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October 2008 Leaflet

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Letter from the Rector

It is so nice to have the opportunity to welcome back so many as fall begins and to welcome new faces as well. We have had a great start to this season and it is going to get even better. Jeff Mello tells me that we have upwards of 80 children enrolled in Sunday school, and some 56 alleged grown-ups have checked out "Peculiar Gifts" in Adult Formation so far. The Choir is overflowing from the chancel pews and we've moved in extra chairs for the youth choir. These are all signs of a healthy family of faith. But in the end they are just signs. What happens in our hearts is what interests God. Does our life in this community draw us deeper into relationship with one another? Does it form partnerships for important ministries out in the world? Are our lives richer for being here week by week? If not, then maybe we're missing the point. The church, historically, has several jobs and getting them done and in the right order is a plate-full for any community.

- We are to offer ourselves to God in worship, turning over a portion of our lives and labors to God. (More on that during stewardship season.) But, it's not all about money. It's about making a commitment to be present to this community often enough to make a difference here. It's about being good models for the next generation that even now is learning from everything they see us do.
- We are to bond with one another as people of common purpose, common commitment and common prayer. That is a far cry from being what one clergy friend recently called, "Cloned in the Spirit" as we each bring our own unique-ness to God's table. It's the differences, the individual sparkle that varies between us that gives rich color, broad diversity, and the unexpected blessing of surprise to a community like ours.

- We are to rejoice in this God whose motto for us might be, “You cannot lose for winning.” God who loves us., who saves us and gathers us and comforts us; this God is not the principle at the end of life’s long hallway waiting to check our report cards at the end of school’s long day. This God visits us in the lab, in the classroom, on the playground, and over lunch. This God is woven through every conversation and intention of our days. This God accompanies us in today and molds us for tomorrow.
- We are to celebrate. That’s right. We messed that up somewhere in the middle ages. The church’s great call is to celebrate life. Remember, that’s what we call it when we say the Eucharist together. We “Celebrate” the Eucharist. And when that sense of celebration begins to flow out from the altar in our church into our own lives and the lives of our community, now that is something very special. It is so special that it would be a sin, or a least a shame, to keep it to ourselves. As much as the church falls short of perfection, as much as we struggle to follow God’s positive path for us, as much as we each feel some inner pull toward self-isolation and protection, God’s plan is that the church is a fabulous, beautifully wrapped, always-the-right-size, more than we expected, “how-did-they-know this-is-what-I-needed,” gift for our taking. So now that we’re back, dig in. There’s more joy and comfort, more important work and ministry, more healing and reconciling, than any one of us can handle...by ourselves.

Christ’s peace,
Joe+



Christian Education for Children and Youth

Our programs for children and youth continue to grow. We are excited and challenged by the number of youth in our programs. We have more adults working in our programs, many of whom are heading up new and/or invigorated initiatives. If your child is not yet registered, please ask for a registration form from the office or by contacting me. Even if your child does not (yet) attend a formal program, having them registered ensures that you receive emails of interest to Christ Church families.

Last year, we began to offer family-friendly events throughout the year. We are hoping to expand those offerings, with a goal of holding one such event every month. Plans are underway for a parish-wide Apple Picking trip next month! I am looking for families, or groups of families who would be interested in hosting one family event over the course of the year. Your creativity is the limit for what that event might look like! Suggestions include a Saturday morning cookie and ornament making party in December, “Parent Survival” nights, dinner and a movie, and the list goes on! If you would consider volunteering to host a “Christ Church Family Fun Event”, please be in touch with me as soon as possible. I would like to put a calendar together for the year soon, so everyone can plan ahead to attend!

Abundant Blessings and Christ’s Peace,
Jeff+

Music Program

Choral Evensong resumes on Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m.

We will resume our monthly series of sung Evening Prayer (Rite I) on October 5. The Evensong Choir has attracted quite a few new members, and we are looking forward to leading the congregation through a beautiful service, including choral music by Orlando Gibbons, William Smith, Herbert Brewer, and Henry Balfour Gardiner. Our cycle of Scripture readings and prayers will be punctuated by hymns and a psalm, and the whole service will be framed with organ music by Sigfrid Karg-Elert and Kenneth Leighton. The reception afterwards is always a highlight as the community gathers for conversation and refreshment. Everyone is invited to join us on the first Sunday of each month.

