

CHART, September 2010

Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030

Letter from the Rector

September 1, 2010

Dear Friends,

In this edition of the *Chart* there is much news about the coming 'school year' activities at Christ Church. I suggest that you keep the *Chart* for reference to events from now until the end of 2010.

The most noticeable change in what we will be doing this fall involves our worship and education program at 10:00 AM. As many of you know, we have struggled for years to figure out the best way to have a vital education program for our children and to have appropriate worship for adults and children. We are trying something new this year as we utilize the talents of our seminarian, Chris Ballard. On all but the fourth Sunday each month, at **9:50 AM** we will begin **Church School classes** for pre-school through eighth grade. At **10:00 AM** on those Sundays a service of **Choral Holy Eucharist** in the Church. At **10:50 AM** Church School will end and the students and teachers will go to worship in the chapel of the Parish House. Their worship service will include the elements of the first part of the Holy Eucharist (Collect of the day, the Gospel, the Creed and prayers for the needs of the church and the world). At **11:05 AM** I will bring the consecrated bread and wine to the chapel to complete the service of Holy Communion for the students and teachers. On the **Fourth Sunday** of the month, we will all gather in the church for a **Family Eucharist**. On that Sunday there will be no Church School.

Another innovation this year is the creation of the Schola Cantorum of Christ Church. The Schola Cantorum will be made-up of high school students and will be a full part of the Christ Church choir. They will receive special training from Andrew Yeargin, organist/choirmaster at Christ Church and the four professional section leaders. Participants in the Schola Cantorum program will have a contribution made by the church for each rehearsal and service into a fund that will become available to the participants when they complete high school. Participants must be interested in singing at high level and learning more about singing as part of a choir. We are especially interested in finding young men who would like to participate. Preference will be given to members of Christ Church, but others are most welcome to participate. Donations to the Schola Cantorum will be gladly accepted.

Within the *Chart* there is much more news and important information about the coming months at Christ Church. Please do take the opportunity to learn about all that is going on in the areas of **adult education, music, fellowship, outreach** and **the redevelopment of the Christ Church campus**.

This comes with my best wishes.

Blessings,

The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry

Parish Notes:

A Note from the Rector:

As some of you have read, Bishop Provenzano has asked me to assume the role of Interim Dean of the George Mercer Jr. School of Theology. The Mercer School was founded after the Second World War to educate returning veterans for ministry at a time when traditional seminaries (most of which excluded married men and families from attending seminary) could not do the job and when Long

Island and the Diocese of Long Island was growing and the need for clergy was great. Over the years Mercer has continued to supply a number of services, mostly for those seeking the diaconate and for the training of lay persons.

It is clear that the church (and society in general for that matter) is entering into a new era. The traditional programs for the preparation of clergy no longer serve the best interest of the church and those seeking to serve in the church. Therefore the church needs a new model for theological education. The task the Bishop of Long Island has given me is to envision what an institution of education for clergy and laity might look like to serve the church in the 21st century. It is a humbling and exhilarating assignment.

As I have done over most of the past 18 months, I will split my time between Christ Church and the Mercer School down the middle; that is 30 to 35 hours at each place. When in Garden City (which will mainly be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) I can be reached at 248-4800x37 or by cell at 318-6519. As a reminder, I can be reached at Christ Church at 627-2184. In the evenings, my home number is 570-0318.

Around Christ Church:

After months without a death within the parish family, we have had three deaths in a short time span. On August 4, Dr. Richard Field died; on August 6, Barbara Heim died; and on August 30, Peggy Wright died. Dick and Peggy were among our longest standing members of Christ Church. Barbara (and her husband Hal) had been active in the Church School at Christ Church and in youth-work in the Manhasset community. Barbara and Hal had moved to Key Largo, Florida a good number of years ago. Dick is survived by his wife, Lucy, and daughters, Ginger (Lucas) and Amy (Watson); Barbara by her husband Hal and two daughters; and Peggy by her husband Ward and daughters, Terry and Holly, her son Jeff and five grandchildren.

Fall Adult Education Program:

On Wednesdays this fall, two classic books—one theological and the other anthropological and spiritual—we will be read and discussed. The first book is Martin Buber's *I and Thou*. Written in 1922 in German (*Ich und Du*) and first translated into English in 1947, *I and Thou* became a staple of clergy and laity in the late 1950's. Buber was Jewish and he was probing the implications of the relationship between a powerful yet compassionate God and His people. The second book is anthropological and spiritual in nature. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a French Jesuit priest who was educated as a paleontologist. He was one of the discoverers of the Peking Man. Deeply spiritual, but always questioning the view of the church in which he was ordained, De Chardin was refused permission to publish *The Phenomenon of Man* by the Catholic Church. After his death it was published by his family and friends. In the world of emerging interconnectedness and globalization, *The Phenomenon of Man* is as timely today as it was when de Chardin wrote it. The books will be available at the church. The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30 PM and will continue for six weeks (September 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20 and 27).

