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Letter from the Rector

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Dear Friends,

I hope my cover letter for the *Chart* will be a teaser for looking inside for important information about many important events at and matters concerning Christ Church in May and the beginning of June.

On March 17, the North Hempstead Town Council unanimously approved the zoning and site plan for Christ Church. This action clears the way for many lesser approvals to allow the sub-division of the Christ Church property, the renovation of the Parish House, the renovation of the Rectory and the payment of \$1.5 million into the Christ Church endowment. Proposals for solving the 'Parish House Problem' have been swirling around since 1948; we hope this is the final chapter. Closing on the sale of a portion of the Parish House and campus should take place on October 1, 2012; the construction work will begin thirty days after the closing. It is projected that the work will be completed in October, 2013.

For the year during which we will be without a parish house, we will be using space at the Community Reformed Church. The pastor, the consistory and the staff of the Community Reformed Church has been most kind to us; we are very much in their debt. We are also looking for effective ways in which we can share in vital ministries with the Community Reformed Church. As denominational barriers continue to break-down, common ministry opportunities evolve. I am most excited about this prospect.

On June 2, Christopher Ballard, a member of Christ Church and beloved seminarian at Christ Church will be ordained a transitional deacon at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. To the best of my knowledge, Chris is the first member of Christ Church to be ordained sine John VanSiclen was ordained in the late 1970s. Chris has been assigned to the ministerial staff at the Church of St. Matthew and St. Luke in Brooklyn and will work with the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer. Further details about the ordination and a gift from Christ Church for his ordination can be found inside the *Chart*.

This is about as much as can fit in the Rector's Letter. Inside you will find much more about our wonderful and generous response to the Episcopal Charities Appeal and the \$6,000 gift to the Diocese of Torit in South Sudan, an article about a further project to aid South Sudan and other Sub-Saharan countries in Africa, a projected Capital Campaign, the conclusion of Church School, a Progressive Dinner and news of the Christ Church parish family.

This comes with Easter-tide blessings.

Sincerely,

The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry, Rector

Parish Notes:

Evensong—This Sunday, May 6 at 5:00 PM

Evensong is not just a pleasant musical event; it is one of the most important vehicles of worship in the Anglican tradition. Evensong combines the reading of scripture, with prayer and music to praise God. This Sunday at 5:00 PM there will be Evensong and sermon, followed by fellowship in the church. Even if you sleep on the coming Sunday morning, you can worship with us in the afternoon—and bring a friend. It will be worth it!!

Sudan, South Sudan and the Challenges of Oil

First, the good news; through the generosity of the members of Christ Church, \$6,000 has been sent to the Bishop of Torit in South Sudan to continue work of the cathedral in the Diocese of Torit. Bishop Bernard sends his special gratitude to all of you for your support. (In all, Christ Church contributed over \$8,000 the Episcopal Charities Appeal. The additional funds will be used in Brooklyn and Queens.) Now for the bad news; Sudan and South Sudan are on the brink of international war.

South Sudan became an independent nation on July 9, 2011. Its independence came after more than 20 years of civil war with the Sudanese government in Khartoum. South Sudan is rich in natural resources.

Oil is the main resource that has been identified and exploited, but the chances are good that further geological exploration will reveal other, valuable natural resources.

While South Sudan has the oil, Sudan has the infrastructure (for the time being) to export the oil. Oil and its exploitation, how oil revenues are shared has been a conflict since the day of South Sudan's independence; more lately the issue over which war may be fought is a disputed, oil-rich province that straddles the border between Sudan and South Sudan.

If war can be avoided, the issue of who 'owns' the oil will remain on-going. Of equal importance, however, is within South Sudan where century-old tribal conflicts over ownership of cattle have been transformed into conflict over natural resources. Since there is no tradition of land ownership (tribal groups move from place-to-place seeking grazing land and fishing spots) it is difficult to adjudicate on whose land oil extraction takes place. In addition, South Sudan has never had a functioning central government and since all contracts for oil extraction will be made by international companies and the new government in Juba and since the Juba government has virtually no bureaucracy, the local tribes and communities will certainly be short-changed in agreements between the government and the companies.

In the long-run, South Sudan has sufficient natural resources to make its citizens wealthy. However, the history of Africa suggests that the journey of South Sudan and its people has a very good chance to end in civil war and increased poverty. It is our hope that the churches in South Sudan (Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic) can help avoid this outcome by training local communities to work with the state-owned and multinational

Morning and Evening Prayer on Sunday, May 20

Father Lowry will be in New Orleans the weekend of May 18 through 21 to officiate at the wedding of his goddaughter. Our seminarians and lay readers will lead the services of Morning Prayer (at 8 and 10 AM) and Evening Prayer (at 6 PM).

Around the Parish

Christ Church has learned of the death of Harold 'Ole' Olsen at the age of 95. Ole moved to Portland, Oregon where he had lived a vibrant and active life. An architect by profession, Ole had chaired the first committee to ponder the challenges of the Parish House (in 1948!). It was ironic that a mere 64 years later the plans and permissions for the renovation of the Parish House and the Christ Church campus have come to fruition.

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Calendar for the Month of May, 2012

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| Tuesday, May 1 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Wednesday, May 2 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Thursday, May 3 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Friday, May 4 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Saturday, May 5 | | | |
| Sunday, May 6/5 Easter <i>Evensong</i> | 8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Church School Choral Eucharist Evensong Holy Eucharist | Church Parish House Church Church Chapel |
| Monday, May 7 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |

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| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Tuesday, May 8 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, May 9 | 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, May 10 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, May 11 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, May 12 | | | |
| Sunday, May 13/6 Easter | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| <i>Mother's Day</i> | 9:50 AM | Church School | Parish House |
| | 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist | Church |
| | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| Monday, May 14 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Tuesday, May 15 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, May 16 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Thursday, May 17 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, May 18 | Fr. Lowry Out of Town, no Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer | | |
| Saturday, May 19 | Progressive Dinner | | |
| Sunday, May 20/7 Easter | 8:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Church |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Prayer | Church |
| | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| Monday, May 21 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| Regular Vestry Meeting | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| | 7:45 PM | Vestry Meeting | Parish House |
| Tuesday, May 22 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, May 23 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Thursday May 24 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, May 25 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, May 26 | | | |

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| Sunday, May 27/PENTECOST | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| Whitsunday/ Memorial Day | 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist | Church |
| weekend | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |

Monday, May 30/Office Closed

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| Tuesday, May 31 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |

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| Wednesday, May 30 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |

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| Thursday, May 31 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |

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