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🎵 **Music notes:**

Although the spring choir season is almost over, the remaining few weeks are packed with wonderful musical treats. The Adult Choir (along with the Junior Choir) will sing Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 4, at 5 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful service, unique to the Anglican tradition. On Sunday, May 11, in celebration of Pentecost and Mother's Day, the Adult Choir will sing some special music, including a Gospel piece (with soprano solo) and an African-American spiritual. I hope you can join us for this rousing service with its eclectic music from many traditions. The last Adult Choir Sunday will be May 18, Trinity Sunday.

Sadly, this is the last *Chart* for which I will be writing music notes. In conclusion, and before I depart Christ Church for new horizons in Washington, D. C., I want to thank all parishioners for such generous and faithful support of the music program. It has been a true pleasure working in this parish, and I have grown immensely in my time at here. I will always cherish the many extraordinary musical moments and liturgies in which I had the privilege to participate at Christ Church. Best wishes for a restful summer.

Sincerely,  
Kyle

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Dear Friends,

We are trying to get our may edition of the *Chart* out a few days early to remind you of the Evensong and informal reception that will take place this **Sunday (May 4)** at 5:00 PM (Evensong in the church) and 6:00 PM (the reception on the lawn at the Almost New Shop). This past Sunday the Christ Church choir sang Evensong and Benediction at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin in New York City. St. Mary's has a long tradition of having some of the finest music in the New York metropolitan area. At the service the Rectory of St. Mary's said that the Christ Church choir was one of the finest choirs that had ever sung at St. Mary's. Although we cannot match the acoustics of St. Mary's at Christ Church, we can enjoy the Christ Church choir in a substantial repeat of their worship program from St. Mary's. For the reception after Evensong, I will provide the drinks (wine, beer and soft drinks). We ask you to bring a non-heated hors d'oeuvre to share.

On the following **Sunday (May 11)** we will have an 'Episcopal Visit' at the 10:00 AM service. Either Bishop Walker (the Bishop of Long Island) or his Assisting Bishop (The Right Reverend James Ottley) will celebrate and preach at the Pentecost Holy Eucharist. This is also the day when a number of our young people will be formally admitted to the Holy Eucharist as well as our special celebration of Mothers' Day. It is important that we make every effort to be at the 10:00 AM service. There will be **no** Sunday School classes that day, but there will be special music to be sung by the Sunday School at the service. There will be a special reception after the service.

As many of you know from the information I have sent out over the past months and years, we are in the process of selling a portion of the Christ Church campus. Much of the work over the past two years has been done behind-the-scenes; the process has now moved into the public arena. There is a complex two-fold process which governs the sale of the property. Since the church and its property pre-dated zoning, our land is not pre-se zoned. However, to sell the property the land must have a zoning designation. By default, our zoning would be Residential B. Because of the existent parish house, we cannot sell the property on which the parish house sits because it would not conform to Residence B zoning provisions. We could sell a little piece of property in front of the Parish House and an area behind the Parish House. But it would be a messy transaction. Hence, we need a zoning change to sell the property—unless Christ Church would remove the Parish House at our expense. Therefore, we have made an agreement with a developer to sell the property after the developer receives the necessary zoning changes.

The developer with whom we have an agreement to sell the property has begun the public process of receiving a zoning designation for a portion of land at Christ Church on which the Parish House sits to permit multiple-residence housing. At the first public hearing there were objections raised to the size (footprint and height) of the condominium project the developer proposed. A second hearing is scheduled for

May 27 at the Town Hall. I have been joined by the Vestry in strongly supporting senior housing as the best option for development of a part of the Christ Church property. However, Christ Church is **not** a co-developer of the condominium project and, although we can and will influence the actions of the developer, we cannot mandate them.

It is my sincere hope that the developer, the residents of Manhasset and the officials will find a fair and equitable way in which to move the project forward. Such a settlement will allow Christ Church to take care of our physical and fiscal in a timely and forward-looking manner. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the sale of property at Christ Church.

Finally, it is with a genuine sense of loss that I announce in writing that Kyle Babin, our organist-choirmaster, is resigning to move to Washington, DC, where he will continue his church music career. Kyle is one of the finest, young musicians in the church and he has done wonderful work with our choir. I have mentioned earlier in this letter the accolades Kyle and our choir have received from many clergy and fellow musicians. More important than that, in my estimation, is that Kyle is a kind, gentle, caring, responsible and deeply spiritual person whom I will miss. Early in June we will have a reception for Kyle to wish him farewell.

This comes with my best wishes,

Sincerely,  
**David B. Lowry, Rector**

### **Bishops in the American Episcopal Church:**

With the up-coming visit of either the diocesan bishop or the assisting bishop of the Diocese of Long Island to Christ Church, it is appropriate to write briefly about the structure of the American Episcopal Church and the role of the diocese and the bishop in that structure.

The Church has had bishops since its inception. The Greek word 'episcopos' (bishop) means overseer. The bishop had the function of an administrator and a protector of doctrine and discipline. Over time, bishops came to control the ordination of other clergy. Many of the more formal roles of bishops evolved in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries when the distinctive roles of senior clergy evolved as the church struggled with the special quality of the Eucharistic celebration—that is the 'real presence' of Christ in the sacrament of the altar.

