

**CHART, December 2010**  
**Christ Church**  
**1355 Northern Boulevard**  
**Manhasset, NY 11030**

*Letter from the Rector*

December 1, 2010

Dear Friends,

This edition of the *Chart* has important news about Christ Church which I commend to your careful reading and consideration. My letter will set out the considerations that stand behind new programs and initiatives that I hope we will pursue over the coming two years and beyond. The focus of our activities will be the development of an enhanced and revitalized mission and ministry for Christ Church. This is in accord with the vision of Bishop Provenzano for the entire Diocese of Long Island.

It is no secret that society has changed. So also has the church. The church many of us knew (and loved) has passed away. A new church is awaiting its birth. The church has metamorphosed many times in history. This change seems very substantial to us—just as previous changes have seemed huge to others in the past. The church we have had has existed for several hundred years. It was born after the Reformation and was slowly transformed by the development of the nation-state and the Enlightenment. In the United States the unique qualities of our churches reflected our nation's particular sense of community and individuality.

Globalization and technology has changed much about global and American culture. Robert Preston, in his book *Bowling Alone*, chronicled how profoundly American culture had been transformed over the past two or three decades. Church is not alone in feeling the profound changes in American culture. In addition, the church has had many of its beliefs questioned, and in some cases shaken, by scientific discoveries.

But, in spite of all these changes and challenges, the church will not die and our faith will not falter. However, we do need to look to the Holy Spirit to guide the church to revitalize faith and renew mission and ministry—and that is where we must go. It will be a fascinating and exciting journey!

Do check out some programs to start us on our journey. They are outlined below (in the on-line *Chart*) and in the following pages (in the printed *Chart*).

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

DAVID B. LOWRY, RECTOR

## **Parish Notes:**

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Many thanks to the Sunday school teachers, students and all those who supplied the wrapping paper, shoe boxes (empty and full), and the toys and toiletries to fill the boxes. We were able to send out **56 boxes**. Thank you all for your generosity.

### **Thanks**

We wish to thank all who participated in the second annual Raking Saturday. Your efforts made the clearing of our many fallen leaves much easier (and less expensive). Additional and special thanks go to our sexton, Enrique Valdes, and to Anita Schmidt for their tireless work in the repairing of walls and preparing for painting of the church. The church has never (hardly ever?) looked so good.

### **The Chapel Choir at Lord & Taylor**

On Monday evening, November 22, the Chapel Choir sang at the Lord & Taylor store in Manhasset. They were chosen to be one of 42 choirs to sing at Lord & Taylor stores throughout the United States. They were featured in the Lord & Taylor holiday catalogue and an article about the choir was in the Diocese of Long Island newspaper. Many thanks to the choir, their director, Laura Pavlovich, and the choir's accompanist, Ida Miletich for the wonderful performance.

### **Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program**

Christ Church is again participating with the Episcopal Community Services Group of the Diocese of Long Island, and has agreed to adopt 10 families. This is a program through which families in need can receive Christmas gifts and is an opportunity to help those in need by sharing what we have. The last day to receive all wrapped, tagged and bundled gifts is, **Monday, December 6**.

### **December Women's and Men's Dinners**

Our regular dinners will be enhanced this month with special events for men and women. **The Women's Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Monday, December 6 at 7:00 PM** at the home of Kathleen and Vince McGill. Please sign-up at church on Sunday to indicate what food you wish to bring. Also, please bring a Christmas ornament to exchange. A donation of \$10 is suggested for charity. The **Men's Dinner** will be held on **Monday, December 13 at 7:30 PM**. Food and wine will be provided. The cost is \$12 per person. Guests are welcome. Please sign-up at church or call the Parish Office at 627-2184.

### **Advent Adult Education**

The adult education program for December will be **Christmas: Theology, History and Culture**. It will be held on Wednesdays, December 8, 15 and 22 at 7:30 PM in the Guild Room. Christmas is the world's favorite holiday. For Christians it is a most perplexing holy day. So many cultural factors come into play with Christmas that a focus on the mystery of the Incarnation is often obliterated. The church has embraced and fought against the celebration of Christmas for centuries. The reasons for the 'battle for Christmas' involve the deep cultural longing to deal with the cold and darkness of winter. We will consider Christmas and the Winter Solstice in all its glory—and perplexity.

