

The Chart

July 2007

Letter from the Rector

July 1, 2007

Dear Friends,

Summer is a special time: it is the opportunity for leisure, travel, enhanced family time, school holidays and recreation. Seldom do we think of it as a time for enhancing our spiritual lives, however. So, along with all the other activities of summer, may I suggest that we take some time for spiritual re-development? I would recommend some Bible reading—the first and second books of Samuel in the Old Testament make for some fine summer reading, with a plethora of heroes and villains—and if that is not enough for you, you might wish to add the first and second books of Kings. Another possibility is to read one of the many books on spirituality. Inside the *Chart* you will find some suggested books that are available in the local Barnes & Noble. Finally, you might wish to enhance your spiritual life by a regular discipline of prayer and meditation. *The Book of Common Prayer* has a section of “Prayers and Thanksgivings” (pp. 814-841) which will provide you with many ‘prayer options.’

Please also remember that Christ Church is open for your Sunday worship during the summer. The three Sunday services remain as they are during the school year with the Holy Eucharist celebrated at 8 and 10 am and at 6 pm. We also have celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm (starting on July 11) and on Thursday mornings 10:00 am. The Wednesday evening Eucharist is in homes around the parish and is followed by a pot-luck supper. Please call the office for locations of the service and to make reservations for the supper. Almost all mornings from Monday to Friday (except when I am out of town for meetings etc), Morning Prayer is said in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at 9:00 am.

Finally, on a personal note, Sunday, July 15 is the 35th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I was ordained at Christ Church, Manhasset by the Right Reverend Albert Voegeli, exiled Bishop of Haiti, who served as assisting bishop in Long Island. In the Church of England (in the old days), July 15 was the feast of St. Swithin-in-the-Swamp, Bishop of Winchester, who died in 862. There is a tradition that if it rains on July 15, it will be rainy for the following 40 days. We will see!!

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

David B. Lowry, Rector

Around Christ Church

The following is a copy of a letter received by Christ Church from the Veterans Hospital in Northport:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center (632)
79 Middleville Road
Northport, NY 11768

June 6, 2007

Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Veterans and staff at the Northport VA Medical Center we would like to thank you and the members of the Christ Church for the thoughtful Thank You cards for our veterans. These beautiful cards were placed on the patient's meal tray or where personally distributed to veterans throughout the facility.

Thank you for your concern and kindness as our veterans' lives are truly enhanced by knowing there are those who care.

Sincerely,

Lynn Mott
Voluntary Service Specialist

Almost New Shop Closed for Summer

The Almost New Shop will be closed for July and August and will reopen on Wednesday, September 12 at 10am. Please do not leave any donations for the shop during the summer as they will not be able to process these items and will necessitate that they be trashed.

The shop **will** be accepting donations of fall and winter clothing, clean and in good condition, after its re-opening on September 12.

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

Some Books (spiritual and other) for your Summer Reading Consideration

I have reconnoitered at Barnes and Noble and found copies of the following books in stock. I recommend primarily Krista Tippett, *Speaking of Faith*. Krista is the host of NPR's weekly religious program of the same name (Saturdays at 7:05 am on WNYC, 93.9 FM). Her shows are consistently interesting and well informed. I always recommend C.S. Lewis for summer reading and the religion section of Barnes and Noble has a good selection of his works.

There are also a spate of books on God and science. I am currently reading Christopher Hitchin's new book *God is not Great*. It is the latest of the anti-God books that have filled bookshelves. I don't really recommend the book, but it is on all of the best-selling lists, so I call your attention to it. On the other side of the issue are two short books, which I do recommend. The first is Alister McGrath's *the Dawkins Delusion: Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine* and the second is John Polkinghorne's *Belief in God in an Age of Science*.

For those who want some heavier reading and a possible understanding of the theological and intellectual position of Pope Benedict, I commend his *Introduction to Christianity*. It is heavy and German (in thought not language), but worth a read if theology is your passion.

For non-readers during the summer, I suggest you rent or buy *Bridge to Teribithia*. With a screen-play by David Paterson (who also produced the movie) and based on the novel by the same name by David's mother, it is a wonderful and moving story well-made into a movie. It is especially appropriate for families with pre-teen and teen children and worth watching together!

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays during this month... Brian Sternemann, Peggy Wright, Bruce Sternemann, Rosemary Andel, Emma Carr, Suzanne Parker, Susan Miller, Lou Trapp, Max Smitham, Tim Carr, Evans Cyprus, Kyle Babin, Marlena McGill, Teresa Ciaccio, Joseph Miletich.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... Timothy and Lisa Carr, Arthur and Lisa Field

SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE JULY:

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1, 2007

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ricky Scheib
by Kay and Dick Scheib
and in loving memory of Nancy and Joseph Cioffi
by Louise Fribush

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 8, 2007

Isaiah 66:10-16; Psalm 66; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Wendy Templeton
by Marianne Templeton

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 15, 2007

Deuteronomy 30-9-14; Psalm 25; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:25-37

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Sandra Payson
by Lorinda deRoulet

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 22, 2007

Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Barbara Mann
by Pamela Storozum

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 29, 2007

Genesis 18:20-33; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of William and David Finn
by Doris Finn

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