Men's and Women's Dinners:

This year we will have monthly women's and men's dinners. The men's dinners will be held on the second Monday of each month and the women's dinners will be held on fourth Monday of each month. Dinners will start at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$12, including wine. The first men's dinner will be held Monday, September 13 and the first women's dinner will be held Monday, September 27. It is important that you call the office or sign-up for the dinners at the church so we have enough—but not too much food.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SEPT. 9 – ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

I hope you join me in congratulating the very dedicated members of the choir on a job well done last season. As we begin to move into a new choral season, I would like to invite anyone and everyone to join the choir! You don't need extensive musical training, just a general love of music and willingness to work to achieve a wonderful product from week to week. The choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Parish House. Our first rehearsal of the season will be **Thursday, September 9.**

There will be many opportunities to hear the choir this year. On November 7 (All Saints Sunday) the choir will once again present the *Requiem* of Gabriel Fauré at the 10 A.M. service within the framework of a mass of remembrance for the faithful departed. The chancel choir also sings the 8 P.M. Festival Choral Eucharist on Christmas Eve, which will include many arrangements of familiar carols. The full choir will sing selected movements of the somber *Requiem* of Maurice Duruflé on Maundy Thursday (April 21), and will introduce James Whitbourn's *Son of God* Mass on Easter Sunday (April 24) – a sumptuous and introspective mass setting for choir, organ and soprano saxophone that is often described a musical “breath of fresh air.”

Another addition to the calendar this year are semi-regular Choral Evensong services. Evensong in an Anglican church is a sublimely magnificent act of worship. Sung daily in the cathedrals of England since the 16th century, this service is one piece of the total worship of God offered by Christian people at every hour of the day and night in every part of the world. Drawn almost entirely from the Bible, its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience. There will be four special evensongs during the year (5 P.M. on the first Sunday of the month, roughly every other month). The first evensong will be on October 3, with canticles by George Dyson and Edgar Bainton's “And I saw a new heaven.” Then, on December 5, the evening service will take the form of a service of lessons and carols for the season of Advent, sung by both the Chancel and Chapel Choirs (and congregation!). After the New Year, evensongs will resume on March 6, when the choir will sing King's *The Transfiguration* for choir, organ and electronic tape (Yes! Electronic tape!). The final evensong of the year will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, as the choir sings the lovely anthem by Sir Edward Elgar, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.”

TO ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9 THROUGH 12

Do you have some musical ability? Are you currently singing or have you previously sung in the choral program at your school? Have you thought about joining the Christ Church choir?? This year, we are happy to introduce the **Christ Church Schola Cantorum**. This program is a unique twist on the traditional English choir school model, designed to give musically-gifted young men and women a chance to expand their musical experiences by being a part of the rigorous and rewarding semi-professional choral program at Christ Church. Our “Choral Scholars” will be an integral part of the adult choir and have the opportunity not only to sing in weekly services, but to become further oriented with his or her own unique musical talents. The experience of singing with professionals is a wonderful opportunity for our teenagers who may be interested in studying music in college, and the added commitment and responsibility is an ideal way for high school students to add another extracurricular service activity to their résumés – an outstanding feature for college applications. Any and all interested teenagers (grades 9 through 12) at Christ Church are welcome to become Choral Scholars. Each choral scholar will receive a scholarship for use in college based on attendance. *Substantial* musical training is not required, but all members of the Schola Cantorum should have at least some background in music and will be expected to accept the commitment and responsibility required to continue the fine tradition of extraordinary music at Christ Church through regular attendance and dedication to the ensemble. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Parish House and sings (most) Sunday mornings from September through early June, as well as various special evening services. Our first rehearsal of the season will be Thursday, September 9. If you (or your teen) might be interested, please contact Andrew Yeargin, organist and choirmaster, via email at andrew.yeargin@gmail.com or by telephone at (919) 270-3137. You may also leave a message with the Church Office at (516) 627-2184

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE CHAPEL CHOIR:

Do you like to sing? Do you like pizza? We are looking for enthusiastic singers in grades two through eight to lead the congregation on Family Sundays. We rehearse every Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 and sing on Family Sundays and holidays. In addition, we make special trips and have frequent pizza parties! You are welcome to join for a season, you do not have to commit to singing for the entire year. Carpooling can be arranged for the Tuesday rehearsals. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the chapel choir director at Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com. Or just come to our first rehearsal in September.

