

6th Annual Episcopalian Bike to Build Ride FAQs

1. **When?** Saturday May 5th from 8am to 1pm. The leisurely paced ride will end at Christ Church Babylon, which will host a “more than a barbeque” lunch for all riders, parishioners, supporters, and guests wishing to partake.
2. **How far will we ride?** This year all riders will have the option of choosing either a 8-mile, 17-mile or 25-mile ride. The 25-mile ride will be from Christ Church Bellport to Christ Church Babylon. We will all gather for a second start at St. Mark’s Islip, and the ride from Islip to Babylon will be 8 miles. Bikers choosing the 17-mile option will ride from Bellport to Islip.
3. **Where is the Start?** Bikers wanting to ride 17 or 25 miles will meet at the Christ Church Bellport at **7:30am for an 8am start**. Stops will be made at St. Paul’s Patchogue and St. Ann’s Sayville before arriving at St. Mark’s Islip. Bikers choosing the 17-mile option will end at St. Mark’s. Those desiring to go the full 25 miles will continue on with the bikers choosing to ride 8 miles and will join in the **second start at 11am**.
4. **What if I change my mind about how far I want to ride?** Riders are free to change their mind about lengthening or shortening the ride on the day of the ride. We plan on having support vehicles accompanying us who can help transport riders from Islip back to Bellport or from Islip to Babylon if there is a change in plans.
5. **What happens at the church stops?** Pit stops will include water and restroom breaks, as well as some educational, historical or mission information about the church we are visiting.
6. **What will we be fundraising for?** We will be raising money for Habitat for Humanity. Our goal this year is \$8500.
7. **How will we raise the money?** The simplest way to raise money will be **1**. For riders to seek sponsors (pay per mile or pay a lump sum) **2**. Riders or congregants can seek donors to support Habitat for Humanity **3**. The congregation can pledge to support its team of riders, **4**. Those not riding can seek sponsors on behalf of the riders. When collecting the money, please have donors **write the checks out to Christ Church with Habitat on the memo line**. This allows us to combine the donations and transfer the money to Habitat from one source in order to sponsor Build Days.
8. **What about the T-shirts?** We have our customized **Bike to Build** shirts in neon orange to help us with biker safety. They are the same shirts that we used last year. If you do not have one and would like one, the cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. We also have pinnies in neon orange available to bikers who do not want to purchase a T-shirt.

9. **How will we organize the registration of riders?** Each church will be responsible for advertising the event and organizing its group of riders. For each rider, please capture name, cell phone, email, mileage option, and T-shirt size if purchasing one. Also maintain a list of the number of people interested in coming to the BBQ and send to dianegaidon@gmail.com. We will supply flyers and registration forms for your use.
10. **How can we help?** There are many ways to help! We will need a registration team at St. Mark's Islip to sign in the riders that are starting from there. We need administrative support from each church to help advertise the event and generate interest. At past events, we have had up to 15 different parishes represented! We can use help with set up, clean up, and food preparation at the barbeque. We need volunteers to drive support vehicles. And you can solicit donations for Habitat for Humanity.
11. **What about transportation to and from the starting point?** We are looking into ways to transport larger groups of people back to the starting points and for ways to transport bikes to the start the day before. Some have found it helpful to drop a car off at the finish as they proceed to the start. More info about this to come...
12. **What happens if someone has a mechanical difficulty with a bicycle?** We will be providing support vehicles to travel with the bikers along the route to help with minor repairs.
13. **Is this event appropriate for children?** This event is not a race and is designed to be a leisurely paced, fun event. Stops occur every 4-8 miles, with breaks for water and rest rooms. Participants who would like to participate but question their ability to complete the ride are invited to do however much is doable. The support vehicles can transport bikes and riders part of the route if need be. We have had children ride with us each year and are happy to have them along! We make every effort to reduce our exposure to busy roads and intersections, but it is not possible to completely avoid them. We will have the Suffolk County Police Department providing us with an escort to help keep us safe. Children under age 18 will have to have a waiver signed by a parent. Children under age 12 will have to be accompanied by an adult.
14. **How will the riders know where to go?** Bikers will be informed of the route to the next stop before we depart. We will attempt to stay as a group, and a support vehicle will lead the way. We will have the assistance of the Suffolk County Police Department escorting us along the route. It's important that riders do not move out in front of the leading vehicle.
15. **Dos and Don'ts of Bicycling Safety on the road:** Ride within the shoulder whenever possible. Adhere to rules of traffic lights and stop signs. **Wear a bike helmet!**
16. **What if we have more questions?** Please forward any questions to Diane Gaidon, Outreach Coordinator, Christ Church Babylon, at dianegaidon@gmail.com.