

CHRIST CHURCH RIVERDALE

Dedicated, Searching, Inviting



Riverdale, Bronx
Parish Profile 2021

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Christ Church Riverdale Mission Statement

Christ Church Riverdale is a community of worshippers dedicated to achieving and spreading the Biblical virtues of faith, hope and love. Moreover, as a culturally diverse family from a variety of ethnic and national backgrounds, we are a people searching for deeper ways to understand Almighty God, our world, and who we are. We warmly invite people to join, experience, and contribute to the work of the Church and the Episcopal Diocese of New York.



Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to Christ Church Riverdale. We are an active Episcopal community in historic Riverdale, the westernmost section of the Bronx, engaged in calling a new rector to lead us in the next chapter of our spiritual lives. We invite you to consider this snapshot of who we are, what we do, and who we want to be.

Creating this profile in the winter of COVID gave us the opportunity for reflection and discernment. A survey of parishioners, open focus groups and discussions with our fellow members provided a wide range of views. No matter the forum, several consistent themes emerged. We take comfort in the rich traditions of our faith, the beauty of our home and hymns and the joy of fellowship with our diverse community. We feel strongly that faith fuels action. We want to grow outward and strengthen our work within our church, between faiths, in the Bronx, and in the world. We value sermons that we can apply to our lives. We are proud of Christ Church.

Like parishes around the world, our community has undergone profound changes in the past year that go beyond saying goodbye to our previous rector. At first, our parish struggled to stay connected while pivoting to online options. We rallied, however, now offering worship services that can be attended in-person, synchronously online, or asynchronously on our YouTube channel. Online evening prayer is a lifeline for some members. Our outreach ministries continue in this time of great need. Some of what you will see reflects our pre-COVID activities. Some reflects our new reality. The healing work ahead will be a challenge for our new pastor and our community.

We are enthusiastic about calling a new rector. Our beloved previous rector showed us the blessing of strong and inspiring leadership. We are a loving parish ready to embrace his successor. We hope that this profile assists in informing and attracting the right person to our congregation. We pray for God's guidance as we seek a leader who shares in our vision to love God and love our neighbors.



Worship & Liturgy



they enjoy the meditative quiet of the morning 8:30am service, there was a strong sense that the community worship experience made CCR a special place. Our focus groups spoke movingly of the warm spirit that carried right into the parish hall for coffee hour and then out into the week.

Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist were offered pre-COVID with two services, 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. The 8:30 service is spoken and attended by a loyal group of 50-60 congregants. The 11:00 AM service is a full choral celebration with organ, piano and choir, regularly attended by around 140-150 congregants. Adult Bible Study occurs between the two services.

On special occasions such as Christmas and Easter, we enjoy brass and timpani filling out the joyful sounds. Holidays have required expanded services, as our church nearly burst at 230 attendees for Easter in 2018. At Pentecost, another well-attending celebration, parishioners take special joy in hearing the many languages spoken by members.

The laity, including youth, participate actively as ushers, readers, and Lay Assistants. Our Deacon is a steady presence, offering private healing prayers at a suitable time during the service.

Sunday School sessions are concurrent with the 11:00 AM service. Children join the congregation at the time of communion and partake in receipt of the hosts. Monthly, our rector has held a “family” service, inviting children to join around the altar for a child-centered homily before the address to adults.

In our surveys, whether participants were speaking about our energy in passing the Peace or how much



Worship during COVID

The appearance of COVID-19 has of necessity caused us to modify the way we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We initially worshipped online only but now are fortunate to be able to provide hybrid services for our congregation and the wider community. A limited number of members attend services in-person worship with pre-recorded readings projected in the sanctuary with the entire service streamed to the wider virtual audience. A weekday online Evening Prayer service is offered by our Deacon and has a dedicated membership.



We are slowly opening to a larger in-person service, in keeping with Diocesan guidelines. We look forward to resuming regular services in the not-too-distant future.

Our Congregation

Who We Are

Christ Church Riverdale is blessed with a congregation of rich diversity representing peoples of numerous national and ethnic origins as well as differing religious backgrounds.

Our recent survey conducted as part of the discernment process revealed the following. The data is derived from the 116 survey respondents.

