

Christ Church CHART
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030

Letter from the Rector

March 1, 2011

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter (actually on Friday, February 25), I am looking through the raindrops to see a landscape almost devoid of snow. I believe we are closer to having no snow than at any time since December 26, 2010. I love snow—but I am ready to see it go and to be replaced by spring.

Lent begins on March 9. The term 'Lent' has no religious etymological roots. Lent comes from the Middle English and it means 'lengthen.' It refers to the 'lengthening' of daylight hours; we start Lent with short days and cold winds and we end Lent with longer days and, one hopes, warm breezes.

At Christ Church we will be extraordinarily busy in the week leading up to Ash Wednesday and throughout the forty days of Lent. On **Sunday, March 6**, in addition to our regular three services of the Holy Eucharist, we will have a service of **Evensong at 5:00 PM**. It will end our season of Epiphany. The choir is preparing wonderful music for the service of Evensong. Following the service we will have a Mardi Gras celebration in the Guild Room, featuring gumbo, red beans and rice, jambalaya and king cake flown in from the Big Easy.

At the **10:00 AM service on the 6th of March**, the Reverend Gregory Sutterlin, Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Fresh Meadows, Queens will celebrate the Eucharist and preach at Christ Church and I will be at Christ Lutheran Church in Fresh Meadows. More than a decade ago the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church agreed to become full Eucharistic partners. In my role as Dean of the Mercer School of Theology and Dean of the North Nassau Deanery, I have responsibilities to find ways to better integrate the ministries of the Episcopal and Lutheran churches on Long Island. I hope you will warmly greet Pastor Sutterlin.

The following evening (**Monday, March 7**) at 7:30 PM, the **men** will have their regular, **monthly dinner** at the Rectory. The menu is Irish (in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day) and the beer is Guinness. Reservations are necessary and the cost is \$12.

On **Ash Wednesday (March 9)** there will be four services to choose from. The Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM and the Morning and Evening offices will be said at 8:45 AM and 5:45 PM.

The following **Tuesday (not Wednesday), March 15**, the joint St. Stephen's, Port Washington/Christ Church, Manhasset **Lenten program** will beginning with 'soup and salad at seven' at the Guild Room of Christ Church. The program for this year, which is described at length in the *Chart*, deals with the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The topic sounds a little dull, but it is very important and timely—and Mother Barbara Hutchinson and I will make it interesting! We will alternate locations (March 22 and April 5 will be at St. Stephen's, Port Washington; March 29 and April 12 at Christ Church).

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry, Rector

Parish Notes:

Sunday, March 6 is Girl Scout Sunday!!

Christ Church Girl Scouts, please wear your Girl Scout sash, uniform or vest to church. And please go directly to church at 9:45 to help serve as honorary ushers. When service begins, Mrs. Stopford will bring you over to Sunday School. Questions? jeannedaly@yahoo.com

Evensong this Coming Sunday

This coming Sunday, March 6, is the final Sunday of the season of Epiphany. To mark the end of Epiphany, there will be a service of Evensong at 5:00 PM in the church. Evensong is one of the great traditions of the Church of England that has come to be part of the worship of the Episcopal Church. Music by English composers, Edward Elgar and Herbert Sumpson, and the American composers, Larry King and Richard Webster, will be sung. Following Evensong, there will be a Cajun, pre-Mardi Gras reception in the Guild Room featuring jambalaya, red beans and rice, grillades and grits and king cake.

Men's Dinner

The March men's dinner will be held at the Rectory (54 George Street) on Monday, March 7, at 7:30 PM. The cuisine will be Irish, centered around Guinness Beer with a little Irish Whiskey to pass the evening. Please sign-up at Church or call the Parish Office to tell us that you are planning to attend. The cost will be

St. Stephen's/Christ Church Joint Lenten Program

The Lenten Program this year will focus on the global Anglican Communion. Throughout the world there are 80 million 'Anglicans.' Of those 80 million, somewhat over two million are members of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Hence, we American Episcopalians are a small part of a much larger whole. We are also a controversial part of the Anglican Communion at the present time.

The Lenten program will look at the history of the Anglican Communion, the theological and social challenges that the Anglican Communion faces today and the so-called *Anglican Covenant* which may (or may not) help the Anglican Communion find ways to broach deep social, cultural and economic differences within the Communion while professing one faith and the fellowship of that faith.

Unlike the Roman Catholic **Church**, which is a centralized religious organization, the Anglican **Communion** is an informal alliance of independent national churches. The unifying principle of the Anglican Communion is that all of the national churches evolved from the Church of England during the process of colonialization and empire.

The Anglican Communion began in the mid-nineteenth century out of a crisis of leadership in one of the evolving national churches. The bishops decided that it would be good for them to meet periodically (they chose once a decade) to discuss issues of mutual importance for all the churches that had evolved from the Church of England. The meetings (which are still held to this day) convene at Lambeth Palace in London (or at least in proximity to Lambeth Palace). The Archbishop of Canterbury is the convener of the Lambeth Conferences, but the Archbishop of Canterbury has no statutory authority beyond the Church of England. Unlike the Pope, who is the **head** of the Roman Catholic Church, the Archbishop of Canterbury is only the 'first among equal' leaders of the Anglican Communion.