HymnSing on Sunday, October 26, at 3:00 p.m.

Come and “make a joyful noise to the Lord” at our first HymnSing with the new organ! Bring family and friends. Come and sing your favorite hymn on Sunday, October 26, at 3:00 p.m. Join us for a fall Christ Church community builder after the Ministry Fair on Pledge Sunday. We come from many churches and musical traditions. This is an opportunity to sing your favorite hymn. To sponsor a hymn, please email Stuart at stuartforster@ccc.cambridge.org or call him at 617-876-0200 x15, and drop off the details of your hymn request with a check at the church office or in the collection plate. (Sponsorship donation is optional.) Please make your check payable to “Christ Church Cambridge” indicating “HYMNSING” in the Memo Line. You may wish to sponsor your hymn in honor/memory of a loved one. If you are not able to attend, please consider purchasing a ticket for someone who can use it. Tickets will be available for purchase after services on Oct 5, Oct 12 and Oct 19. Tickets will also be available at the door.

With grace and thanks,
The Music Committee

The choirs are back!

The choirs are back in full force, and for the first time we are enjoying more than 100 people volunteering. It has been wonderful to fill the Choir Room and choir stalls (and overflow seating) with willing bodies, minds, voices and spirits, and to fill the church with soaring descants and anthems. The annual Music List is now available electronically on the web site or in hard copy from the Literature Rack outside the Parish Office. Recordings of our choirs and congregation may now be heard on our web site. We have much in store in the coming months!

Stuart Forster, Music Director



Wonder, Love and Praise

Over the past few years, we have begun to incorporate selections of hymns and service music from *Wonder, Love and Praise* during services at Christ Church. Initially, we bought licenses to print selections on a one-time basis, and we gradually acquired more copies as we found the book to be useful with the direction the parish and the Episcopal Church were moving. We have just completed a full set of copies, and you will find this green paperback in the pews each Sunday.

WLP developed from a resolution at the 1994 General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The Standing Commission on Church Music was directed to prepare a supplement to *The Hymnal 1982* to explore provide inclusive language, more service music, additional hymnody related to the Lectionary and rites of *The Book of Common Prayer*, and texts and tunes written since the compiling of *H82*. Selections in *WLP* begin at #721, continuing the sequence of numbers where *H82* left off, indicating its intention to be used in conjunction with the hymnal. Although the title comes from Charles Wesley, the content inside the book covers a diverse array of offerings. Along with *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, we look forward to exploring contexts for many selections that complement our already vast repertory at Christ Church.



Greetings from your Pastoral Care Ministry,

You may have read or heard announcements about the Christ church Pastoral Ministry. We are again offering you an invitation. Join us in this ministry or contact us!

To All Members of Our Community,

Greetings from Christ Church Cambridge! We want each member to participate in the life of the Church as much as possible. We'd like to keep connected to you. To do that, we provide a variety of useful services to our congregation to foster this sense of connection. These services may include:

- Coming by to visit, read, walk and/or pray together
- Bringing Holy Eucharist to your home or while you are in the hospital
- Giving you a phone call or a written note
- Providing rides to church services

Or perhaps there are other useful services we can provide. We hope you let us know what would be most helpful to you.

One of us will call you within the next few days to chat and see if you would enjoy any of these services or suggest others. You can also call Catherine Belcher, the Parish Administrator at 617-876-0200 x 10, to request services.

We look forward to talking with you soon.

With blessings,
Mimi Truslow

Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild invites you to stop by our table at the Homecoming Fair on October 26th. We will offer snacks of grapes and wheat crackers (what else?!) and there will be a flyer describing our work and a sign up sheet if you would like to join us in serving the Lord's Table. Men, women and older children and welcome. Training is provided and the support of an experienced member is offered for as long as a newcomer feels the need for it.

Rosters for September and October are up in the Sacristy. Please check your calendars and sign up. Thanks.

For more information, contact Webb Brown or Summer Akimoto:

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Summer Akimoto and Webb Brown



October 16, Deadline for November Leaflet

I would like to thank you all for submitting your articles of parish life, the server's rota and announcements of community activities to me in such a timely manner for this October Leaflet. As always it is greatly appreciated! The Leaflet will now be created by the Parish Communications Assistant, Zena Link.

Please submit your articles to zena@cccbridge.org no later than **Thursday, October 16**.