Gender Distribution:

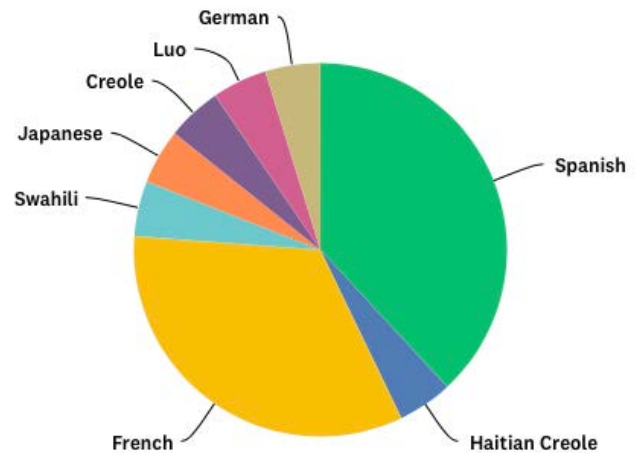
- Female – 67.24%
- Male – 26.72%
- No Answer – 6.03%



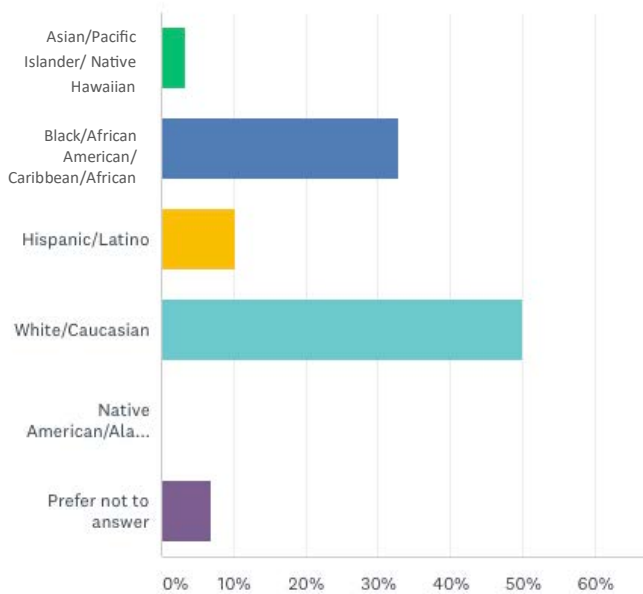
Annual International Dinner



16% speak a language other than English at home, including:



Ethnic Origin: (choosing all that apply)



16% have children under 18 at home

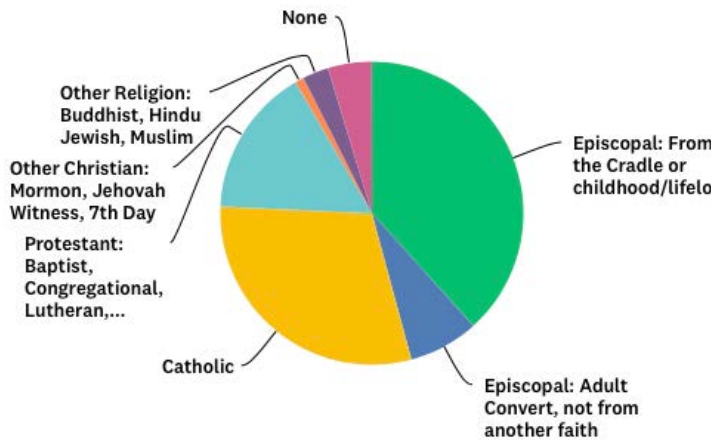


Our Congregation

Who We Are

Christ Church Riverdale (CCR) is home to persons of differing religious backgrounds. This is a testament to the inclusiveness of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of New York, and Christ Church in particular.

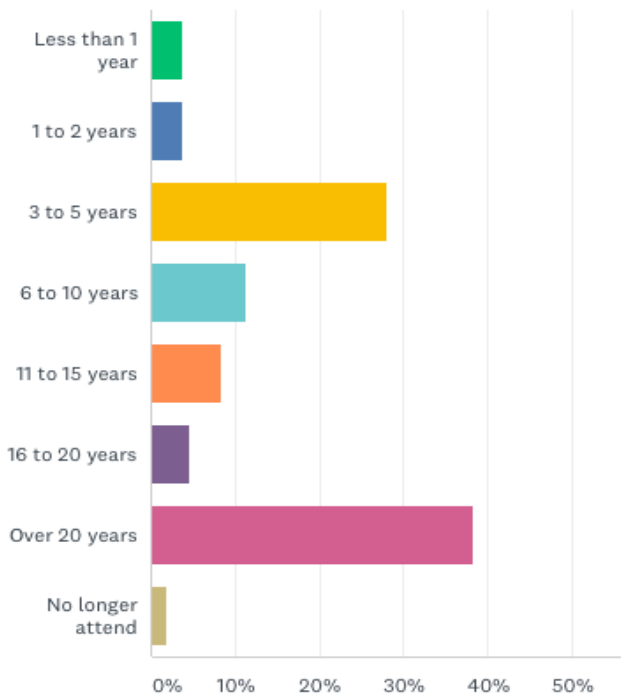
Religious Affiliation Prior to Christ Church:



What brought us here:

The largest number of respondents, 44%, say they walked or drove by our historic church. While outreach events, advertisements, our website, and other means attracted some members, **32% first heard about CCR from a friend.** A dedicated 4% attended CCR as children.

Length of Attendance:



I was talking to my Aunt Sandra when we first moved to the area. My husband and I had several really terrible attempts at finding a great church to attend... So, we mentioned this to her and she said she had a neighbor (Clotilde) who had gone to Christ Church for years and went on and on about what a great community it was and how accepting it was for every type of person. So, we decided to give it a try. Now I am the person excited to tell everyone how great Christ Church is - funny how a great church that is open and accepting makes you want to shout about it!

- Tara

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-Tara

Our Congregation

Who we Are



I joined the choir at Christ Church Riverdale seven years ago...[I]was immediately favorably impressed by three things: the beauty of the hymns in the 1982 Hymnal; the quality of the (then new) music director, Nick Martellacci; and the warmth of the welcome I received from the members of the choir, who straightaway invited me to come to Coffee Hour after services.

The musical experience I have had has been immensely satisfying, but even more important--and unexpected--has been the way I have been invited and encouraged to feel a part of your church family, even though my own religious background and practice is different. Thank you for ... welcoming me into your church community.

-Robert

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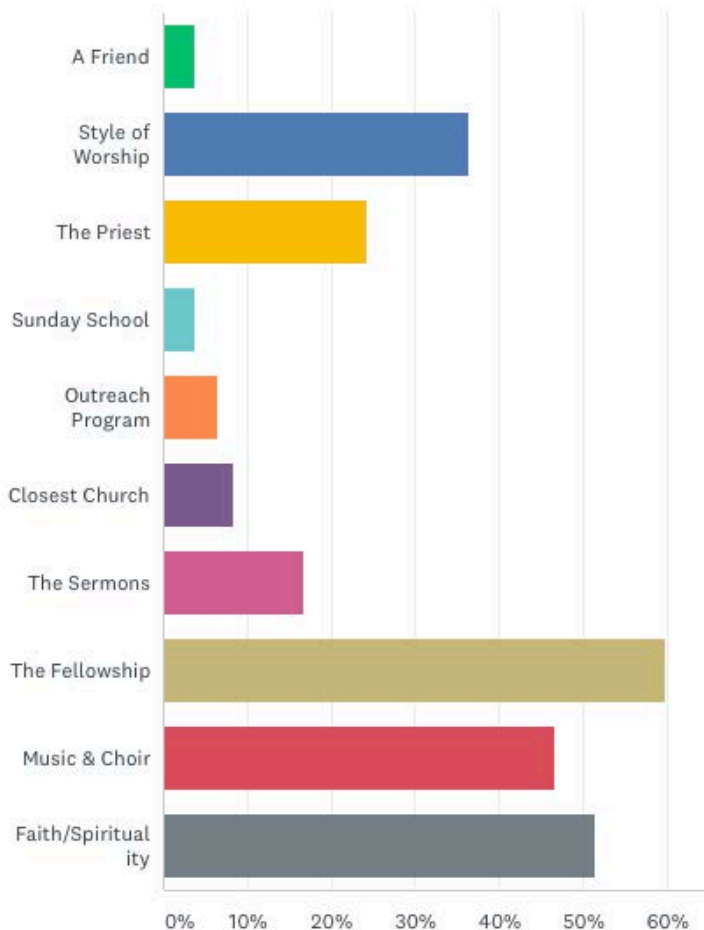
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Where do we live?

While 68% of reported living in the two nearby Riverdale/Kingsbridge zip codes, survey respondents live in other areas of the Bronx, Manhattan, New Jersey, across Westchester, and points even further afield. Eighteen percent report that it takes them longer than 25 minutes to commute to CCR, some travel over an hour!