### **Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 19**

The annual Christmas Pageant will be held at the 10:00 AM service on the Sunday prior to Christmas. The story of the birth of Jesus will be told in song and Biblical text by members of the Church School, aided by the Chapel Choir and live and very active animals from the manger. On that day there will be no

celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM. There will be celebrations of the Eucharist at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

## **Education for Ministry and Mission**

Last summer we began a program of theological, scriptural, spiritual and ethical consideration of Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We would like to continue and move that program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM (between the 8:00 AM and 10:00AM services). Although regular participation in the program is desirable, it is recognized that such participation will be impossible for most people. It is perfectly acceptable to come when you can. The goal of this program is to help us understand our faith with the maturity necessary to see how our faith can be utilized to further the mission and ministry of the church in the age and time in which we live. Reading and reflection between meetings will be strongly recommended. The program will begin on Sunday, January 19.

## **Partners in Mission**

The emerging church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be post-denominational and post-parochial. As part of our desire to create the 'heft', vitality and resources to proclaim effectively the Gospel in the greater Manhasset community, Christ Church will begin partnering more closely with the Episcopal Ministries of Great Neck (All Saint's Church, St. Paul's Church and St. Joseph's Episcopal (Korean) Congregation) and St. Stephen's Church in Port Washington. We will begin welcoming the members of those congregations to many of our activities and we will be joining others in reaching out into the community. Immediately, your attention is called to the following activities:

**Christmas Bazaar & St. Nick Visit**—Saturday, December 4 from noon to 5 PM at All Saint's, Great Neck

**Handel's *Messiah* in concert**—Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 PM at St. Stephen's, Port Washington

The Sunday before Thanksgiving the people of Christ Church shared prayer and dinner with the people of the New Heart Mission Church. Over the coming weeks and months we will be working together on joint programs to enhance our mutual ministries.

## **Mission Trip**

In conjunction with St. Stephen's Church and St. John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor there is an opportunity for high school young people sixteen and over to go to the Gulf Coast in Louisiana to continue the work of rebuilding following Hurricane Katrina. The trip will take place over the President's Weekend in February. Please contact the Rector for further details.

## **Lessons and Carols, Reception and a Review of the Life of John Lennon**

Details about Lessons and Carols are in another section of the *Chart*. However, there is more going on at Christ Church on December 12. In fact, we can all be enchanted most of the day at the Christ Church! Following Lessons and Carols there will be a reception in the Guild Room and then, at 7:00 PM there will be a presentation of a new review with music based on the life of John Lennon. *Love Connection* is a presentation of Manhasset Arts and Cultural Center. The presentation is free and open to the public.

## **MUSIC IN DECEMBER - Andrew H. Yeargin, *Organist & Choirmaster***

December is, as always, a busy season for us all. However, I hope you can find time to take part in the various Advent/Christmas activities at Christ Church.

On **Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 P.M.**, the Chancel Choir will lead a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Patterned after the celebrated tradition of lessons & carols from King's College, Cambridge, this service will feature nine readings from scripture, taking the congregation on a journey from the Garden of Eden to various prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of the Savior, and finally the realization of those prophecies in the Christmas story as told by Luke and Matthew, ending with John's unfolding of the great mystery of the Incarnation. Accompanying the readings will be anthems which punctuate the message of the scripture, as well as great hymns for

Advent and Christmas. As with evensong, this is not a concert, but a solemn act of worship meant to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and reflection. Following the service, there will be a parish Christmas party. Be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word to all your friends for this magnificent way to begin the Christmas season. It is not to be missed!

On **Friday, December 24** at **4:00 P.M.** (one hour earlier than in years past), the Eve of the Nativity will be celebrated with a Family Eucharist led by the Christ Church Chapel Choir. The choristers have worked very hard this term and are preparing a wonderful service of carols for the entire family, as well as two anthems (the German carols "Still, still still," arranged by Norman Luboff and an arrangement of the Welsh folk song "All through the night").

