

Christ Church CHART
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Letter from the Rector

October 1, 2011

Dear Friends,

For those who receive the Weekly Update from Christ Church by e-mail, you have already seen my thanks to so many of you who made the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Provenzano to Christ Church so special. I also wish to further congratulate our eight young people who re-affirmed their Baptismal Covenant in the service of Confirmation. It was a very special day.

Generally, Bishop Provenzano visits with the Vestry of each church prior to his official Episcopal visitation. In our case he couldn't meet with the Vestry because he was in Quito, Ecuador for a meeting of the House of Bishops prior to his visit to Christ Church. Bishop Provenzano will visit the Christ Church Vestry on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:45 PM. This meeting will replace the regular October meeting of the Christ Church Vestry. As always, all members of Christ Church are welcome to attend the Vestry meeting.

This **Sunday (October 2)** we will baptize Lydia Dibble Siener, daughter of Graham and Kate Siener and granddaughter of Bill and Valerie Siener, at the 10:00 AM service. Yeou-Cheng Ma will provide special music prior to and during the service.

Also on this **Sunday (October 2) at 5:00 PM**, we will have a service of **Evensong** followed by a most informal reception under the 'tree' in the cemetery. Evensong is a beautiful meditative service of scriptural readings, prayers, canticles and hymns. For many centuries it was **the** main service on Sundays throughout England. I hope you will wish to join us for Evensong!

On **Sunday, October 9 at 4:30 PM** we will bless our animals as part of the commemoration of Saint Francis. We will gather in the cemetery for hymns, readings and blessings for our favorite cats, dogs, rabbits, birds and other creatures of God. A reception for your pets will follow.

Our new school-driven year has begun with a good bang. I hope we will continue the momentum.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry

Parish Notes:

Choral Evensong on October 2 at 5:00PM

Sunday, October 2 at 5:00 PM, there will be a service of Choral Evensong sung by the Christ Church Chancel Choir and Schola Cantorum. The service is patterned after the choral services offered daily in the great cathedrals and collegiate chapels of England. The music will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D major by George Dyson and responses from the Evening Service of the National Cathedral of St. Patrick in Dublin, Ireland, as well as the "Evening Hymn" of Henry Balfour Gardiner, William H. Harris' "Let my prayer come up" and great English hymns. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be an informal reception in the Guild Room immediately following the service.

Men's Dinner, Monday, October 10 at 7:30PM

The monthly Men's Dinner will be held on Monday, October 10 at 7:30pm at the Rectory. The cuisine

will be Italian as well the wines, the conversation will be lively and the cost at \$10 will be minimal. Please sign up at church or call the parish office to indicate that you are coming.

New Bible Study

New Bible Study sessions will begin on Wednesday October 12 at 7:30pm. Having completed the books of Luke and Acts we now are turning our sights to a much earlier time and will begin a systematic, historical and theological study of the Books of Genesis and Exodus using the latest in biblical scholarship, as well as a deep appreciation of the faith content of those books. We will try to rediscover the deep meaning and complexity of the calling of the Israelites to faith in one God and the rich stories which explains their God and their belief in their God. Please do consider joining us for this important study opportunity.

What in Heavens is the Rector up too!

Bishop Provenzano kindly thanked the congregation of Christ Church for lending some of the Rector's time and energy to the work to the Diocese of Long Island and the National Church. Many of you know pieces of that work but there are probably few who know what the Rector is doing, when he is away from Christ Church. For the Diocese of Long Island Father Lowry is Dean of the George Mercer School of Theology and Administrator of the Mercer Fund. In those roles Father Lowry is developing an innovative way in which to train those who seek to minister in the church. At the Mercer School academic work is combined with active practical experience in field training so that those who are seeking ordination will be able to combine their growing knowledge of their faith with their actual mission and ministry within the life of the church. To help this process move forward the Mercer School is integrating clinical pastoral education (which is usually done as a separate summer—long growth experience) into the on-going process of preparing for ministry for Deacons. This three year work-guided education will help both candidates and the church to effectively prepare people for ministry in the rapidly changing secular and religious cultures of the 21st Century. Along with this core program the Mercer School is offering a broad array of practical short courses in aspects of ministry and parish life for laity and clergy.

On both the diocesan and national levels Father Lowry is deeply involved in creating new ways in which to support candidates for ministry financially through their preparation for ordination. Through the Mercer Scholarship Fund thousands of seminarians have received relatively small scholarships. For the last 50 years, along with the Society for the Increase of Ministry, the Mercer Fund is the major independent source of financial aid for seminarians. However, most seminarians complete their education with substantial debt. This debt has become a great burden to many clergy. There are also too many people being approved for ordination by the dioceses and Bishops of the church. This over abundance of clergy has caused a depression of compensation which exacerbates the problem of clergy debt. Father Lowry also serves on the board of the Society for the Increase of Ministry and is working on proposals to restructure the selection process, deployment and financing of perspective clergy within the church.