What keeps us here:

(Choose up to three)



Many members of our congregation were eager to share their individual Christ Church experiences. They may have taken different paths to Christ Church; different features first attracted them to us, and they remain devoted for differing reasons, but all share an appreciation for this spiritual family. They share an understanding of the Christian values that keep us united.



...yes it was [our young daughter] who made us checkout CCR! We were open to attending and exploring the "scene". We instantly loved the energy and the welcoming vibe. One of the things that kept us going back was the fact we felt the congregation instantly embraced all of us as a family unit. For us it was critical we found a church who would do exactly what CCR did! We enjoyed every aspect of the CCR family, from the choir to the warm and casual coffee hour. The diversity and multi-generational aspect was and continues to be a big, big draw!
-Mabel & Robert

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Altar Guild

Christ Church has an active and talented Altar Guild that provides floral arrangements for weekly services, weddings, funerals, and special occasions. Dedicated Altar Guild members maintain all the vestments and service ware. In 2018, thanks to a grant from the New York Altar Guild, our sacristy was renovated, with improved storage, lighting and work areas. The parish grounds are blessed with cutting flowers that are used during the spring and summer. The Altar Guild holds two bake sales annually and maintains an active relationship with the New York Altar Guild.



CCR, represented at NY Altar Guild meeting



Beautiful Altar Guild work at Pentecost



Our Bake Sale went virtual this year!



Renovated Upper and Lower Sacristy

Music Ministries

Since 1866, music at Christ Church Riverdale has been an important and grounding force in this diverse community. Christ Church Riverdale loves to sing! As the saying goes, whoever sings, prays twice: a lot of praying happens at our church. Our Choir counts itself among some of the finest in the Diocese. The ensemble consists of 15-20 volunteer singers of all ages with the addition of four professional section leaders. They lead in the



In 2010, Foley-Baker Organ Company lovingly and carefully restored and enhanced the 1926 Austin organ creating an instrument that is perfectly suited for both accompanying music in the traditional Anglican style and as a concert instrument in its own right. The organ has been an asset in attracting outstanding music directors as well as invited performances by noted organists.

Our new rector will need to fill the position of music director. We are currently enjoying the talents of an interim, since our previous music director relocated to another state in 2020.



congregational singing throughout the 11:00AM service and provide anthems, spirituals and sometimes arias to enhance the worship. A smaller Schola Cantorum was formed to perform more advanced musical pieces. The children who make up the Choristers sing for special occasions.



Our annual Christmas concert is a beloved community tradition with overflow attendance. All are invited to join with our choir for this event. Christ Church has hosted a Concert Series with a variety of outside artists and has been a venue for the 5 Boroughs Music Festival, Classical Café, and an outdoor summer jazz series.

The opportunity to use my gift to enhance the worshiping experience of others is an honor. The ability to come together with my fellow choirmates and create something that cannot be done individually but only with listening, cooperation and a common goal when done right is truly the creation of art. And finally the comradery and fellowship with my friends and choirmates has helped sustain me throughout the years in times of joy and sorrow. I will never forget how my church came together at my mother's funeral. My family was humbled by the show of love, hospitality and service displayed that day.

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-Demi

-Demitrio

Youth Ministries

The Youth Program of Christ Church Riverdale has an exuberant spirit. Children of all ages bring welcome energy to our parish family, worship and community. Because of the commitment of parents, caretakers, Sunday school educators, and involved parishioners, our children are nurtured in their Christian education, feel empowered as active participants in worship and are actively encouraged by example to make a difference in their community.

Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 AM service, starting at Kindergarten age and continuing through the pre-teen years. Our youngest children may join childcare offered by trained and compensated staff, to allow parents some peaceful time in worship. Christian curriculum titled *Simply Loved* provides the foundation of instruction. This curriculum was developed for the world in which we live and is designed to effectively transfer from Zoom to in-person learning and back as needed. Our dedicated Children's Ministry Coordinator she has continued through the pandemic, including creating an amazing online pageant this year. Our Zoom Sunday School has even attracted new participants who had not previously been Christ Church members.



Many of our youth participate fully in Sunday worship serving as acolytes, readers and ushers. Our surveys indicate a strong desire for a rector who can nurture our youth.



“...positive connection in a world of far too many negative influences”

-Melanie

CCR has always been a place where the boys have been empowered and encouraged to explore what is best about themselves. It's a positive connection in a world of far too many negative influences.

-Melanie

Outreach Ministries

Putting Spirit into action motivates Outreach ministries at Christ Church. COVID-19 has slowed some in-person activities this year. Yet, our parishioners have strengthened other activities in response to the spiritual and physical needs of these times. Below are a few of the ways that CCR reaches out to the world.