That service will be followed at **8:00 P.M.** by a Festival Choral Eucharist sung by the Christ Church Chancel Choir. This service will feature many time-honored traditional Christmas carols, including Sir David Willcocks' festive settings of congregational carols for organ, brass quintet and percussion. The choir will also sing from Anton in Dvorak's *Mass in D major* and anthems by John Rutter. The Chancel and Chapel Choirs thank the entire Christ Church family for their continued support and hope that you join us in celebrating the coming of the Savior this holiday season!

## Happy Birthday!!

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

Elaine Phillips, Clayton Tadler, Beth Morningstar, Kathleen McGill, Austin Bennett, Valerie Siener, Katherine Stackler, Kelly Whalen, Tom Chaly Jerome Blocker, Elizabeth Pavlovich.

## Happy Anniversary!!!

*Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... William and Valerie Siener.*

### **SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:**

#### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 5, 2010**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 14:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

#### **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 12, 2010**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

#### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 19, 2010**

Isaiah 7:2-16; ; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25  
*Pageant with the Children of Christ Church at 10am*

#### **Christmas Eve – December 24, 2010**

##### **Family Eucharist - 4:00pm**

2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 96; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:67-79

#### **Christmas Eve – December 24, 2010**

##### **Festival Choral Eucharist - 8:00pm**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

#### **Christmas Day - December 25, 2010\***

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14

#### **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 26, 2010**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

*\*A Christmas offering envelope is enclosed for your convenience  
or you may pick one up in the rear of the church.*

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Christmas worship through the gift of altar flowers, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (designated Altar Guild/Christmas Flowers), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 1355 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, NY 10030.

My offering is

*"In loving memory of..."*

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*"In thanksgiving for..."*

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Given by:

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All offerings for Christmas flowers must reach the church office no later than **Wednesday, December 15th**. Please provide a separate check for flowers and/or music. Many thanks for your cooperation.

# CHRISTMAS MUSIC

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Christmas worship through donations for special music, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (designated Christmas Music), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 1355 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, NY 10030.

My offering is

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All offerings for Christmas music must reach the church office no later than **Wednesday, December 15th**. Please provide a separate check for music and/or flowers. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**  
**AT**  
**CHRIST CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

Pageant with the Children of Christ Church

**Friday**

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.**

A Family Eucharist

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.**

A Festival Choral Eucharist with Music for Organ & Brass

*Prelude music to begin at 7:40pm*

**Saturday**

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist with Traditional Carols

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 8a.m., 10a.m. & 6p.m.**

Holy Eucharist

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**Calendar for the Month of December**

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| <b>Wednesday, December 1</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 |
| <b>Thursday, December 2</b>   | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer    | Chapel       |
| <b>Friday, December 3</b>     | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer    | Chapel       |
| <b>Saturday, December 4</b>   |          |                   |              |
| <b>Sunday, Dec. 5/2Advent</b> | 8:00 AM  | Holy Eucharist    | Chapel       |



