

Christ Church CHART
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030

Letter from the Rector

September 1, 2011

Dear Friends,

Summer is quickly coming to an end and the new school year is upon us. It seems that each year brings even more pressing activities and complexities to most of our lives—and the necessary activities at Christ Church are no exception.

Our 'new' church year (forgetting for the moment that the church's new year is the first Sunday in Advent [November 27] and the secular New Year is January 1) begins on Sunday, September 11 with the opening of the church school and the return of our full choral Eucharist at the 10:00 AM service.

Sunday, September 11 will be day full of contrasts: We have our regular opening of the Church School with our *Ice Cream Sunday* following the 10:00 AM service. However, Sunday, September 11 is also the tenth anniversary of the attack upon the World Trade Center and we will mark that solemn remembrance at all three of our services that day.

On **Sunday, September 18** the Reverend Victoria Affram-Boyd, a Methodist minister from Ghana who has lived in Manhasset for a number of years and has worshipped at Christ Church, will be returning to Ghana and will minister there. I have asked Victoria to give our homily at the 10:00 AM service.

On **Sunday, September 25** the new Bishop of Long Island (The Right Reverend Lawrence Provenzano) will make his first official visitation to Christ Church. The center of that service will be the Confirmation of nine young people from the parish. As an 'Episcopal' Church, Christ Church sees the role of the bishop as crucial for our life of worship. The Greek word *Episcopos* means 'overseer' and the bishop is the ultimate *overseer* of the work and worship at Christ Church. In October Bishop Provenzano will return to Christ Church to meet with the Vestry of Christ Church to review our presence at the church in Manhasset. Within the *Chart* I have written about Confirmation and Reception for adults. If you are new to Christ Church and the Episcopal Church please do note that article.

We have made formal application to the Town of North Hempstead for the zoning changes necessary for the renovation of the Parish House and the redevelopment of the Christ Church campus. At the request of the Town leadership we will delay the formal hearing on the zoning change until after the November elections. We have the support of the church's neighbors and we expect the process to move quickly once the hearing takes place. We project work to start of the renovations in June of 2012.

We are also working on new and exciting outreach programs locally and internationally. Much more about the mission of the church and of Christ Church can be found within the *Chart*. I commend that to your reading since it is not just programs in which the faith community has interest, it is the church's mission to bring Christ to society and the communities of the world to Christ.

Finally, the Vestry is beginning the important process of discerning the will of God and of the Christ Church parish family in the calling of a new priest and Rector for Christ Church. I have agreed to remain at Christ Church through the completion of the renovation process for the Parish House and the campus. That time will, however, pass quickly and the time for pastoral transition will be upon us. The Vestry has gathered information from present and former Vestry members about where Christ Church should move in the future. In the fall the Vestry will have a retreat to discuss the future of Christ Church. It is important that all of us be an active part of that process.

Much to do—and much joy in what we do: May God bless us in our life of mission and ministry at Christ Church.

Sincerely,

The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry

Parish Notes:

Thanks for all your prayers and good wishes.

"I've gotten all your letters and cards. I really appreciate them, they do a lot for me mentally. Thank everyone for me who keeps me in their prayers and who signed the cards."
Seaman Recruit Bennett, Katelyn

Monthly Men's Dinner Resumes, Monday September 12 at 7:30pm

All men are invited to the September Men's Dinner which will be held at the Christ Church Rectory, September 12 at 7:30pm. The menu will fit the temperature of the days with the selection of wine and beer. Please signup at church on Sunday or call the parish office to make reservations. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person.

Confirmation – September 25 at Christ Church

In preparation for Confirmation our student candidates spent the last year learning about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The class studied parts of the Old and New Testaments paying particular attention to the amazing revelatory relationship between the Creator and God's people, a relationship that culminated in Jesus' ministry. The many different roles water plays in scripture were also examined. Water's roles in creation and in baptism are just two examples that were studied. In order to understand that God is also a God of Justice, the class read the entire Book of Amos in which God, '... let justice flow like water, and righteousness, like an unfailing stream.' *Amos 5:24*. The class explored their Anglican identity by examining the Book of Common Prayer paying particular attention to the Baptismal Covenant and to the Eucharist. For a final project, each student gave a presentation centered on the subject: "What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?" The class looks forward to Bishop Provenzano's visit when they will confirm and affirm their individual discipleship. Those receiving Confirmation are: Jade Tiara Blocker, Christine Laura Bunyon, Emily Jane Bunyon, Caroline Rose Carr, James K. Carr, Brian Reed Lightcap, Nicole Sternemann, and John Gregory Trezza.