Daughters of Bethany Chapter, The Order of the Daughters of the King

Spearheaded by Deacon Ella Roundtree, 14 women of the parish came together in December 2019 to form an official chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King. In their mission to know Christ and make Christ known in the world, they meet monthly and undertake service projects in our community. In honor of the Rev. Absalom Jones, they are currently holding a sock and glove drive to benefit the Exodus Community.



Waiting for the rally to start, with NW Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition

Social Justice Ministry

The CCR Social Justice Ministry (SJM) is a group of parishioners who have responded to the Episcopal Church's call for action to fight racism and discrimination. The Ministry has provided opportunities for the parish to learn more about

racial and economic injustice in the United States and to take concrete actions in support of equity and justice: the parish has wholeheartedly responded.

Parishioners attend coffee hour discussions on such topics as mass incarceration and redlining in the Bronx; participate in book discussions including *Deep Denial* by David Billings and *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander; engage in postcard writing campaigns for bail reform and Raise the Age legislation; and stand for their faith at social justice demonstrations. Our parish has been well represented at Diocesan and interfaith celebrations of the diversity that we cherish at Christ Church.

Events in 2020 have shown the urgent need for social justice even more starkly. Among many 2020 events, members participated in the Continuous Vigil Against Racism at the Riverdale Monument, and the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition's (NWBCCC) Black Lives Matter vigil and march to Fordham Plaza in June. SJM members were breakout hosts and active participants in Bronx discussion groups around the Diocesan-wide read of *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Around 15 CCR members attended Online Church Next Training offered by Zoom with Bishop Michael Curry on Spiritual and Racial Justice for groups. Our commitment can be seen on the Christ Church website and proudly displayed at our church.



CCR at Pride Parade 2019, with Fr. Andrew

Jones Center at ELLIS

Since September 2018, Christ Church Riverdale has partnered with a specialized New York City public high school, ELLIS Preparatory Academy, a transfer school that accepts immigrants within 6 months of arrival and prepares them to graduate with a Regents diploma. These students enter ELLIS without English, from the world's hot spots (for example, Yemen, Central America, Togo, Bangladesh) but with enormous motivation to succeed.

Christ Church Riverdale created its Jones Center, supplementing ELLIS classrooms, building on a history of support for college-preparatory education for disadvantaged youth and advocacy for immigrants. Volunteers provide tutoring, college coaching and personal attention. These hardworking students often have financial pressures that are beyond the scope of traditional financial aid, needing to pay childcare or to feed families left at home in the Bronx. Through the generosity of the Jones Fund, a bequest from the late Dr. Robert Jones, college financial aid can be supplemented, allowing them the freedom to say "Yes!"

Needlework Ministry

Knitters, crocheters, and quilters in our community create beautiful handmade comfort shawls, scarves, blankets, and hats for people in hospice care at Calvary Hospital. Shelter residents, parishioners with long-term illnesses, newly baptized babies, and members of the US military have also received these gifts from the hands and heart.



Addressing Food Insecurity

For many years pre-COVID, members of Christ Church cooked monthly in our kitchen for The Sharing Community, a transitional housing and counseling program in Yonkers. Our teens helped deliver food donations from parishioners to the Kingsbridge Riverdale Marble Hill Food & Hunger Project. Both organizations were supported by donations made at services. Unfortunately, in 2019, the Sharing Community ended their programming. Due to COVID-19, the food pantry for KRMH was suspended.

Since April 2020, Christ Church has found new ways to address food insecurity. We remain represented at KRMH Food & Hunger Project, which has generously distributed grocery cards to those in need and hopes to restart food distribution soon. Members of CCR make direct donations of time, food and funding to the new fresh food initiative by the Food Justice Ministry at Church of the Mediator, a large Episcopal church serving nearby Kingsbridge. Others take advantage of direct links from our website to ensure our local Friendly Fridges remain stocked for those in need.

**"...I never
get tired
of visiting,
ever!"**

-Christine

The visiting ministry is walking the walk with another person in their situation, just as Jesus walked on the road to Emmaus. I never get tired of visiting, ever!
-Christine

Our Community, Welcomed In

In addition to outreach, Christ Church welcomes our larger community in. Our spacious parish hall hosts many events, from Children's Theater of Riverdale to private baby showers; even movie catering on occasion. Young elementary students practiced their soccer skills indoors every week this winter. The Riverdale Choral Society was founded at CCR fifty years ago and uses the space today. Our frequent music events described earlier are open to all.

