



CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

Matthew 5:14

PARISH PROFILE



INTRODUCTION AND BRIEF HISTORY

*C*hrist Anglican Church was founded in 2004 by a small but committed group of former Episcopalians looking for a parish that upheld the historic Christian Faith. This dedicated band of believers worked hard and steadily to establish the congregation and built its current building (in 2013) on a site previously operating as a car wash! A founding parish of the Anglican Diocese of the South, Christ Anglican Church is a sound, faithful congregation in Western North Carolina, continuing its heritage of faithful worship, biblical preaching and teaching, and Gospel-centered mission and ministry to the local area, the region and the world.

Our parish (CAC) has an on-going appreciation for the Charismatic, Reformed and Catholic streams of our Anglican heritage. We are committed to “The Anglican Way” as one of the best expressions of Christian discipleship where liturgical worship, led and governed by the Holy Spirit, is offered faithfully and joyfully every Sunday. We are committed to the historic Creeds, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, and the Jerusalem Declaration (GAFCON).



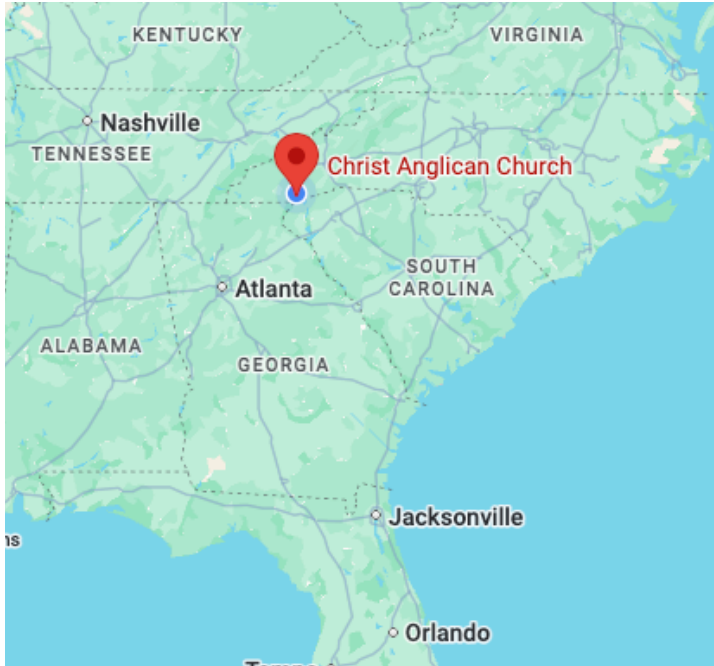
We are a biblical parish. We value the preaching of the Gospel, which is part of our Sunday worship that orbits around Word and Sacrament. The Holy Eucharist is offered every Sunday. Christian Formation is immediately prior to Sunday Worship, where Holy Scripture and other topics of interest are presented. Our weekly Bible Studies have offerings that go beyond Scripture and include such topics as The Theology of the English Reformers, The Athanasian Creed, and Principles of Christian Leadership. We are committed to at least one

consistent offering of Bible study during the week, either on Wednesday evenings or Sunday at Christian Formation.

In recent years we have seen a subtle but significant shift in our demographics. We are seeing more “year-round” attendees and an increased number of local residents claiming CAC as their parish home. While still an “older” parish, we are beginning to attract younger worshippers.



LOCATION



Located in Cashiers, North Carolina, Christ Anglican Church is in the beautiful western mountains of North Carolina. The area enjoys four seasons a year, all about three months in length. The area attracts hikers, golfers, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts, all interested in the beauty and wonder of God's creation.

While the cost of living in our area is above average, we offer a competitive compensation package which includes a generous housing allowance.



For more information on our area, please see:

www.CashiersAreaChamber.com

www.villagegreencashiersnc.com

www.highlandschamber.org

www.jacksonnc.org

www.maconnc.org

MINISTRIES

*W*ithin the parish, we have several active ministries, including Acolytes, Altar &



Flower Guild, Greeters,



Ushers, Missions, Choir, Stephen Ministry, and more.

Outside the parish, we support international missions on several continents, the local food pantry, crisis pregnancy center, needy children's back-to-school ministry, and Christmas support for the poor. We also participate in a number of ecumenical programs, including a monthly clergy luncheon and joint community Holy Week services. For a list of our outreach partners; christanglicancashiers.org/missions.



