

The Chart

June 2007

Letter from the Rector

June 1, 2007

Dear Friends,

Soon summer will be here and the pace of our lives—including our life in the church—will slow down. However, the month of June will remain full of activities and I hope you will part of many of the events at Christ Church this month.

On Sunday, June 10 in addition to our regular services at 8:00, 9:30 (for children) and 10:00 am, as well as our 6:00 pm service, we will have a special Evensong service at 5:00 pm. Evensong is a service unique to the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church. It developed during the reformation in England in the 16th century. When the monasteries were dissolved, the monastic offices were combined into two services—that is Morning and Evening Prayer—which became central to worship in the Church of England. In England, Evening Prayer became the major service in parish churches and, over time, a rich tradition of choral music developed around Evening Prayer; hence, Evensong. Visitors to England, including many non-churchgoers, often seek out Evensong at the England's cathedrals and, especially at colleges like King's College, Cambridge, New College, Oxford and St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Our choir, joined by some friends, will offer a full service of hymns, psalms, canticles (the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) and anthems for Evensong along with the appointed lessons and prayers as an act of worship and praise.

Following Evensong the Fellowship Committee invites you to "Spring into Summer," a cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to renew friendships with the church and meet newcomers to the church. "Spring into Summer" will be held in the gymnasium of the Parish House. To make life a little easier for those of you with young children, we will have a movie, pizza and soft-drinks for children during the party. The event is free-of-charge. Please feel free to bring your friends—however, for us to plan effectively for the event, please sign-up in church, call the church office (627-2184) or e-mail us at christ_church@verizon.net.

On Sunday, June 17, we will close the church school year with a celebration of our young people with a special 10:00 am service, awards, teacher recognition and a short picnic. We do hope you will make special efforts to attend this service.

Inside the *Chart* you will find a schedule of services for the months of July and August. Please note the additional worship opportunities during the time when many of us have irregular schedules. I hope we will do our best to use the summer months to energize our spiritual as well as our physical lives.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

David B. Lowry, Rector

Many thanks from the Sunday School

The Sunday School would like to thank Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Courts for all their help to make our "planting Sunday" so much fun and to make our Parish House look beautiful. Mrs. Lowry did clearing and mulching, Mrs. Schmidt did the edging on our gardens so we could plant all the wonderful flowers that Mrs. Courts donated to us. Thank you Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Courts!

Around Christ Church

We honor our high school graduates, **Natalie Bindert, Brian Sternemann, Michelle Soloff and Nicole Winters**. Among those from Christ Church graduating from college this spring are Scott Beinecke, Austin Bennett, Adam Faeth, Rebecca Lowry and Andrew Melichar; we honor them as well.

We received information that Bud Hale, a long-term member of Christ Church, died at the age of 88 after a long illness. The Hales moved to North Carolina a good number of years ago. Bud and Lois are fondly remembered by those who shared time with them at Christ Church.

Father Lowry is speaking at a conference on corporate social responsibility sponsored by the City University of New York and the United Nations at the end of June. His presentation will deal with redefining values for corporations in a post-modern, post-colonial and globalized world. He will also chair a session on efforts of corporations to alleviate poverty and disease in troubled parts of the world. Also, on June 8 and 9 Father Lowry will be in Colorado Springs for the board meeting of the Village Heartbeat Foundation, a church-based outreach group operating in the highlands of West Papua, New Guinea.

Church Notices by E-Mail??

Price increases for sending all sorts of mailings from the church have led us to press forward with sending the *Chart* and other correspondence by e-mail. We are able to 'suppress' the names to which we send e-mails, so others will not know your e-mail address. This will allow us to send out important messages about news and events at the church on a regular basis. We will, however, NOT stop sending the *Chart* by mail. If you would like to be on our e-mail address file, please send an e-mail to us at christ_church@verizon.net.

On the Turmoil in the Anglican Communion

Most of us are well aware of the tensions within the American Episcopal Church and with regards to the relationship of between the American Episcopal Church and the African side of the Anglican Communion. Although most of the public comments about these tensions focus of the issue of sexuality in general and the sexuality of clergy more specifically, the real issues are much deeper and broader and have economic, political, sociological and anthropological components. In the fall, we will have sessions on this important issue; in the meantime I commend to you the transcript of an event at the Pew Charitable trust entitled *Global Schism: Is the Anglican Communion Rift the First Stage in a Wider Christian Split?*

♪ Music notes from Kyle Babin, Organist & Choir Master

June 10 is the last Sunday the Adult and Junior choirs will sing before they break for the summer. It is an important day because we will have a normal choral Eucharist at 10 a.m. *and* a service of choral evensong in the evening at 5 p.m. As a final, grand close to the choral season for this academic year, both the Adult and Junior choirs will be involved in the evensong, collaborating on an anthem. The service music for evensong will be Herbert Howell's wonderful *Collegium Regale* Evening Service (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis). This is truly one of the most beautiful settings of these evening canticles ever written, and I hope you can all be present to worship through the power of music and prayer. Other music will involve an anthem, evening hymns, and an Anglican chant psalm sung by the choir. Choral evensong is one of the great and unique traditions of the Anglican Church, but unfortunately, it is rarely sung anymore. I invite you all to join us in perpetuating this great form of worship. All best wishes for a relaxing summer!

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Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays during this month... Emily Faeth, Carole Schmidt-Spadaro, Grace Crum, Penny Tadler, Scott Ivers, Jessica Storozum, Ariana Paterson, Jasmine Blocker, Oriana Cyprus, Katherine Kelly, Andrew Melichar, Lesley Stackler, Betts Carpenter, Liam Whalen, Douglas Schmidt-Spadaro, Teresa Ciaccio, Kawall Deosaran, Kay Scheib.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month...Fred and Marianne Horne, James and Lori Kelly, John and Gloria Ryan.

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SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE JUNE:

Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2007

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Revelation 4: 1-11; John 16: 5-11, 12-15

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Joseph Vallo
by The Tadler Family

The Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 10, 2007

1 Kings 17: 17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Sara and Thomas Redwood
by Janet and Richard Lombard
Altar flowers are also given in thanksgiving of seventeen years of marriage
by Greg and Cathy Trezza

Evensong 5pm

"Spring into Summer" Party 6pm Parish Hall

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 17, 2007

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 10, 13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2: 11-21; Luke 7: 36-50

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Edith Smitham
by David and Junko Smitham

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, June 24, 2007

Zechariah 12: 8-10; 13: 1; Psalm 63: 1-8; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 9: 18-24

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jane and Joseph Ryan and Audrey and Charles King by Gloria and John Ryan

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Summer Services

Starting in **July**, Christ Church will have the following schedule of services:

Sundays	Holy Eucharist (said)	8:00 am
	Holy Eucharist (sung)	10:00 am
	Holy Eucharist (said)	6:00 pm
Wednesdays	(July 11 through August 29)	
	Home Communions	7:30 pm
	<i>(Locations to be announced)</i>	
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	10:00 am
Monday through Friday	Morning Prayer	9:00 am

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