Christ Church Riverdale is proud to have sponsored Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) fellowship meetings since 1949. Two chapters call CCR home, each meeting several times a week in the parish hall. Due to COVID-19 disruptions, in-person meetings have been limited, however AA hopes to return to a full schedule in the coming year.

Our relationships with surrounding congregations have been strong. In the past, we shared summer worship with Riverdale Presbyterian Church, a tradition that continues on Labor Day weekend. We hosted Riverdale Temple during their construction in the 1950s and more recently offer event space to Congregation Tehillah when needed. Our warm relationship with the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale included a Jewish-Christian dialogue for a number of years and pre-pandemic, a dialogue on religious art.



Among many visitors: 5 Boroughs Music Festival at CCR, 2020

Stewardship

The stewardship pledging practice at Christ Church Riverdale has grown stronger in the past six years, overcoming a history of repeated deficit spending. The members of Christ Church understand how important fiscal health is to the call of a new rector. The turnaround came in 2014, when the membership increased its collective pledging by 30% in a single year. Until the pandemic and a new transition challenged us in 2020, pledging rose each year, in dollars and participants. The 2020 pledge campaign has successfully met the 2021 budget challenge. The recent parish survey indicates members' understanding of the importance of stewardship and of our individual responsibility for our parish's financial health:

The annual pledging campaign is rated good or excellent by 70% of the congregation.

As the congregation has come to appreciate that all we do – worship, music, children's faith formation, service to the community, fellowship, pastoral care and maintenance of our buildings and grounds - depends on our financial foundation, individuals and families are pledging or giving in greater numbers and stretching the level of personal gifts.

Of the approximately 160 households in the parish, 105 have pledged \$260,000 for 2021 (as of February), a strong result in a year of disruption. The 2021 pledges meet our budget goal and will be supplemented by unpledged gifts, earned revenue and a modest endowment draw. We continue to rely heavily on parish support to meet ~90% of our budget as our endowment is young and our earned revenue opportunities through use of our parish hall for non-church events is restricted by COVID-19.

Our recent survey responses reflect the generosity of members, with 41% giving 5% of income or more to Christ Church.

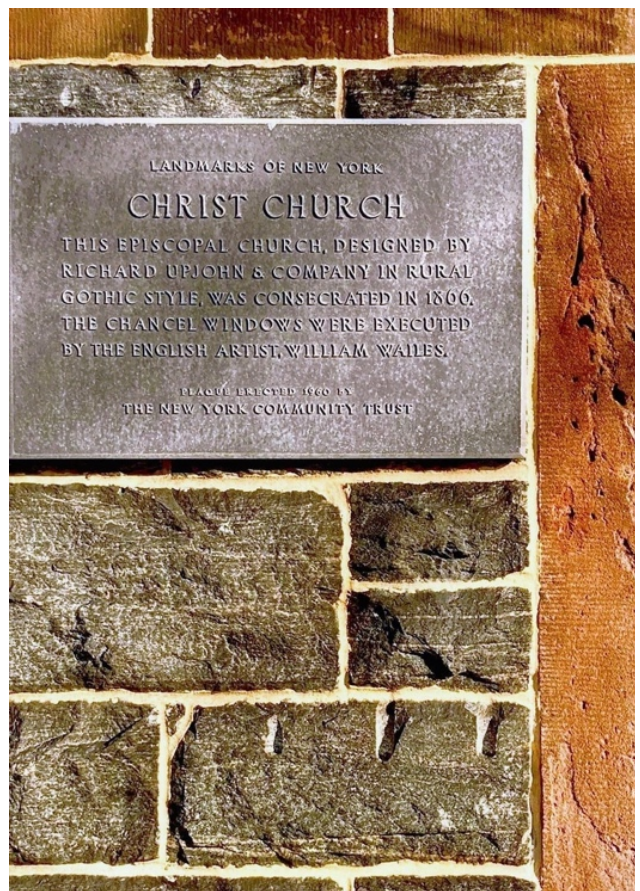
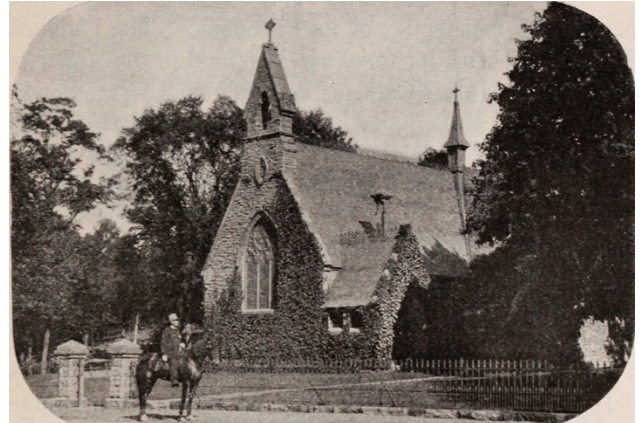