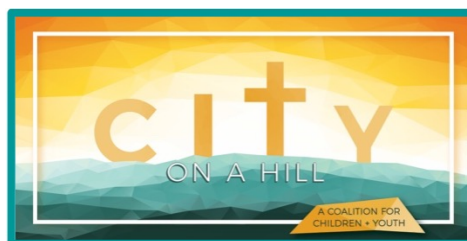
CHALLENGES AHEAD

Every parish has its challenges. We at Christ Anglican Church face a call to continue increasing our membership with year-round residents while nurturing and sustaining our seasonal worshippers. We wish to connect with younger members of our community in meaningful ways. We are invested in increasing and improving a culture of leadership within the parish. We want to increase our hands-on commitment to local, regional and international mission. We have made progress in all these areas, and desire to grow stronger and more productive in these spheres of Christian discipleship and mission.

BASIC STATISTICS ABOUT OUR PARISH

- ⇒ In a recent survey, we discovered that almost two-thirds of those who filled out the survey were women, and that a significant majority of our respondents are involved in some kind of small group or Bible study.
- ⇒ Over 90% of our current congregation would call themselves “Protestant” or “former Episcopalians”, and 90% of our worshippers are quite active, having either maintained their worship attendance or increased it over the past few years.
- ⇒ Our worshippers value liturgy and see it as an important part of their own spirituality.
- ⇒ We also value community involvement in local mission and wish to be “salt and light” in our local area.

In summary, Christ Anglican Church is a well-grounded parish, fed by the study of Scripture and shaped by our Anglican liturgy, with a view toward mission outside of ourselves. We pray for more involvement with our men, and we are expectant of Spirit-led discernment in our future mission and ministry.





WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN OUR NEXT RECTOR

At our Vestry Retreat at the beginning of 2026, we distilled the future of our parish down to three “D’s”



DEVELOP. We wish to develop a culture of leadership, where we move beyond just a congregation that says, “I am willing to volunteer,” to “I am committed to lead.”

DISCOVER. We want to discover the richness of our Anglican heritage – how we can enhance our worship, strengthen our catechesis and expand our witness.

DISCERN. We strive to understand the mind of the Lord, that we might constantly

“discern the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

Knowing and doing God’s will is a vital dynamic for this parish and its future mission and ministry.

Every parish has lofty goals when it comes to their prospective leadership, and most descriptions of future Rectors can be daunting! We trust the following is a reasonable and thoughtful description of the person God might call to lead us.

✠ We value a good preacher and teacher, who is trained in Anglican orthodoxy and can handle himself competently as a theologian. He does not need to be an academic, but we would like for him to be able to think theologically. We also value a Rector who has a heart for pastoral care. We look for a “lover of souls,” and one who will shepherd this flock with tenderness and care and support Stephen Ministry as an aid to serving parishioners

✠ We are looking for a man of character. While we are all miserable sinners and in need of

God's grace and mercy, we pray for a man who has traits that reflect an honest and faithful heart, with a steadfastness of conviction that colors all his actions. Most of all, we want a man of prayer, who has a developed dependency on the Triune God through prayer, study, and service. A servant of the Lord who demonstrates honesty as a faithful pastor and teacher.

- ✠ Leadership is important. We want to be led! Through personal integrity, preaching and teaching, this leadership can be most fruitful. We are looking for a Rector who can lead in this manner to God's glory.
- ✠ We look for a Rector interested in enhancing the vision and direction this parish has

established, to continue to move forward under the direction of the Holy Spirit. God is doing good and faithful work among us. We look for a leader who is a catalyst for the future and a developer of the vision/mission of Christ Anglican Church. We are open to new ideas and challenges. We are a healthy parish desiring leadership in a faithful direction of growth.

- ✠ We believe we would best be served by an experienced priest. That experience can come in many forms, whether it be an associate at a larger parish or a rector of a smaller parish. Positive experience, where success was celebrated, failures learned from, challenges pursued and conflict faithfully managed will be a vital element of our next Rector.



Parish Information

Website: christanglicancashiers.org

Social Media: Facebook & Instagram

Founded: 2004

Diocese: Anglican Diocese of the South

Bishop: The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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