Historically, most of the bishops of the churches in the Anglican Communion were Englishmen or descendents of Englishmen. Hence, the Lambeth Conferences and the Anglican Communion was an 'Anglo-dominated' confederation. As the British Empire dissolved and nations that made up the Empire became independent of the mother-land, the nature of the national churches and the leadership of those churches became less 'Anglo' and more indigenous. Today, almost three-quarters of the members of the Anglican Communion live in Africa and Asia—and three-quarters of the bishops who attend the Anglican Communion are from Africa and Asia. This has changed the tenor of discussions at meetings and the issues that are of greatest importance to the member churches.

In North America, England, Australia and New Zealand a post-modern and post-industrial world view has permeated society and the church. Much of Africa and Asia, in spite of rapid economic development, remain pre-modern (or modern) and pre-or early industrial. Those two worlds have many different social, ethical and theological issues with which to struggle. This has caused deep divisions in the Anglican Communion. Many African, Asian and 'Southern-Cone' churches have been very critical of the 'liberalism' of the American Episcopal Church. Some have urged that the Episcopal Church be excluded from the

Anglican Communion. In this context the Anglican Communion has sought to define what it means to be an 'Anglican church.' The *Anglican Covenant* is the document that seeks to define what it means to be 'Anglican'.

Throughout Lent, the congregations of Christ Church and St. Stephen's will learn about Anglicanism, study the formative documents of our church and work to understand the *Anglican Covenant* and its implications for the life of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Outreach Update

After a very successful first conference about **caring for those who give care to others**, support meetings are beginning and further activities planned. Please call Lisa Currie (627-1480) or Pattie Gallatin (484-9484) for further details. **Family Promise**, an organization that provides housing, food and support services to homeless families is in need of volunteer management support. If you have time and expertise in the area of management, please contact Father Lowry and he will provide further information. Christ Church is working to develop **mission relationships in South Sudan, Ecuador and Panama**. Discussions have been held with the Bishop of Panama about programs with a school in Colon, Panama. Father Lowry has been working in his role as Dean of the Mercer School of Theology to develop a working relationship to support clergy education in South Sudan and this may yield opportunities for Christ Church as well.

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 Fred and Annemarie Schreiber.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – MARCH 6, 2011

Exodus 24:13-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-4

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Robert Tadler
by Diana Tadler

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 9, 2011 AT 7AM, 10AM AND 7:30 PM

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 103:8-14; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 13, 2011

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 20, 2011

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 27, 2011

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Calendar for the Month of March, 2011

Tuesday, March 1

8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel

Wednesday, March 2

8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:20 AM	Bible Study	Rector's Office
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Thursday, March 3	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Friday, March 4	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, March 5			
Sunday, Mar. 6/Last Epiphany	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Even Song	9:50 AM	Church School	Parish House
Mardi Gras Inspired Reception	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
<i>immediately following in Parish House</i>			
	5:00 PM	Even Song	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, March 7	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<i>Men's Dinner Early,</i>	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
St. Patrick's Day Celebration	7:30 PM	Men's Dinner	Rectory
Tuesday, March 8	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Ash Wednesday, March 9	7:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Lent Begins		<i>Imposition of Ashes</i>	
	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:20 AM	Bible Study	Rector's Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
		<i>Imposition of Ashes</i>	
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Choral Eucharist	Church
		<i>Imposition of Ashes</i>	
Thursday, March 10	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Friday, March 11	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, March 12			
Sunday, March 13/1 Lent	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:00 AM	Adult Education	Rectors Office
	9:50 AM	Church School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, March 14	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, March 15	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<i>Lenten Series: St. Stephen's/</i>	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
<i>Christ Church, Soup & Salad</i>	7:00 PM	Lenten Program	Parish House
Anglicanism and the Anglican Covenant			
Wednesday, March 16	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:20 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel

Thursday, March 17	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, March 18	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, March 19			
Sunday, March 20/ 2 Lent	8:00 AM 9:00AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Adult Education Children's Service Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist	Church Rector's Office Parish House Church Chapel
Monday, March 21 Regular Vestry Meeting	8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:45PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Vestry Meeting	Chapel Chapel Parish House
Tuesday, March 22 <i>Lenten Series: St. Stephen's/ Christ Church, Soup & Salad</i>	8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Lenten Program	Chapel Chapel St. Stephen's
Wednesday, March 23	8:45 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry Evening Prayer	Chapel Office Chapel Parish House Chapel
Thursday, March 24	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, March 25	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Church Chapel
Saturday, March 26			
Sunday, Mar. 27/3 Lent	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Adult Education Church School Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist	Church Rectors Office Parish House Church Chapel
Monday, March 28	8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Vestry Meeting	Chapel Chapel Parish House
Tuesday, March 29 <i>Lenten Series: St. Stephen's/ Christ Church, Soup & Salad</i>	8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Lenten Program	Chapel Chapel Parish House
Wednesday, March 30	8:45 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 10:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Sunshine Ministry Evening Prayer	Chapel Office Chapel Parish House Chapel

Thursday, March 31

8:45 AM
5:45 PM

Morning Prayer
Evening Prayer

Chapel
Chapel

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