In the later Middle Ages bishops and the dioceses they oversaw came to have major roles in the administration of society in general and as the power of princes evolved and grew in the 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, the link between secular power and the church became greatly evident. In England the bishops sat in the House of Lords

and the monarch named the bishops in the post-Reformation English church. The union of church and state was a mixed blessing.

In the American colonies there were many religious traditions. The French and Spanish each brought their Catholicism to the New World; the English brought several differing traditions. In the New England colonies the colonists brought Calvinist theology and Congregationalist polity (governance), which abhorred central control by bishops and/or presbyters. In the middle colonies New York and New Jersey), the Dutch, Scottish and English immigrants brought Calvinist theology and Presbyterian polity (ministers but not bishops). In Pennsylvania, Quakers brought quietism and no clergy. In Maryland and Virginia the Church of England brought episcopal polity, but no real bishops. The bishop who had oversight for the Church of England in the New World was the bishop of London. Ordinations of clergy could only take place where there was a bishop—and that was in England.

An Episcopal structure without bishops strangled the early Church of England congregations in the American colonies. Even before the American Revolution, the congregations of the Church of England complained bitterly about lack of bishops to oversee and enliven their churches. Their cries for help and justice from the church in England paralleled the cries about 'taxation without representation.'

Many clergy and laity in the Church of England parishes in the colonies longed to either have bishops or the have a presbyterian polity in their church. During the Revolution, clergy in Connecticut (which was no bastion of the Church of England, although the clergy there were loyal to England and the Church of England (over against many Church of England clergy and laity in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, who were patriots) sent one of their clergy (Samuel Seabury) to England to seek ordination as a bishop. It proved impossible to arrange such an ordination in England (although there was sympathy from church leaders in England, but ordination to the episcopate was arranged in Scotland—Samuel Seabury returned to America as a bishop from the Church of Scotland.

There were strongly mixed feelings with the formerly Church of England church in the newly free America about bishops. Many church leaders did not want bishops. However, with a bishop in residence in the United States it was difficult to argue for anything but an American Protestant Episcopal Church. The American Episcopalians feared that the bishops would be 'over-mighty.' Therefore steps were taken in the Canons and Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church to limit the power of bishops.

This is very different from the Church of England, other 'Anglican' churches around the world and, most certainly, from the Roman Catholic where bishops have substantial power. Bishops in the Episcopal Church are elected by clergy and laity and their power is mostly consultative. In spite of the limited power of our bishops, they are still a major force in our church and we are most pleased to have an Episcopal presence at Christ Church.

# Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays during this month... Elaine Schaefer, George Sherwood, Gloria Ryan, Lorinda de Roulet, Yoshi Mapes, Emily Bunyon, Sheila Kumari Subaiya, Gregory Beinecke, Arlene Blocker, Michelle Soloff, William Stackler, Annemarie Schreiber, Patrick McMahon, Alaina Melichar, Marianne Horne, James Sherwood, Hannah Phillips, David Paterson, Jennie Whalen, Richard Scheib, Phyllis Ivers, Marianne Templeton, Blanche Kambourian, Amy Angus.

# Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month...Douglas and Carole Schmidt-Spadaro, Douglas and Holly Melichar, Peter and Rosemary Andel

## ***SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF APRIL:***

### **EASTER 7 – MAY 4, 2008**

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 14:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Altar flowers are given in memory of Lee Wright  
by Ward and Peggy Wright

### **THE DAY OF PENTECOST – MAY 11, 2008**

Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

Altar flowers are given in memory of Guy Osborne by the Osborne Family and  
Sandra Beckley Hartley by Russell Beckley III  
Altar flowers are also given in thanksgiving for Naomi R. Beckley  
by Russell Beckley III

### **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – MAY 18, 2008**

Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Altar flowers are given in memory of Robert and Dorothy Peterson  
by Anita and Bob Schmidt

### **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – MAY 25, 2008**

Isaiah 49:8-16; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Altar flowers are given in memory of Betsey Bruckner Reicherter  
by Marion Bruckner

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## **Calendar for the Month of May**

<b>Thursday, May 1 Feast of the Ascension</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bibl Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir	Parish House
<b>Friday, May 2</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Saturday, May 3</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 4 - Easter 7</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	11:15 AM	Junior Choir	Church
	5:00 PM	Evensong	Church
	6:00 PM	Informal Party	Parish House
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>Rector Out of Town</b>		
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir	Parish House
<b>Friday, May 9</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	4:00 PM	First Communion Class	Parish House
<b>Pentecost Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	Bishop's Visit	First Communion's	
<b>Monday, May 12</b>	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	7:30PM	Pauline Letters	Guild Room
	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Body Politic, Body of Christ	Guild Room
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

<b>Friday, May 16</b>	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir	Parish House
	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>			
<b>Trinity Sunday, May 18</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
<b>Monday, May 19</b>	<b>Rector Out of Town</b>		
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	Guild Room
<b>Thursday, May 22</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
<b>Friday, May 23</b>	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Saturday, May 24</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 25 - 2 Pentecost</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
<b>Monday, May 26</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	<i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>		
<b>Tuesday, May 27</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Wednesday, May 28</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Body Politic, Body of Christ	Guild Room
<b>Thursday, May 29</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
<b>Friday, May 30</b>	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Saturday, May 31</b>			