few other examples of calling God Father in the Old Testament, this was relatively unknown. But, for Jesus, it is the starting point of his relationship with God, and it is the relationship he offers to us. Therefore, to call God Father, in the same way that Jesus did, is to enter into a relationship with God.

In this relationship, we understand ourselves to be profoundly loved, and begin to live - as Jesus did - as a child of God's kingdom, following God's ways, and seeking God's truth. We are praying, says Pope Francis, to "the one who has given us life". Not some cosmic entity, but a loving father.

At a recent audience I had with the Pope, he concluded the meeting by inviting us to pray together. As we uttered that opening word, it powerfully struck me that saying this prayer commits us to each other. If God is our heavenly father, then we who say this prayer are sisters and brothers, and with this comes a profoundly important set of responsibilities and obligations about how we order our lives and the world.

Worship Services

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m., in-person and via Zoom

(Zoom connection information at the end of newsletter.)

Events

Sunday, October 6, 10:30-12:00, Blessing of the Animals and collection of pet food, toys, and bedding for the East Haven Animal Shelter

1:00-3:00 Souperama, Eat In or Take Out, \$12 includes home baked bread and desserts

And the fact that it is our God, not my God, runs through the whole prayer. Not my daily bread - but ours. Not my sins forgiven - but everyone's. Not my will be done - but God's. Indeed, is there a more important lesson for our world to learn than to understand what it means to ask for daily bread, to live with enough, and to find ways of sharing the world's resources? And because it is our Father, not my Father, then the commitments we have to each other extend beyond usual human boundaries. The kingdom that we pray for is not a place, but a rule of love.

Of course, many people still know this extraordinary prayer. But many don't. And even those of us who do know it, and say it every day, still need to grow into its

challenging, capacious vision. Because we know it so well, we can easily take its meaning for granted. Knowing it by heart doesn't mean it is in our hearts. We need to say it again. We need to learn its lessons of love.



Investiture Service for Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe

The investiture service of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe will take place on November 2 at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City, with a prelude beginning at 10:00 AM ET and the service starting at 11:00 AM ET. There will be an extensive livestream production.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend virtually and host their own watch parties! Please contact Canon Sarah for more information.



Around the Church

Harvest Fair, September 7



Jesse Osmon adds his musical talents to our Sunday worship



The Good Shepherd Thrift Store welcomes autumn



A Note of Thanks

from Andrew (and Terry) for the Anniversary gifts and celebration!

To be honest with you, I don't like to receive gifts. I feel that a gift that is just that, unexpected, not owed as a wage, puts me in debt to the giver of the gift. So I don't make anniversaries and birthdays known. Better to just keep them to myself and join in other's events wholeheartedly.

On September 1 I spoke up and shared the news that August 31 was our 50th Wedding anniversary. A few prayers and a regular coffee hour was all I needed for a celebration. Not so for Christ and the Epiphany. The red carpet of their love and affection was rolled out. Gifts arrived in the form of gift cards, cash, and an edible arrangement.

The expressions of joy for us made me reconsider. My heart was changed, and I was aware of what a gift of grace 50 years represented, So much so that my heart was celebrating the whole week after. ...and still is as I write this.

I am not looking for eloquent words to impress you. But from my heart to say thank you for your generous gifts and your abundant love, and I speak for Terry as well.

Your fellow servants of Jesus,
Andrew and Terry Osmon



Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

2024 Convention

Once a year, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut gathers together for prayer, listening, learning, and to conduct the business of our Diocese in which all are welcome to join! Each parish may send no more than two delegates along with all clergy of our Diocese for the voting delegation.

The 240th Convention runs October 25-26, at the Bristol Event Center, Bristol, Connecticut. The theme this year is “One Vine, Many Branches.”

From the ECCT website: A central part of our work each Convention is to consider resolutions from our ECCT community. Resolutions will be posted for review prior to Convention at episcopalct.org/annual-convention/resolutions.

For any questions contact C&E’s delegates, Astrid Swanson or Diane Villano.

2024 Election Resources

“It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church’s responsibility to help get souls to the polls.” - Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

As November 5, 2024 (Election Day), approaches, the Bishops and Canons of ECCT want to support you with the following resources. For some, it is

uncomfortable to talk about elections within Church communities due to a desire to keep politics out of church spaces. We believe that while there is no place for partisanship within the Church, there is absolutely a place in the Church for applying our understanding of Jesus’ commandment to love one another in the public life of our communities. We pray for our families, our communities, and our candidates as we enter a season that is particularly vulnerable to division and discord. Together, with God’s help and love, we can choose hope, connection, and community.

