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*The Chart*  
*Christ Church, Manhasset, NY*

December 15, 2005

**THE CALENDAR**

<b>4 Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>December 18th</b> Holy Eucharist Bible Study Christmas Pageant Holy Eucharist	<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.  8:00 p.m.	<b>December 24th</b> Family Eucharist & Building the Crèche Festal Choral Eucharist
<b>Monday</b> 7:45 p.m.	<b>December 19th</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>Christmas Day</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>December 25th</b> Holy Eucharist
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 20th</b> Children's Choir	<b>Monday</b> Office Closed	<b>December 26th</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>December 22nd</b> Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>January 1, 2006</b> Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
		<b>Monday</b> Office Closed	<b>January 2nd</b>

Dear Friends,

Rather than send out a separate Christmas letter, I am using the cover letter for the *Chart* as my Christmas greeting to you. For the staff and the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, I wish to extend to you wishes for a very blessed Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.

Most of us have much for which to be thankful as we contemplate our Christmas celebrations and our ushering in of the New Year. But we should never be unaware that there are those who come to this blessed time with heavy hearts filled with a deep sense of loss. Some of those losses are personal and familial; others, however, are more global. In the Bidding Prayer at the service of Lessons and Carols from King's College in Cambridge, England, worshipers are reminded to "remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and little children;" we should, at this time do the same.

Beyond 'prayerful sensitivity' to the needs of others, Christmas gives us an opportunity not only to give gifts to family and friends, but to give to those who have far less. Many of us have responded generously to relieve the suffering of those who were struck by the unprecedented disasters of the past 12 months: the tsunami in the Indian Ocean basin, Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and, most recently, the earthquake in the Kashmir region of Pakistan and India. The generosity of Americans (especially) and the world (in general) to these disasters has been outstanding. Yet, in the case of the people of the Kashmir, the aid necessary to keep thousands of men, women and children alive has not yet been forthcoming. I would like to suggest that we make the Kashmir our special project for this Christmas. If you would like to contribute to relief in the Kashmir, please make out a check to either Christ Church with a notation "Kashmir relief" or a check to "Episcopal Relief and Development." All funds received will be forwarded to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Finally, please note the times of services this year: on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. there will a Family Eucharist with Christmas story and the building of the Crèche; at 8:00 p.m. there will be a Festival Choral Eucharist and on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. there will be a celebration of the Eucharist with hymns.

This comes with my best wishes for a blessed Christmas for you and your family.

Sincerely,

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## Parish Notes:

### Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. in the Guild Room. All interested members of the parish are invited to attend.

### Almost New Shop

The Almost New Shop will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 4, 2006.

### Children's Choir Rehearsal

On Tuesday evening the Children's Choir will rehearse in the St. Christopher's Chapel in the Parish House at 5:30 p.m.

### Adult Choir Rehearsal

On Thursday evening the Adult Choir will rehearse in the St. Christopher's Chapel in the Parish House.

### Music Notes 🎵

At 5PM on Christmas Eve, the Children's Choir will lead us in the singing of the first Eucharist of Christmas. In addition to favorite Christmas hymns, we will sing *Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella!* and John Rutter's *Nativity Carol*. At 7:30, we will celebrate the season with carols sung by the Adult Choir and the congregation, including Gustav Holst's *Lullay My Liking*, *The Virgin's Slumber Song* by Max Reger (featuring Robin Carucci and Harriet Kapner) and a setting of Christina Rossetti's poem *Love Came Down at Christmas* by Leo Sowerby. At 8PM, the choir will enter singing the great Advent hymn *O Come, Emmanuel* in preparation for the blessing of the crèche; Jim Cesare of Celebrations Brass will herald the beginning of the late Christmas Eucharist as we sing together *O Come All Ye faithful!* Music by William Mathias and John Rutter will augment the list of favorite seasonal carols. Christmas Day at 10AM will be a more intimate Christmas Eucharist. Please join us for one or all of these commemorations of our Lord's Incarnation.

*On Behalf of the members of the choirs, may we wish you all a prayerful Advent and Joyous Christmastide. -NL*

### A Great Way to Start Christmas Eve

Each Christmas Eve since 1918, the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, England has presented a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Festival has been broadcast on BBC radio for all those years and has, for the last decade, been broadcast live on National Public Radio. The service will be broadcast on WNYC (93.9 FM) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful way to get into the 'real' Christmas spirit.

# WELCOME!!

*We are delighted to welcome...*

Andrew Titus who entered the body of Christ, the church, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 18, 2005. Please pray for his parents Robert and Rachel.

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH



***Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.***

*A Family Eucharist and Building of the Crèche*

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

***Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.***

*A Festival Choral Eucharist*

Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12; Psalm 97:1-4, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-14, 15-20

***Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.***

*Holy Eucharist with Traditional Carols*

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE.

### Services on Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day is also the First Sunday after Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (or possibly it is the other way around). Christ Church will have services at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Note, however, the Father Lowry will be away that day and the two morning services will be Morning Prayer (and sermon) and the 6:00 p.m. service will be Evening Prayer (with sermon). There will be no Christian education programs on January 1.