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|  | 9:50 AM         | Church School   | Parish House    |
|  | 10:00 AM        | Choral Eucharist                                      | Church          |
|  | 6:00 PM         | Holy Eucharist  | Chapel          |
| <b>Monday, December 6</b>              | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <i>Deadline for Adopt-a-Family</i>     | 12:30 PM        | <i>All gifts must be bundled wrapped &amp; tagged</i> |                 |
| <b>Kathleen &amp; Vincent McGill's</b> | <b>7:00 PM</b>  | <b>Women's Dinner</b>                                 | <b>McGill's</b> |
| 91 Eakins Road /627-7708               |                 | Pot Luck & Ornament Exchange                          |                 |
| <b>Tuesday, December 7</b>             | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Wednesday, December 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    |
|  | <b>7:30 PM</b>  | <b>Christmas:</b>                                     | Parish House    |
|  |                 | <i>Theology, History and Culture.</i>                 |                 |
| <b>Thursday, December 9</b>            | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Friday, December 10</b>             | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Saturday, December 11</b>           |                 |   |                 |
| <b>Sunday, Dec. 12/3 Advent</b>        | 8:00 AM         | Holy Eucharist  | Church          |
| Lessons & Carols                       | 9:50 AM         | Church School   | Parish House    |
| Reception/MACC                         | 10:00 AM        | Choral Eucharist                                      | Church          |
| "Love Connection"                      | <b>5:00PM</b>   | Lessons & Carols                                      | Church          |
|  | 6:00 PM         | Holy Eucharist  | Chapel          |
|  | <b>7:00 PM</b>  | <i>Love Connection</i>                                | Parish House    |
| <b>Monday, December 13</b>             | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Men's Dinner \$10</b>               | <b>7:30 PM</b>  | Men's Dinner  | Parish House    |
| <b>Tuesday, December 14</b>            | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Wednesday, December 15</b>          | 9:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
|  | 9:15 AM         | Bible Study   |                 |
|  | 10:00 AM        | Holy Eucharist  | Chapel          |
|  | 10:45 AM        | Sunshine Ministry                                     | Parish House    |
|  | 7:30 PM         | <b>Christmas:</b>                                     | Parish House    |
|  |                 | <i>Theology, History and Culture.</i>                 |                 |
| <b>Thursday, December 16</b>           | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Friday, December 17</b>             | 7:00 AM         | Morning Prayer  | Chapel          |
| <b>Saturday, December 18</b>           | <b>12:00 PM</b> | <b>Rehearsal for Pageant</b>                          |                 |
| <b>Sunday, Dec. 19/4 Advent</b>        | 8:00 AM         | Holy Eucharist  | Church          |
|  | 10:00 AM        | Christmas Pageant<br>by Church School                 | Church          |
|  | 6:00 PM         | Holy Eucharist  | Chapel          |

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| <b>Monday, December 20</b>                         | 7:00 AM<br>7:45 PM   | Morning Prayer<br>Vestry Meeting  | Chapel<br>Parish House                                     |
| <b>Tuesday, December 21</b>                        | 7:00 AM<br><b>9:30 AM</b>                                    | Morning Prayer<br><b>Decoration of Church</b>   | Chapel   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 22</b>                      | 9:00 AM<br>9:15 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>10:45 AM<br><b>7:30 PM</b> | Morning Prayer<br>Bible Study<br>Holy Eucharist<br>Sunshine Ministry<br><b>Christmas:</b><br>Theology, History and Culture. | Chapel<br>Office<br>Chapel<br>Parish House<br>Parish House |
| <b>Thursday, December 23</b>                       | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer  | Chapel   |
| <b>Friday, December 24<br/>Christmas Eve</b>       | <b>4:00 PM</b>   | Family Eucharist<br>and Building of the Crèche  | Church   |
| <i>Prelude music to begin at 7:40PM</i>            | <b>8:00 PM</b>   | Festival Choral Eucharist<br>Music for Organ & Brass  |  |
| <b>Saturday, December 25<br/>Christmas Day</b>     | 7:00 AM<br>10:00 AM  | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Eucharist<br>Traditional Carols  | Chapel<br>Church   |
| <b>Sunday, Dec. 26/1 Christmas<br/>Holy Family</b> | 8:00 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>6:00 PM                               | Holy Eucharist<br>Choral Eucharist<br>Holy Eucharist  | Church<br>Church<br>Chapel                                 |
| <b>Monday, December 27</b>                         | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer  | Chapel   |
| <b>Tuesday, December 28</b>                        | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer  | Chapel   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 29</b>                      | 9:00 AM<br>9:15 AM<br>10:00 AM                               | Morning Prayer<br>Bible Study<br>Holy Eucharist   | Chapel<br>Chapel   |
| <b>Thursday, December 30</b>                       | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer  | Chapel   |
| <b>Friday, December 31<br/>New Year's Eve</b>      | 7:00 AM  | Morning Prayer  | Chapel   |

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