Catherine Belcher



Inter Nos.

- There have been requests that we bring back our Inter Nos. column, dedicated to news of our Parish family. We will include the baptisms, weddings, and funerals that take place at Christ Church, but we rely on our parishioners for the rest, such as births and anniversaries, and other news such as travel, visits to out-of-town parishioners, or special activities. We invite you to email items about yourself or your family to ParishAdmin@cccbridge.org or drop them by the Parish Office.

The Wardens' Corner

Christ Church kicked off the autumn season with a wonderful Homecoming celebration on September 7. It was terrific to see the pews and classrooms so full. We are now launching our 2009 Stewardship program, and are delighted to report that Tanya Cosway and Jude Harmon have agreed to serve as co-chairs. You should soon be receiving a letter asking you to make your pledge to Christ Church in this very exciting time in our parish. Save the date of Saturday, October 18, for a festive dinner. Pledge Sunday is October 26, at which time we will have our Ministries Fair with its exhibits, tables, activities and committees.

We are delighted to welcome two new faces to our Christ Church staff. Zena Link has joined us half-time as Communications Program Assistant. She is focusing on communications such as our Website, the monthly *Leaflet*, and the Sunday *Service Bulletin*, and assisting our clergy with the ever increasing volume of correspondence, reports, and the like that are so much a part of a busy, growing parish. Although new to our staff, Zena has been a Christ Church parishioner, along with her ten-year old son Reuben, for the last year and a half, and she is currently teaching first- and second-grade Sunday School. She has also worked on the B-SAFE program with Jeff Mello, and is a member of the Diocesan Diversity Committee. Zena earned her M.Div. from Episcopal Divinity School (EDS), and is currently studying at Harvard Divinity School, focusing on religion, ethics, and public policy with respect to secondary education. Lisa Tatusko is our new Seminarian, doing her field education work here at Christ Church. Her initial focus is on our acolytes and newcomers, with other assignments to follow. Lisa is in her second year of the M.Div. program at EDS, and comes to us from the Diocese of Central New York where she is a postulant. Joining Lisa as parishioners are her spouse Mary Gitlin, an oncology nurse, and their five-year old son Aidan. Please welcome Zena and Lisa and their families, and do get to know them.

Have you noticed the new look in our Parish Hall lobby, with its recessed space and special lighting? It makes for a much neater and more welcoming look and is a better use of what is often a very busy area.

As many of you know, Dick Whittington, our long time Parish Administrator, retired nearly two years ago. We had been hoping to have a celebration for Dick at Christ Church, but his health has not permitted him to make the long drive up to Cambridge from his home in Somerset, MA. So we shall go to him. Amey Callahan has kindly offered to put together a scrapbook of photos and remembrances that will be hand-delivered to Dick. Over the next few Sundays we will be providing opportunities for those who wish to inscribe a message to Dick. If you have church-related photos that you would like to offer, particularly from the time of Bob Tobin's rectorship, please drop them by the office to Amey's attention, and be sure to put your name, address, and phone number on the back if you would like them returned.

This year's Diocesan Convention will be held in Hyannis on November 7 and 8. At its September meeting, the Vestry appointed Mimi Truslow as Diocesan Delegate to fill out Joyce Walker's unexpired term, until the February Annual Meeting. (Seth Lancaster is our other Delegate.) Parishioners are always welcome to attend the Convention as guests. Our Rector has a major role in designing this year's Convention liturgies, so this would be a great year to attend. More information is available on the Diocesan website www.diomass.org.

A reminder that this year's Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday morning, February 1, 2009. We will soon be announcing a Nominations Committee for Annual Meeting elections. Do be thinking if you would like to run for office.

In recent years, we have been offering a special session on parish finances in advance of the Annual Meeting. This year's session will be held after both the 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. services on Sunday, November 16. There is of course a presentation on finances at the Annual Meeting, but our November 16 session will allow for more

in-depth discussion than we have time for at Annual Meeting. We hope that many of you will join us at one of the sessions on November 16.

Planning is already underway for our Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair taking place on Saturday, December 6. We are busy signing up outside vendors, and look forward also to signing up our Christ Church handcrafters. Meanwhile, do be collecting those books and attic treasures to donate to the Fair.

Also looking ahead to holiday times, Christ Church will once again be hosting a Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner in the Parish Hall after our 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service. This is always a festive occasion, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us.