Our History

In the fall of 1864, a group of Riverdalian came together and resolved “to build a fit and proper Temple for the worship of Almighty God, appropriate to the surrounding circumstances, and to the wealth of the neighborhood, and that it should be called ‘Christ Church, Riverdale.’” The cost was fully subscribed so that no borrowing was required, the founders being “landed gentry of wealth and position.” Construction of the church, from locally-quarried stone, began in April 1865. Christ Church was designed by Richard Upjohn, the architect of Trinity Church, Wall Street, and St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. Christ Church Riverdale was incorporated under New York State law on September 10th, 1866, and the building was consecrated for Christian worship by Bishop Horatio Potter on the 10th of October, 1866. In 1966 the exterior of our church building was designated a New York City Landmark.

The wood frame rectory was constructed in 1872 and later expanded. Our parish hall, designed by Dwight James Baum, architect of many homes in Fieldston, was completed in 1928. That year also brought the installation of our first pipe organ, which we had rebuilt and expanded in 1970 and again in 2010. Our church bell was cast in England and given in thanksgiving for the safe return of two servicemen from World War II.

During its 154 years of ministry, Christ Church Riverdale has had twelve rectors, as well as assisting clergy from time to time. Prominent New Yorkers associated with the parish include Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia (in whose memory two stained-glass windows were given), Yankees great, Lou Gehrig (whose funeral was here and in whose memory the side altar rail was given by Babe Ruth), and painter/printmaker Isabel Bishop Wolf.



Buildings & Grounds

Christ Church Riverdale's buildings and grounds are an oasis of greenery and flowers that enhance our aesthetic experience as well as our spiritual experience. Throughout the year the bounty of flowers, greenery and tall trees in our gardens glorify God and beautify the church's surroundings.

CCR's campus is comprised of the church building, the Parish Hall and the Rectory. The church, built 1865-6, is a stellar example of Episcopal Church design by Richard M. Upjohn of Richard Upjohn and Son, the pre-eminent Episcopal Church architecture firm of the era. It is recognized in the American Institute of Architects "AIA Guide to New York City" as "...(a) small picturesque church, of brick and local stone, with a simple pierced- wall belfry." The AIA guide notes "...(m)inimal alterations and careful maintenance have preserved this delightful edifice."

The rectory is a three level mansard roofed structure referred to as "the sprightly contemporary" of the church. A large two-room office suite with a separate entrance occupies the ground floor corner closest to the church. The front hall is a wide hardwood floored entrance with a powder room and coat closet at one end and stairs ascending to the ample five upstairs bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

The large living room has a working fireplace and a baby grand piano. The main hall and the living room enter into the spacious dining room at opposite ends. A dining room table that easily seats eight and matching breakfront and sideboard reflect the utterly comfortable scale of the Christ Church rectory. In the back of the house is a newly remodeled and commodious kitchen with direct access onto a sizable outdoor deck. The sexton's apartment is located beneath the kitchen and dining room of the rectory. A detached two-car garage, a circular drive and a significant setback from the road provide unexpected peace and quiet.

As noted by the AIA, careful maintenance over the 156 year life of the church has kept the buildings and grounds functioning, verdant, and pleasant year-round. The layout of the church and rectory on the parish grounds assures privacy for the rector and a pleasing, contemplative spot for parishioners and neighbors alike.

Furthermore, CCR is committed to assuring long-term that the buildings and grounds are well kept. Several recent projects have enhanced the rectory and the grounds, including refurbishing the floors in the parish hall and sanctuary; pruning trees for safety and removing all fallen trees; completing repairs on the rectory roof; and reconstructing the exterior stairs and deck in the rectory. Repairs to the Henry Hudson Parkway sidewalk are scheduled. Christ Church is proud to maintain the property for the congregation, for the neighborhood and to the glory of God.



