

# *The Chart*

## *November 2007*

### **Letter from the Rector**

November 1, 2007  
All Saint's Day

Dear Friends,

As busy as Christ Church has been over the past two months, the pace of events will quicken in November and into the beginning of December. I would like to share with you an outline of those events and elicit your support for them.

This Sunday is the transferred celebration of All Saints' Day. The feast day falls on the first of November, but it is a non-dominical feast that has come to be transferred to a Sunday. A word of explanation is in order: every Sunday is a feast of our Lord. When a feast day falls that has to do with saint happens to fall on a Sunday, it is transferred to the following day. Additionally, feast days that commemorate saints are not transferred to Sundays. The one general exception is the commemoration of All Saints, which is moved to the Sunday that follows the actual day of All Saints. At all celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 4, we will remember by name those whom you have asked to pray for.

On Sunday, October 18 we will break some ecclesiastical rules by having a 'church' celebration of Thanksgiving at all services. Like many of our national holidays, Thanksgiving has lost much of its original meaning. Ironically, few of us actually know the complexity of Thanksgiving's complex history. Although the symbolism of Thanksgiving reaches back to the Pilgrims and their Native American neighbors sharing a meal after a difficult summer, Thanksgiving had its origins after the end of the Civil War, when President Lincoln and the Congress sought national reconciliation through a day of national 'thanksgiving.' However, whether we choose to look back to the Plymouth Colony or to the post-Civil War era, reality is that we in America have been and continue to be wonderfully blessed—and we have much for which to give thanks.

Finally, I would like to look forward to two important events coming in the beginning of December. For many years Christ Church has had a Holly Fair on the first Saturday in December. When I was first at Christ Church (more than 35 years ago), many women worked for months creating wonderful (and one of a kind) handicrafts for the fair. Over time many of the women in the church went to workplace when their children were school-age and there was little time to make the very unique crafts that typified the Christ Church Holly Fair. Increasingly vendors provided most of the goods that we offered for sale. In addition, many other churches, schools and civic organizations started harvest and pre-Christmas fairs offering goods from the same vendors that were found at the Christ Church fair. Many of us thought it was time to make some changes in our fair and our pre-Christmas activities.

This year we will have a smaller Christmas fair on Saturday December 8 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will focus on the Almost New Shop, which is a treasure-trove of choice items from many of the best homes in the area. Prices, which are always most reasonable at the Almost New Shop are slashed for the Christmas Fair. In addition we will be selling the ever popular greens and Christmas plants. Finally, we will be selling truly home-made baked goods.

In addition, on Sunday December 2 we will try something brand new. At 5:00 PM we will have a special service to usher in our preparation for Christmas (which is a portion of what Advent means). It is a service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. The choirs will offer the carols, the congregation will join for popular hymns of the Advent season and members of the congregation, ranging from Sunday School students to the Wardens of the Vestry will read the stories that prepare us for Christmas. The service is based on the ever popular Lesson and Carols for Christmas as offered at the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England. Following that service we will have a parish-wide "Advent to Christmas" party with food, drink and fun for adults and for children. The adults will have food, drinks (wine, beer and soft drinks) and a gala auction in the gymnasium; the children will have pizza, soft drinks, crafts and the

'Secret Room' (filled with Christmas goodies) in and around the Guild Room. It is an event for all of us at Christ Church and we hope you will invite your friends to join us for that evening as well.

Enough said: please do check inside the *Chart* for other events in the life of this parish. Also, please send in your pledge cards—your giving allows us to minister to you and to the broader community.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

**DAVID B. LOWRY, RECTOR**

UNICEF – Please return all Halloween *Trick or Treat* boxes to your classroom by **Sunday, November 4** or to the church office by Monday, November 5.

**Advent Christmas Party** - Please search your attics, basements and all over your house for any donations you can make to **The Secret Room** which will be open for the children to do their Christmas shopping on **December 2** during our Christ Church Advent Christmas Party. We are looking for "like new/gently used" gifts that children can purchase for their parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, etc. Also needed are ribbon and gift boxes. Please give your donations to Heather at church on any Sunday and see her with any questions you may have.

♪ **Music notes from Kyle Babin, Organist & Director of Music:**

In October, we gained a new bass section leader in the Adult Choir after Joseph Flaxman, our original bass section leader, left us to pursue some opera productions. We welcome Spencer Dorn to the Christ Church choir. Spencer holds a Bachelor of Music degree in voice from Lawrence University in Wisconsin. He is currently a first-year Master's student at the Manhattan School of Music. We are happy to have him with us.