Events include:

Hope & Fear in an Election Year, Thursday, October 3, 12:00-1:30 p.m., zoom

Clergy & Lay Leaders:

Navigating the Election Season in Your Congregations & Communities, Tuesday, October 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m., zoom

Being Church: Leading and Caring for Our Communities through the 2024 Election, Wednesday, October 30, 7:00-8:00 p.m., free online workshops

Prayers for Our Nation, Monday November 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m., zoom

Details are available on the ECCT website.

A Season of Creation, An Ecumenical Celebration

The Season of Creation, which began September 1st, the World Day of Prayer, is ending on October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi Day. We joined Christians around the world to celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that God entrusted to our care. Thanks to our Worship Committee who included prayers authorized by our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Re. Jeffrey W. Mello in our Sunday worship. Which collects caught your attention and perhaps inspired you to action?

Welcome Autumn



New fall wreaths for our front doors were crafted with silk flowers discovered in the thrift store storage area with supplemental purchased materials.

September Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - Sunday October 27th after the 9:00 a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Building & Grounds - The handicapped ramp was stained - *Thank you Kathy Guida!* In the Thrift Store, the children’s

room and sorting rooms were switched and the season clothing changeover was completed - *Thank you everyone!* The storage room across from the kitchen previously used by East Haven United was cleaned out and all Styrofoam items donated to the senior center - *Thank you Ken & Kathy!* There is a new Thursday Al-Anon group starting in October.

Barbara asked the Vestry to consider hiring someone to clean the bathroom floors once a month as that task is becoming burdensome. She will get some quotes. The Altar Guild believes they can cover vacuuming the church periodically.



Feast & Festivities - The Fall Festival bake sale was a rousing success and raised \$750, the largest amount to date. Next event will be the Souperama on Oct 6th.

Altar Guild - A very successful visit was made to a local book binder to research fixing the altar Gospel book slip cover. The price was significantly cheaper than other places and everyone was impressed with the company's quality. The new slip cover binding will be leather instead of a synthetic material and so should last.

Communications - A self-help group schedule has been created and posted. The PowerChurch data is being reviewed/amended. Season of Creation prayers have been provided to the church office and worship committee. Press releases for upcoming events and the hiring of Fr. Charles have been submitted to local publications.

Technology - There will be no Zoom on Sunday Oct 6th. Susan will ask Diane R. to send out an email notification early that week.



October 12 - Barbara Coulombe
 October 13 - Hal Levi
 October 30 - Kristina Langlan



Blessing of the Animals

Pets (or their photos) are invited to our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6 from 10:30-12:00. Rev. Charles Kamano will offer a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We will also collect donations of pet food, toys, and bedding for the East Haven Animal Shelter.

Souperama

On October 6 from 1:00-3:00, homemade soups and home baked bread and desserts will be available to eat in or take

out. Tickets are \$12 and will be sold at the door. If you're interested in assisting, please see Carol.

In Memoriam: Violet Satterthwaite



Violet (Cole) Satterthwaite, of East Haven, affectionately known as "Vi," passed away on September 21, 2024, at the age of 101. She was born on October 24, 1922, in New Haven, Connecticut to Joshua and Violet (Bates) Cole. Violet was a dedicated and loving mother to her daughters, Carol Scofield (Kenneth) and Susan Bailey, and she took immense pride in her role as a grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband, Henry Satterthwaite, with whom she shared many wonderful years and her siblings.

Services and burial are private. New Haven Register, September 24, 2024

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he who believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25

Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelations 4:11

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and the sky. Through everything God made, they can see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing him.

Romans 1:20

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from the beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Safe Church Training October through December 2024

Safe Church is a requirement of The Episcopal Church for all ordained persons, adults who minister with minors, youth in leadership roles, & adults who minister with vulnerable humans. Safe Church practices include training, background checks, & audits.

10/12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Comprehensive at Christ Church Cathedral, (Spanish)

11/5, 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Comprehensive, Virtual on Zoom

11/16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Recertification, Virtual on Zoom

12/14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Comprehensive, Virtual on Zoom

The comprehensive training is for clergy and lay people who have never taken safe church training before or it has been more than five years since you've had training, or you are coming from a diocese outside Connecticut. This training includes an online course followed by a three-hour live virtual Zoom session. The online course must be completed at least two days before the Zoom session.

The recertification training session is for clergy and lay people who have taken safe church training in the last three to four years and consists of a three-hour live Zoom session.