Christ Church Campus Redevelopment Update:

Over the summer there has been much activity on the redevelopment of the Christ Church campus. Architects, engineers and lawyers representing Christ Church and Gothic Church LLC have been putting together plans for the renovation of the Christ Church Parish house and the building of a free-standing bank at the current location of the 'blue house.' The Parish House will be legally subdivided with Christ Church owning the far western portion of the Parish House and Gothic Church owning the eastern part of the Parish House. The Christ Church portion of the building (which includes the current gymnasium and the basement below the gymnasium) will be renovated into a 5,700 square foot great hall, offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and bathrooms on the first floor and classrooms, bathrooms and storage in the basement area. The remainder of the Parish House will be offices owned and leased by Gothic Church. At the end of the subdivision and renovation process, Christ Church will have renovated space contiguous to the church and cemetery and approximately \$2 million additional in its endowment. It is hoped that contracts will be signed in the coming month and the legal work to create the subdivision will be completed by February 2011, at which time the renovation of the campus will begin.

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Happy Birthday!!

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

Robert Pavlovich, Hope Whalen, Alex Bennett, Janet Rider, Andy Phillips, Ted Beinecke, Walter Stackler, Michelle Deosaran, Tom Pritchett, Harold Olson, Dylan Field, Michael Henahan, Hannah Pavlovich, Walter Edward Stackler, Lucinda Pavlovich, Katherine Allen, Charles Bindert, Bradford Lightcap, Graham Siener, Phyllis Sternemann.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month... Walter and Lesley Stackler, Tom and Lucy Chaly, Nicholas and Oriana Cyprus, Jeff and Jane Lightcap, Robert and Laura Pavlovich, Jerome and Arlene Blocker.

SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

15 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20; PSALM 1; PHILEMON 1-21; LUKE 14:25-33

Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for our grandchildren; Charlotte Rose & Grayson Jax Egrie and Anthony Louis Filippone
by Paul and Nellie Egrie

16 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

EXODUS 32:7-14; PSALM 51:1-11; 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17; LUKE 15:1-10

Altar flowers are given in loving memory Milton Hopkins
by Elizabeth Hopkins

17 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

AMOS 8:4-7; PSALM 113; 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-17; LUKE 16:1-13

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of my family
by Marie Ferraro

18 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

AMOS 6:1,4-7; PSALM 146; 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19; LUKE 16:19-31

Altar flowers are given in loving memory Steve Kambourian

by Blanche Kambourian

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Calendar for the Month of September

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| Wednesday, September 1 | 9:00 AM 9:25 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry | Chapel Office Chapel Parish House |
| Thursday, September 2 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, September 3 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, September 4 | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 5/15 Pentecost | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist | Chapel Church Chapel |
| Monday, September 6 | Labor Day | Office Closed | |
| Tuesday, September 7 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, September 8 | 9:00 AM 9:25 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry | Chapel Office Chapel Parish House |
| Thursday, September 9 Chancel Choir Resumes | 7:00 AM 7:30 PM | Morning Prayer Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Parish House |
| Friday, September 10 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, September 11 | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 12/16 Pentecost <i>Ice Cream Sundae</i> | 8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Church School Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist | Church Parish House Church Chapel |
| Monday, September 13 Men's Dinner \$12 | 7:00 AM 7:00 PM | Morning Prayer Men's Dinner | Chapel Parish House |
| Tuesday, September 14 Chapel Choir Resumes | 7:00 AM 4:30 PM | Morning Prayer Chapel Choir | Chapel Parish House |

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| Wednesday, September 15 | 7:00 AM 9:25 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry | Chapel Office Chapel Parish House |
| Thursday, September 16 | 7:00 AM 7:30 PM | Morning Prayer Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Parish House |
| Friday, September 17 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, September 18 | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 19/17 Pentecost | 8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Church School Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist | Church Parish House Church Chapel |
| Monday, September 20 | 7:00 AM 7:45 PM | Morning Prayer Vestry Meeting | Chapel Guild Room |
| Tuesday, September 21 | 7:00 AM 4:30 PM | Morning Prayer Chapel Choir | Chapel Parish House |
| Wednesday, September 22 Adult Education Begins <i>I and Thou</i> , Martin Bauber <i>The Phenomenon of Man</i> , Pierre Teilhard de Chardin | 9:00 AM 9:25 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM 7:30PM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry Adult Education | Chapel Office Chapel Parish House Parish House |
| Thursday, September 23 | 7:00 AM 7:30 PM | Morning Prayer Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Parish House |
| Friday, September 24 | 7:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, August 21 | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 26/18 Pentecost | 8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Church School Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist | Church Parish House Church Chapel |
| Monday, September 27 Women's Dinner \$12 | 7:00 AM 7:00 PM | Morning Prayer Women's Dinner | Chapel Parish House |

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| Tuesday, September 28 | 7:00 AM 4:30 PM | Morning Prayer Chapel Choir | Chapel Parish House |
| Wednesday, September 29 | 9:00 AM 9:25 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM | Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry | Chapel Office Chapel Parish House |
| Thursday, September 30 | 7:00 AM 7:30 PM | Morning Prayer Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Parish House |

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