In November, there will be some new opportunities for musical enrichment at Christ Church. First, on Sunday, November 11, we will make our first attempt at singing a setting of the Lord's Prayer. This setting is an adaptation of plainsong (chant), which is a rich and integral part of the musical tradition of the Western Church. On November 11, it will be sung by the adult choir, so I invite the congregation to listen and follow along in the hymnal. Then, we will gradually add congregational participation so that it becomes a regular part of our service music in the future. If this does not prove to be viable, we will simply maintain the previous tradition of speaking the prayer; however, I think most of you will find that singing the Lord's Prayer is a beautiful addition to worship. Additionally, in the coming month I would like to hold a few short sessions immediately following the 10 a.m. service for those of you who would like to gain more familiarity with singing the psalms (both Anglican chant and plainsong), as well as other musical elements of our service. We can also discuss some general ways to approach "reading" new music and refining the singing of liturgical musical settings and hymns. I hope some of you will be interested in this idea. Singing should never be limited to the choir only, and the choir and I wish to foster congregational participation in the musical portions of the services at Christ Church.

Finally, the choir is hard at work in preparations for the service of Advent Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m.** Lessons and Carols is a lovely, atmospheric service and should help effectively set the tone for the season of Advent. Some wonderful music is planned for this service, including works by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Peter Warlock, Elizabeth Poston, Malcolm Archer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Hugo Distler, as well as an assortment of traditional Advent carols and hymns. Please join us for this event!

All best wishes for a great end to the fall season and for a prayerful Advent.

Kyle

### **Outreach Ministries:**

The following ministries are available at Christ Church. Please review and choose to participate in at least one of the following:

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 the donations of small new toys, school supplies, hygiene items etc. to Susan Bunyon's class room in the parish hall (please refer to the list of gift ideas in the rear of church).

You may also choose to donate only empty gift wrapped shoeboxes (the top of shoebox should be wrapped separately so gifts may be inserted); or holiday gift wrap, to wrap empty boxes or the any of the items on the list to go into the wrapped shoe boxes. All donations will be greatly appreciated. The deadline for donations is **Sunday, November 11th**. If you have any questions please contact Susan Bunyon at 248-7355.

"Foodraiser" Bulletin – Second Wind Bags and Accessories will be hosting it's annual **"Foodraiser"** on **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1p.m.-7p.m.**

This year the Foodraiser will take place in the Christ Church, Manhasset gymnasium. Admission will be canned/boxed food, paper goods and personal hygiene products...as much as you can carry! There will be wonderful vendors with fabulous products for you, and for holiday gifts for friends and family. There will be jewelry, candles, aromatherapy, gift baskets, handbags, children's clothing, holiday merchandise, and much more. Many of the vendors are from Manhasset, and neighboring communities.

All food, and proceeds from the raffle, will benefit the Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food Pantry. We hope to make this an interfaith effort throughout Manhasset. Please tell your friends and family, and please come and support this effort to help our fellow Long Islanders, who are hungry.

"Coats for Kids" – We will be collecting gently used coats for children from now through **Sunday, December 2**. Please bring your coats to the Parish House between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and/or Sunday from 9am-12noon. The last day for and donations will be **Sunday, December 2**. These coats will be brought to Mineola and distributed through the "Coats for Kids" program of the National Cleaners Association.

Adopt a Family Program – The Family Consultation Services of the Diocese of Long Island has a program through which families in need can receive Christmas gifts. Christ Church has agreed to adopt 10 families (including up to 30 children). Several families in Christ Church can combine to adopt-a-family. Please contact Valerie Siener at 570-0679 if you wish to participate. The last day to receive all wrapped, tagged and bundled gifts is, **Monday, December 3**.

Northport Veterans Hospital (VAMC Veterans Affairs Medical Center Volunteer Services) – *The Sunshine Ministry* will be collecting greeting cards to be sent to the patients at the Northport Veterans hospital. General greeting cards with a note of hope, encouragement, get well or thanks for serving our country will be distributed by the nurses. Please drop off cards at the Parish Office to be forwarded to the hospital. This ministry will continue year round.

## Happy Birthday!!

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

Brian Lightcap, John Ryan, Margot Cyprus, Micheline Schreiber, Saleena Subaiya, Fritz Schreiber, Erica Wedeking, Don Koch, Laura Pavlovich, Mary Jane Whalen, Megan Lightcap.

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

#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 4, 2007**

Isaiah 1: 10-20; Psalm 32; 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12; Luke 19: 1-10

Altar flowers are given in memory of Guy Osborne by the Osborne Family

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 11, 2007**

Job 19:23-27; Psalm 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Altar flowers are given in memory of Grace and Milton Lightcap, Dorothy and Charles Capron, Josephine and Clifford Sharke and Melvin Baum  
by Jeff and Jane Lightcap

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 18, 2007**

**Thanksgiving at Christ Church**

Malachi 3:13-4:25-6; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Matthew 6:25-33

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

**Thanksgiving Day – November 22, 2007 – 10am**

Deuteronomy 8:1-3,6-10,17-20; Psalm 5; James 1:7-18,21-27; Matthew 6:25-33  
The Litany of Thanksgiving Day, The Book of Common Prayer p. 836-837

**CHRIST THE KING**

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 25, 2007**

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:35-43

Altar flowers are given in memory of Richard D. Balzej, Peter A. Manning and Doris W. and August Spahr by Doris E. Spahr

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