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Letter from the Rector

March 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

We are now well into the season of Lent and, indeed, the days are lengthening and hope springs for the return of warmer weather. It has been an especially long, cold and snow-laden winter. Although 'Lent' is associated with penitence, the word itself has nothing etymologically to do with penitence or even religion; the noun 'Lent' comes from middle English (*lencten* or *lenten*) and has the meaning of 'making longer.' Clearly, the 45 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter is the time when daylight in the northern hemisphere lengthens. England, being further north than the United States, has an even more dramatic lengthening of days than we find in the continental United States. In German, the word for the season starting on Ash Wednesday and ending at Easter is *Fasten*, which better describes the ecclesiastical understanding of the season of penitence and fasting. However, the thought of lengthening of days, the return of daylight and warmth does suggest an Easter theme.

Lent is a time of expectation and anticipation of the rebirth of God's creative purpose in the resurrection of his Son. It is indeed the time in the northern hemisphere when seeds planted on or around Ash Wednesday begin to break through the moist, spring soil. Our time of repentance, fasting and prayer is our time of re-planting our spiritual and moral lives so that we may participate in the wonders of new birth at Easter. If we forget to plant our seeds in the spring, we lose all hope for a late summer harvest. If we fail to plant our spiritual seeds in Lent, we run the risk that we will not be prepared to share in harvest of our redemption.

We are now well into our Lenten programs, but it is never too late to join with us for worship, fellowship, education—as well as to take on personal devotional activities. Within this edition of the *Chart* you will find suggestions for your 'Lenten planting.' I hope we will all find that a little of our Lenten work will yield great Easter benefits.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry, Rector

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays...

Kayla Deosaran, John McGill, Ida Miletich, Mary Lowry, Katelyn Bennett, Carter Paterson, Indu Subaiya, Christopher Beinecke, Jack Cyprus, Ruth Mishrick, Dana Sevely, Ian Schmidt/Spadaro.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... James and Karyn Sherwood and an extra special congratulations to Fred and Annemarie Schreiber celebrating their 50th.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

THERE ARE NO ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS OR THANK OFFERINGS DURING LENT

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 7, 2010

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14, 2010

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 21, 2010

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 28, 2010*

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Palms 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**Enclosed for your convenience is a form for donations for Easter music and/or flowers and Easter Offering envelopes. They may also be picked up in the rear of the Church on Sundays or at the Parish Office.*

Parish Notes:

Website: Thank you to everyone who participated in the February website challenge! You helped the webmaster, Laura Pavlovich, find several errors. The winners of a box of Girl Scout cookies are: Dan Wright, Maggie Pavlovich, Kayla Deosaran, Gloria Ryan, and Scott Ivers. Please continue to check the website regularly!

Musicians Needed! Palm Sunday is March 28th. The young people have been invited to play "When the Saints go Marchin' In" for a triumphant procession around the cemetery and into Jerusalem. Do you play an instrument? Would you like to proclaim God's presence on earth? There will only be one rehearsal for this event – after church on March 21st. If you are interested or want more details, please email the children's music director at Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com.

Ladies Dinner, Monday, March 22 at 6:30

Kathleen McGill has graciously agreed to hold a Ladies Dinner at her Home, 91 Eakins Road, Manhasset, on Monday, March 22 at a cost of \$10 per person. Cocktails will begin at 6:30pm with dinner immediately following. Please use the sign up sheet in the rear of the church or call the parish office (627-2184) if you wish to attend.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on March 28. On Palm Sunday the 10:00 AM liturgy will begin in the parking lot (near the flag poll) where we will bless the palms and process to the church. Palm Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the month and the 10:00 AM Eucharist is the family service (there will be no Sunday School). The Sunday School will 'stage' the Passion. The regular services of the Eucharist at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM will be held as well. Monday through Wednesday in Holy Week regular services will be held (Morning Prayer at 7:00 AM on Monday and Tuesday and at 9:00 AM on Wednesday and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday. On Maundy Thursday Morning Prayer will be said at 7:00 AM and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. At 7:30 PM the **Liturgy for Maundy Thursday**, with the foot washing, will take place. Following the service the church will remain open for prayer and meditation (at the altar of repose in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd). The church will be re-opened on Good Friday at 7:00 AM for Morning Prayer and will remain open until 3:00 PM. The **Liturgy of**

