

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**October 6, 1966 - October 4, 2026**

**1966**

**May 6:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point votes to start second congregation. Rev. W.I. Wolverton to lead new congregation.

**July 20:** Downpayment made and contract signed for "Michael" property at 303 Eastchester Drive. 7.88 acres and 11-year-old house bought for \$43,000.00.

**Oct. 2:** Formal commissioning of the new congregation Ceremony held at St. Mary's. 80 members of the new congregation follow the cross out of St. Mary's.

The new congregation is named St. Christopher's, recognizing the Greek meaning "Christ-bearer."

**October 9:** The first service is held in the Parish House on Eastchester at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Wallace I. Wolverton, Rector.

Services are first held in the auditorium at Kirkman Park Elementary School but moved to its own property as soon as possible.

**October 30:** St. Christopher's first baptism – Kathryn McKenzie Holland

**1967**

**April:** Blueprints for new building presented by William "Bill" Freeman and David Odom.

**Summer:** Three services, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 are conducted to provide seats for all members.

**December 17:** Canonical certificate for organization of a Mission received from the Diocese.

**1968**

**March 21:** List of confirmed and baptized members transferred to St. Christopher's from St. Mary's.

**August 4:** Groundbreaking ceremony service for new building with Suffragan Bishop Moultrie Moore

**1969**

**October 19:** Dedication service and consecration of altar.

**1971**

Ben Smith, Interim Priest while the congregation looked for a new Priest-in-charge.

**1972**

**April 5:** James Michael Coram, Rector

**1976**

**October 11:** "St. Christopher's Episcopal Church will have a homecoming October 9 and 10 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. A picnic will follow Sunday's 10:00 a.m. service of Holy Communion.

**1985**

**April 21:** Nelson Bainbridge Hodgkins, Rector

**1987**

**September 1:** Julie Cuthburton Clarkson, Rector

**Statement of Purpose adopted by the Vestry**

"We commit ourselves to do our best to pattern our lives in accordance with the teachings of Christ, endeavoring to become wholesome examples to one another. We are not afraid of being fallible or risking a venture that may fail. We seek to be open and honest with each other as we grow and change, giving thanks for that which is joyful and exciting,

and sharing encouragement and consolation in that which is difficult and painful.

As Christians, we desire to cooperate with the People of God everywhere in fulfilling our Lord's promise that we all may be one. As Episcopalians, we consent to the governed and guided by the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and to take our rightful place with our bishop and in its councils and deliberations. As citizens of the Church and the world, we commit ourselves to fiscal accountability – not simply in providing maintaining a place of worship, but in giving sacrificially to the support of the diocese and the community."

**1991**

**October 6: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary –** "St. Christopher's has continued to grow and mature. We have grown spiritually but our numbers have declined. We have developed a unique personality, extending love and understanding to all who visit. No one need feel a stranger....Today is the beginning of an era of renewal for our congregation; where looking back is to enjoy fond memories and looking ahead fosters life and growth."

**1992**

**September 1:** Nelson Bainbridge Hodgkins, Rector

**1993**

**Statement of Purpose reaffirmed by the vestry.**

**1995**

**June 13: Kenneth C. Kroohs, Rector (parttime)**

**1996**

**October 12 – 13:** 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend

**1998**

**Renovation Campaign begins**

**February:** Choir formed (Doug & Donna Booth, Fred Yeats, Taffy London, Curtis Tysinger and Toni Routt)

**1999**

**November 11:** Cabinets installed in kitchen

**2000**

**Renovation:** Double entry doors, double doors to sanctuary, beams, carpeting, undercroft tiles, altar rail, altar table, HVAC unit.

**2001**

**Second service started**

**October 1:** 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**2002**

Ken Kroohs, Rector - became full-time  
Driveway is paved

**2003**

**October 28:** New organ purchased.

Deed to property received from Diocese

**2004**

St. Christopher's becomes a Parish, instead of a mission

**2006**

**House is renovated into the Parish Hall**

**October 8:** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**2011**

**October 1 – 2:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 Ribbon Cutting of the Community Walking Path and Prayer Walk with Bishop Michael Curry. Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 a.m. Eucharist and Confirmation service with Bishop Curry+.

**2015**

**Barbara Cook, Supply Priest**

**2016**

**October 22 - 23:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Reception (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Luncheon (23<sup>rd</sup>) following Morning Service

**2017**

**February:** Jerry Lasley, Rector

**2020**

COVID

**2020**

Church via Zoom

**2021**

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**April 4:** Easter Sunday – Congregation's first service back into the church building. Leon Spencer, celebrant.

**July:** Bob Cook, Interim Priest

**2023**

**January 15:** Daniel Strandlund, Rector part-time

**2026**

**October 4: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**The St. Christopher congregation has participated in many outreach activities over the years:**

- **Urban Ministry and their Father's Table**
- **Battered Women's Shelter**
- **Friends of the Court**
- **Literacy Programs**
- **High Point Hospital Chaplaincy**
- **Toys for the needy**
- **Family Service Bureau lunches**
- **“Yard sale” for parents to fill up bags with lightly used clothes, under clothes, and socks free for school children**
- **Christmas Caroling**
- **Chepherds for Lambs**
- **Thanksgiving dinner for families in need**
- **Angel Tree**
- **School supplies for teachers at community schools**
- **Vacation Bible School for children to adults**
- **Northwood Food Pantry**
- **Open Door Ministries**
- **Knitting caps for NICU babies at High Point Hospital**
- **Knitted scarves and toboggans for school children**
- **Youth mission trips to New York and Appalachia**
- **And many others.....**
- **Our building has been used, over the years, by various groups including the Boys Scouts, Girls Scouts, the Civil Air Patrol, AA, and NA.**