We look forward to a vibrant autumn season at Christ Church.

*Peace,
Karen and Sally*



On The Rise...

This year's annual fundraiser dinner, Prepare for Winter, was held on September 17th this year. It was successful in its goals, and entertaining for its guests. The program provided some insights into the work of this remarkable organization:

"Your support helps us provide nearly 300 women annually with practical necessities for daily survival - food, clothes, showers, phones, an address, safety and quiet space.

Your support allows On The Rise staff the flexibility to reach out to each woman as an individual, meet her where she is, and help her at her own pace towards goals that she sets.

Your support enables On The Rise staff to work intensively with nearly 160 women annually to help them resolve health, legal, domestic violence, addiction, housing, and other challenges at the crux of their homelessness.

Your support allows On The Rise to develop and implement new programs that promote women's access to health care and housing."

The next Open House will be on Thursday, November 13. Everyone is welcome (yes, men too) between 5-7 pm. Stop by for a tour of the house and to sign up for volunteer Saturdays and/or lunchtime meals.

Thanks for the ongoing contributions of clothing and personal care items. Your gifts can be left at the back of the church on Sundays, or at the office during the week. You can call the coordinator for donations, Marisa Curran 617/497-7968 (marisa.curran@ontherise.org) or parishioner Summer Akimoto, 781/391-9891, (summerted@aol.com).

Summer Akimoto

To The Christ Church Cambridge Parish Community ...

As Nelly and I and the children celebrated the arrival of autumn this past weekend it inevitably brought back memories of our tragedy last winter – to be specific our apartment fire of January 7, 2008. As we remembered the destruction and pain of the events surrounding the fire we also brought the memories of how our friends and neighbors in the Christ Church Parish Community came to our aid with overwhelming amounts of material assistance and out pourings of love and prayer. We are still trying to figure out ways by which we can repay the vast amount of material and spiritual support you have provided us with. We leave with the following passage from St. Matthew which has taken on a deeper meaning in our lives:

Matthew: 25:34-41: "..., Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing and I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, " Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in person and visited you? And the King will answer them, truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me."

In Christ Church Cambridge,
Nelly, John, Steven, Mae, Frank, Lucy, Nancy and Elizabeth Clarke

John Clarke



Stay in touch with your community...

Episcopal E-News is a monthly source of information including news and updates about diocesan community life, events and learning opportunities and links to resources for faith formation and ministry. To subscribe, go to diomass.org/subscribe/



Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop is looking for your cast-off clothing and household goods. We have a large clientele and new things are selling fast. During the first week we were open after the summer break we made \$1400.00 plus for Christ Church. Donating your gently used jackets, coats, sweaters and bric-a-brac is a fine way to help your church and the community. Clothing that does not sell we give to other charitable organizations. Costume jewelry, toys, books, and lamps all sell well. And do come in and see us. We are open 10:00 to 4:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. With more volunteers we could open on Fridays too.

If you could use a pick up, we do that too. For pick up and volunteering please call Diane Spurr at 617-547-7596.

Memorial Wall Update

This Fall, as in the past, there will be another opportunity for family members or friends to have the names of deceased parishioners inscribed on the Memorial Wall in a ceremony which will take place on All Saints' Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Information brochures and registration forms are available from Calvert Magruder, Registrar, or Catherine Belcher, Parish Administrator. Registration forms along with payment for the inscription fees should be returned to Calvert as soon as possible. Calvert's address is: 1010 Memorial Drive, Apartment 7A, Cambridge, MA 02138. If you have questions, please contact him (617-547-3712 or 603-323-7701).

Calvert Magruder, Registrar CCC Memorial Wall



Violin/Viola Lessons:

Music Administrator, Ashleigh Gordon will be teaching both violin and viola at Christ Church on Saturdays. Ashleigh, who recently graduated from New England Conservatory with a Masters Degree in Viola Performance, has been teaching both instruments for over seven years to beginner and intermediate students ranging from 8-45 years in age. If you are interested in picking up the violin or viola or refreshing your skills, please contact her at 585-313-7287 or music@cccbridge.org.



Sandwich Making Ministry

The Sandwich Making Ministry is in full swing! Come join us by signing up to supervise children (grades 3 and up) in the kitchen on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 10 am. We make a variety of fresh sandwiches for the Outdoor Church service which is held Sunday afternoons on the Common. Contact Christina Mann by email: ccm173@mac.com or by telephone 617-864-1239.