Good Friday will begin at noon. The service ends around 1:00 PM, but the church will remain open until 3:00 PM. On the evening of Good Friday there will be a service of meditations on the Last Words of Christ at 7:30 PM. The church will be closed on Holy Saturday. On **Easter Sunday** there will be two services, a short and informal Eucharist at 9:00 AM and a formal Eucharist at 11:00 AM. There will be special music at both services. At the 11:00 AM Eucharist the music will include the Chapel and Senior Choirs and instrumentalists. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the conclusion of the earlier service.

Parish Outreach

For several years we have been gently participating in the planning process of **Family Promise**; now Family Promise is ready to begin operations. Family Promise is a congregation-based program that strives to keep families intact during periods of homelessness. Although Christ Church's facilities are not such that Christ Church can host homeless families, we can support congregations that are hosting families. The Unitarian Church is the first Manhasset Church to host families. In time Christ Church will be asked to provide food and other essential supplies for those staying at the Unitarian Church. At present, we are asked to contribute new complete sheet sets (single and full) for the beds. Since Family Promise will have multiple facilities, the need for sheets is great. If over the coming weeks as many of us as possible can bring **new** sheets to Christ Church, we would help get this community ministry started. Financial donations are also accepted. Your help is very much appreciated.

Calendar for the Month of March, 2010

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| Monday, March 1 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Tuesday, March 2 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, March 3 <i>Lenten Program Seder Dinner</i> Christ Church, Manhasset | 9:00 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM 7:00 PM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry Seder Dinner | Chapel Parish House Chapel Parish House Parish House |
| Thursday, March 4 | 7:00 AM 10:00 AM | Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist | Chapel Chapel |
| Friday, March 5 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, March 6 | | | |
| Sunday, March 7/3 Lent | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Choral Eucharist and Church School Holy Eucharist | Church Church Church Chapel |
| Monday, March 8 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Tuesday, March 9 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |

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| Wednesday March 10 | 9:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| <i>Lenten Program</i> | 9:20 AM | Bible Study | Parish House |
| St. Stephen's, Port Washington | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| | 7:00 PM | Soup & Salad | St. Stephen's |
| | 7:45 PM | (Topic) <i>The Holy Eucharist</i> | |

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| Thursday, March 11 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
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| Friday, March 12 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
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| Saturday, March 13 | | | |
| Daylight Savings Time Begins | <i>Set clocks ahead 1 hour tonight</i> | | |

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| Sunday, March 14/4 Lent | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| | 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist and Church School | Church Church |
| | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |

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| Monday, March 15 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 7:45 PM | Vestry Meeting | Parish House |

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| Tuesday, March 16 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
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| Wednesday, March 17 | 9:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| <i>Lenten Program</i> | 9:20 AM | Bible Study | Parish House |
| Christ Church, Manhasset | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| | 7:00 PM | Soup & Salad | Parish House |
| | 7:45 PM | (Topic) <i>The Holy Eucharist</i> | |

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| Thursday, March 18 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
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| Friday, March 19 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
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Saturday, March 20

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| Sunday, March 21/5 Lent | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| | 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist and Church School | Church Church |
| | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |

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| Monday, March 22 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Kathleen McGill (Hostess) | 6:30 PM | <i>Ladies Dinner</i> | <i>McGill's</i> |
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| Tuesday, March 23 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, March 24 <i>Lenten Program</i> St. Stephen's, Port Washington | 9:00 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:45 PM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Soup & Salad (Topic) <i>The Holy Eucharist</i> | Chapel Parish House Church St. Stephen's |
| Thursday, March 25 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, March 26 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | |
| Saturday, March 27 | | | |
| Sunday, March 29/5 Lent Sunday of the Passion Holy Week Begins | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Choral Eucharist and Church School Holy Eucharist | Church Church Church Chapel |
| Monday, March 29 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Tuesday, March 30 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, March 31 | 9:00 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist | Chapel Parish House Church |