Oblation Bearers and Ushers serve as 'greeters' on their assigned Sunday:

Fellow Parishioners,

In an effort to greet newcomers to Christ Church, we are going to begin to ask that the oblation bearers and ushers serve as 'greeters' on their assigned Sunday. I would ask that you be in the back of the church by the conclusion of the last hymn, and please put your 'greeter' badge on (they will be in the back of the church).

Please be on the lookout for new attendees and welcome them by introducing yourself, offering to escort them to coffee hour, and/or see if they have children, w/interest in joining Sunday School.

We feel that newcomers need to feel welcome, and we cannot leave this entirely to Father Lowry. If everyone is willing to participate, it will make this an easy program to continue.

We are looking to start this program the 2nd Sunday in Sept, on Sept. 11 and continue it thru at least June of 2012. I will also be in the back of the church to assist as need be.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and we hope this will help to continue to grow our congregation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns you may have.
Many thanks, Liz Giacomia; 516-944-9760

On Outreach:

One can not escape the reality that the developed world (including the United States) can no longer afford the governmental mandates that have grown over the past decades. The move toward smaller government has many implications: some may well be very positive; others may prove more troublesome.

Before governments took over the care for the poor and needy, churches were the main source of care for those who struggled to care for themselves. With governments finding it difficult if not impossible to provide societal safety nets, it appears that such services will revert to churches, synagogues and other eleemosynary organizations.

This came into sharp focus when I read a letter in the *Manhasset Press*. It was part of the 'push-back' from comments by Representative Gary Ackerman about the debt ceiling debate in Congress in which he apparently wrote that the "Republicans were a group of thugs." It was obviously an ill thought-out comment. The letter in the *Manhasset Press* concluded by saying "the people of Manhasset know how to take care of the poor." I am less confident than the writer that I know how we will take care of the poor.

It is clear to me that the church (including Christ Church) will need to focus its efforts, locally, nationally and internationally, on outreach to those in need. We at Christ Church are doing some outreach; some more is already being planned—and we will need to do more. Here is what we are doing: Lisa Currie, Cathy Trezza and Pattie Gallatin lead the **Caregivers Group** outreach ministry. There are two groups that meet weekly, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The Caregivers Group provides mutual support for people who render care to loved ones. It is a wonderful ministry and we thank Lisa, Cathy and Pattie for their ministries to parish and community.

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Calendar for the Month of September, 2011

Thursday, September 1	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, September 2	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, September 3			
Sunday, Sept. 4/12 Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	Chapel Church Chapel
Monday, September 5	Labor Day	Office Closed	
Tuesday, September 6	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday, September 7	8:45 AM 9:25 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer	Chapel Office Chapel Chapel
Thursday, September 8	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
<i>Chapel Choir Resumes</i>	5:00 PM	Chapel Choir	Parish House
<i>Chancel Choir Resumes</i>	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Parish House

Friday, September 9	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, September 10			
Sunday, Sept. 11/13 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
<i>Ice Cream Sundae</i>	9:50 AM	Church School	Parish House
Commissioning of Teachers	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, September 12	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Men's Dinner \$10	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Rectory, 54 George Street	7:30 PM	Men's Dinner	Rectory
Tuesday, September 13	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, September 14	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:25 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Thursday, September 15	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:00 PM	Chapel Choir	Parish House
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Parish House
Friday, September 16	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, September 17			
Sunday, Sept. 18/14 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:50 AM	Church School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, September 19	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	Guild Room
Tuesday, September 20	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, September 21	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
<i>Rector out of town no Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer or Adult Education today</i>			
Thursday, September 22	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:00 PM	Chapel Choir	Parish House
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Parish House
Friday, September 23	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, September 24			
Sunday, Sept. 25/15 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Bishop's Visit—Baptism,	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
Confirmation	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

Monday, September 26	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, September 27	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, September 28	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:25 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Parish House
Thursday, September 29	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:00 PM	Chapel Choir	Parish House
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Parish House
Friday, September 30	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel

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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, Tom Gallatin, Pam Smith, 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:

12 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

EXODUS 12:1-14; PSALM 149; ROMANS 13:8-14; MATTHEW 18:15-20

There is an opening for altar flowers this week. The flowers may be given as a memorial or thank offering. If you would like to make a donation to the flowers please call Mrs. Diana Tadler at 627-0128 or the church office at 627-2184.

13 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

EXODUS 14:19-31; PSALM 114; ROMANS 14:1-12; MATTHEW 18-21-35

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

14 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

EXODUS 15:2-15; PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13; MATTHEW 20:1-16

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

15 PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

EXODUS 17:1-7; PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13; MATTHEW 21:23-32

Altar flowers are given in loving memory Steve Kambourian
by Blanche Kambourian

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