Register online at www.episcopalct.org and email Bernice Jackson, Administrator for Licensing and Training at bjackson@episcopalct.org for any questions or concerns.

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Amanda, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Bill & Donna Hodge, Bohdan & Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, Charlie & Kris Langlan, David & Irene, Diana, Diane Link, Dominick L., Don Dempsey. Doreen St. Germaine, Dot Logan, Doug, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Faith, Francesca, Geneva O'Donnell, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jan McDonald, Jay W., Jim R. & Family, Joan Shaffner, Korey Mollor, Kris, Lauren, Lucas Sundwall, Rev. Lucy, Matt R., Maureen McPherson, Mike, Michael M., Minogue Family, Nancy, Nicole C., Pat Walters, Phyllis Marston, Rachael, Regina Schwall, Richard, Richard Christofferson, Sallie Alexander, Sam W., Susan Diaz, Tim, Tish, Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family, Wayne

To submit names for the Intercessory Prayers list please call or email the church office. Names will be kept on the list for three months unless longer time is requested.

ECCT 2023-2024 Prayer Cycle



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Oct. 6	<p>Parishes: Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull</p> <p>Additionally: For all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea</p>
Oct. 13	<p>Parishes: St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington</p> <p>Additionally: Young adults, young adult ministries and networks. The Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines</p>
Oct. 20	<p>Parishes: St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford</p> <p>Additionally: Convention planning committee; Convention worship committee; all who participate in Annual Convention</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda</p>
Oct. 27	<p>Parishes: Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook</p> <p>Additionally: Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church</p>

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	AUG	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$8,728.32	\$1,588.99	\$88,220.84	\$22,427.20
EXPENSES	\$9,859.48	\$4,130.90	\$84,462.85	(\$6,219.29)
NET	(\$1,131.16)	(\$2,541.91)	\$3,757.99	\$28,646.49

Notes: August ran a deficit budget but overall we are still in the black for the year which is very exciting and unexpected. Pledges for August were about \$1,500 under budget but we had an unexpected windfall of \$3,000 in interest from our investment. On the expense side we were over our budget by about \$4,000 due to two main factors - Fr. Charles' salary (which was not budgeted until Sept) and we paid our annual audit (which was budgeted in a different month).

Next Issue The deadline for the November issue is October 22nd. Submissions can be sent to newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com. For an update to the Intercessory Prayers, Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310 or email christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

Service Ministry Schedule 9:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

as of 9/20/2024	October 6, 2024	October 13, 2024	October 20, 2024	October 27, 2024
Service	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist
Presider/Officiant	Rev. Charles Kamano	Ray Clearwater	Rev. Andrew Osmun	Rev. Charles Kamano
Crucifer	George Coulombe		George Coulombe	George Coulombe
Acolyte	George Coulombe		Diane Villano	Audrey Sundwall
Layreader	Wendy Bellmore	Judy Herzman	Terry Osmun	Barbara Parsons
Usher	Astrid Swanson	Wendy Bellmore	Barbara Parsons	Diane Villano
Zoom Tech		Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Susan Shultz	George Coulombe
Assistant Counter	Evelyn Conant	Fred Bowden	Melanie Miller	Barbara Coulombe

Clergy, Vestry and Staff

Priest-in-charge	Rev. Charles Kamano
Senior Warden	George Coulombe
Junior Warden	Barbara Parsons (& Outreach)
Treasurer	Susan Shultz (& Technology)
Clerk	Gail Beck
Vestry Member	Ray Clearwater
Vestry Member	Carol Link-Ude (& Altar Guild; Hospitality & Fund Raising)
Vestry Member	Audrey Sundwall (& Communications)
Vestry Member	Astrid Swanson
Vestry Member	Pat Walters
Music Director	Barbara Coulombe
Parish Administrator	Diane Rowley

ECCT continues to experience a shortage of supply clergy for Sunday services. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving at C & E, please contact the office at christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

To connect by computer, enter: <https://tinyurl.com/3kbvnb4>, or click on the link on our webpage: www.ChristandTheEpiphany.org

To join by phone call: 929-436-2866, Meeting ID = 763 909 4733, Password = 39

Weekly bulletins are emailed out on Fridays. Zoom is opened around 8:45 a.m. on Sunday.

If you are not receiving the email bulletin, please contact Diane Rowley in the office at 203-467-2310 or christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

If you want or need any help getting connected on Zoom please reach out any time to Susan Shultz at 203-589-1142 or sbshultz@gmail.com.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. In-Person & Online Zoom Worship
In-person with social distancing and optional masking