"A small, picturesque church, of brick and local stone, with a simple pierced-wall belfry. Minimal alterations and careful maintenance have preserved this delightful edifice. The mansarded (rectory) is its sprightly contemporary."

-AIA Guide to NYC



Joy, beauty and peace

A place of joy

Christ Church Riverdale is and always has been a place of joy. The uplifting of our delight in our relationship with God, with each other and the community is an everyday thing for us. We delight in our common life. We seek a Rector who knows how to lead others in joyful faith.

An experience of beauty

The gifts of our faith, our campus and our community are manifestations of God's love and the beauty it invites us to experience together. Our liturgy, our music and our properties are all lovingly offered in thanks to God and those who came before us and left us the inspiration to appreciate and foster beauty in all we do. Our new Rector will lead our ongoing commitment to sharing the beauty of faith.

The Peace of God

The people of Christ Church Riverdale are faithful, living members of Christ our Savior. We live our lives knowing we are called to offer everyone the peace, comfort and dignity God wants our church to provide. We treasure the charge to welcome and comfort the hurting and the stranger and the outsider. This peace, the Peace that passes all understanding, will be manifest in our new Rector.

Qualities We Seek in a Rector

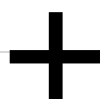
As we engage in the discernment process and prepare to welcome our next spiritual leader, we posed the above question to our congregation. Their thoughts are summarized below.

Worship: A Rector with a strong foundation in the Liturgy. Able to make the scriptures alive and relevant. Can deliver sermons that force you to think, delivered in an easily understood idiom. Should be a strong spiritual leader, having the ability to make the connection between spirituality and this modern world.

Pastoral Guide: A Rector capable of comforting parishioners when they are in a vulnerable state. Is able to connect with individuals of all ages sensitive to their differing needs while being compassionate and empathetic. This is especially true with regard to the youth of our parish.

Personal Characteristics: A Rector who is culturally sensitive, outgoing, warm, energetic with a great sense of humor.

Sermons Honesty Inclusive open leader Leadership patience approachable
Empathy Inspiring compassion needs caring experience
Outgoing dynamic Good Progressive Integrity knowledgeable spiritual
Honest people compassionate



Parish Leadership

In accordance with the canons of the Episcopal Church and the by-laws of Christ Church Riverdale, CCR is governed by the Rector, the wardens, and 12 vestry members. On the third Sunday of January at the Annual Parish Meeting, elections are held to select one warden and four vestry members.



The Standing Committees are comprised of Executive, Finance, Endowment, Stewardship, Property, Christian Education, and Outreach/Social Concerns committees.

Salaried staff includes the Rector, the Director of Music and the Sexton. The Director of Music is responsible for providing worship and other music and is responsible for directing the adult choir. The Sexton maintains the church campus including the church building, the gardens and grounds.

The Children's Ministry Coordinator and a nursery director attend to our children's needs.

The Office Manager maintains the parish office and coordinates the scheduling of church and non-church events in the parish hall. All staff – Director of Music, Sexton, Children's Ministry Coordinator, and Office Manager – are supervised by the Rector.

Parish volunteers include the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.

2020-2021 Transition Committee

In December 2020 on behalf of the Parish, the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church Riverdale selected a Transition Committee to take on the task of determining and evaluating the Parish's needs, developing a Parish Profile and ultimately, after a prayerful and thoughtful interviewing process select individuals to present to the Vestry for consideration. The selection of a Rector is not made by a single individual but with the collaboration of many talented and thoughtful people. It is a process that requires faith, commitment, dedication, love and most of all an abiding trust in God's guidance.

Committee Membership

Michele Disco, Chair
The Reverend Tyler Jones, Interim Pastor
Dr. Geoffrey Doughlin
Gina Miller
Damaso Parets
Kathy Valyi
Elizabeth (Buffy) Weeks

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Elizabeth Weeks and Kathy Valyi

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Christ Church Riverdale

CLERGY

The Rev. Tyler Jones, *Interim Rector*

The Rev. Deacon Ella Roundtree-Davis, *Deacon*

WARDENS, OFFICERS, AND VESTRY

Marcia Callender, *Warden*

Bob Abbott, *Treasurer*

Naomi White-Randolph, *Warden*

Tara Nachtigall, *Clerk*

Class of 2022

Lolita Chandler Crumpley

Christine Dobrydnio

Tara Nachtigall

Anna Marie Etienne

Class of 2023

William Cleary

Lind Dahl Vogl

Dámaso Parets

Carly Sobel

Class of 2024

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