Father Lowry is also heading up an effort nationally and internationally within the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion to develop a program in support of the church in the newly independent nation of South Sudan. South Sudan is rich in natural resources those resources will be rapidly developed as part of the partition agreement between Sudan and South Sudan. The challenge is to avoid the so called "resource curse", which afflicts many undeveloped countries and regions when natural resource development takes place. Endemic corruption, social and cultural dislocation hinder the proper flow of funds from development projects from being reasonably and sustain ably divided among the people within a developing country. Africa has been especially vexed by the "resource curse". It is Father Lowry's hope that people with knowledge of resource exploitation and community development can be recruited from within the world-wide Anglican Communion to help communities in South Sudan to work with multi-national and parastatal corporations to provide fair and equitable benefits for communities and individuals while supporting the investment needs of the companies and the overall development strategies of the government of South Sudan.

Otherwise all of Father Lowry's time is leisure!

Women's Pot Luck Dinner, Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm

There Women's Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 27th at the home of Kathy McGill located at 91 Eakins Road. Please use the sign-up sheet in the rear of the church to indicate what you will bring and how many will attend.

Outreach: Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child - Our congregation and Sunday school classes will be participating again in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritans Purse. Our church family can share Christmas joy with needy children around the world by filling wrapped shoeboxes with small gifts for boys and girls ages 2-14. Please return your filled shoeboxes or you may make donations of small new toys, school supplies, hygiene items (no liquids), etc. to Arlene Blocker's classroom in the parish hall (please refer to the list of gift ideas in the rear of church).

We are happy to accept donations of holiday gift wrap to wrap empty boxes, or any of the items on the list to go into the wrapped boxes. All donations will be greatly appreciated. The deadline for donations is **Sunday, November 13** in order to allow time for them to be shipped around the world in time for Christmas.

At this time we are collecting empty shoeboxes (separate lids only) in Mrs. Blocker's classroom to be wrapped by our Sunday School volunteer parents for your convenience. They will then be available for anyone to use and fill with gifts. If you have any questions please contact Susan Bunyon at 248-7355.

Happy Birthday!!

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

Doris Finn, James Kelly, Elizabeth Hopkins, Carolyn Kessler, Fred Horne, William Riggin, William McMahon II, Terry Riggin, Wyndham Stopford, Marge Trapp, Jonathan Siener, Diana Tadler, Clare Peters, Heather Bennett, Jeannine Daly, Zachary Field, Cathy Trezza, George Faeth, Dorisene Roberts, Nicole Sternemann, Pamela Storozum.

Happy Anniversary!!!

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

Duncan and Denise Small, Gregory and Denise Polis, Daniel and Kate Wright

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

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 2, 2011

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Claude Mapes
by Yoshi Mapes and family

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 9, 2011

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ferenc Czeglédy
by Debbie Czeglédy

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 16, 2011

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-102 ; Matthew 22:15-22

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.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 23, 2011

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Altar flowers are given in loving memory William Angus
by Amy Angus

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 30, 2010

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Kenneth Fribush
by Louise Fribush

Calendar for the Month of October, 2011

Saturday, October 1

Sunday, October 2/16 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Choral Even Song/ Informal	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Reception Following Guild Room	5:00 PM	Choral Even Song	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
7:30 PM	Adult Education	Parish House

Thursday, October 6

8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
5:00 PM	Chapel Choir	Parish House
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Parish House

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

Sunday, October 9/17 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
<i>Celebration of Feast at 4:30pm</i>	9:50 AM	Church School	Parish House
<i>in the Church Yard</i>	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	4:30 PM	St. Francis Celebration	Yard
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

Monday, October 10

Men's Dinner \$10	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Rectory, 54 George Street	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Men's Dinner	Rectory

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Adult Education	Parish House
Thursday, October 13	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, October 14	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, October 15			
Sunday, October 16/18 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:50 AM	Church School	Parish House
Sunday, October 16 cont.	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, October 17	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	Guild Room
Tuesday, October 18	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, October 19	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Adult Education	Parish House
Thursday, October 20	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, October 21	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, October 22			
Sunday, October 23/17 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, October 24	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, October 25	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, October 26	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Adult Education	Parish House
Thursday, October 27 Women's Pot Luck Dinner Kathleen McGill's 91 Eakins Road	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:00 PM	Chapel Choir	Parish House
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
	7:00 PM	Women's Dinner	McGill's House
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Parish House
Friday, October 28	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel

Saturday, October 29

Sunday, October 30/20 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, October 31	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel

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