Christina Mann

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 4:	Senior Gentlemen Luncheon:	Noon - Library
October 5:	Stewardship Season Begins	
	Blessing of the Animals:	10:15 Service
	Evensong :	4:00 p.m.
October 12:	Stewardship Sunday	
October 18:	Stewardship Dinner:	6:00 p.m. Parish Hall
October 19:	Stewardship Sunday	
	Founders Day	
October 23:	Pre-convention Deanery	
	Meeting	
October 25:	Jubilee Walk	
October 26:	Pledge Sunday	
	Ministry Fair:	After 10:15 service
	Hymn Sing:	3:00 p.m.
	Reception in Parish Hall	Following Hymn Sing

*** Deadline for November Leaflet is October 16th ***

Check the October Rota for your name!

Below is the October Rota for Lectors, Chalice, Ushers, and Acolytes. The office staff and volunteers do their best to make courtesy reminder phone calls, this is generally done on Wednesdays. Please, check the rota for your name and write it in your calendar or post it on your refrigerator!

Please remember that if you are unable to serve on the date assigned, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Once you have a replacement, please call your coordinator **and** Catherine Belcher, Parish Administrator (617-876-0200 x10 or parishadmin@cccbridge.org) so that schedules can be updated appropriately. If you can't find a replacement, please contact your group coordinator. The coordinators are: for **Acolytes, Lisa Tatusko (617-876-0200 ext. 18 or LTatusko@cccbridge.org)** or **Wendy Squires (617-864-3026 or Squires44@aol.com)**; for **Chalice Bearers, Donna Tillotson (617-547-0871 or dhstings@yahoo.com)**; for **Lectors & Intercessors, Lois Bennett (617-306-7314 or lois@mac.com)**; and for **Ushers, Doris Possi (781-729-3272)**. If you would like to be added to the rota or removed, please contact the appropriate group coordinator.

OCTOBER ROTA

		5-Oct-08	12-Oct-08	19-Oct-08	26-Oct-08
		21st Sunday after Pentecost	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	24th Sunday after Pentecost
7:45	Lector	John Clarke	Lorna Hochstein	John Clarke	Mary Beth Clack
	Lector	Anne Lowell	Jeff Zinsmeyer	Elizabeth Webb	Donna Tillotson
	Intercessor	Mimi Truslow	Hope Hare	Jill Herold	Peter Lee
	CH	John Clarke	Mimi Truslow	Jill Herold	Donna Tillotson
	Acolyte				
10:15	Lector	Gordon Lee	David Angney	Jim Tanner	Gordon Jensen
	Lector	Kathleen Coleman	Hillary Hopkins	Samantha	Gwen Jensen
	Intercessor	Jude Harmon	Tim Groves	Roberta Hirshson	Sarah Corvene
	CH (1)	Webb Brown	Peter Lee	Richard Parker	Ann Austin
	CH (2)	Polly Cobb	Henry Lewis	Mino Sullivan	Poly Cobb
	CH (3)	Craig Kelley	Howard Crowell	Joyce Walker	Craig Kelley
	CH (4)	Donna Kirven	Samantha Morrison	Sylvia Williams	Jeff Brown
	CH (5)	Seth Lancaster	Sharon Stanfill	Jude Harmon	Samantha Morrison
	Server	Solomon Montagno	Seth Lancaster	Mark Lerret	Matthew Lerret
	Crucifer	Victoria Cabral	Jack Hallowell	Eleanor Regan	Grant Baker
	Gospel Bearer	Lizzie Cosway	Lizzie Cosway	Henry Regan	Rachel Bliss
	Torch Bearer 1	Rachel Bliss	Colin Lee	Mary Caroline Regan	Ross Baker
	Torch Bearer 2	Lucy Perkins	Reuben Link	Emily Henry	Ben Costa
	H. Usher	Doris Possi	Howard Crowell	Mike McGruder	David Smith
	Usher	Melissa Hirscheon	Karen Mathiasen	Mike West	Suzanne Smith
	Usher	Ralph Greico	Russell Peck	Nick Banten	Sylvia Williams
	Usher	Salin Kabawat	TBD	Doris Possi	Jonathan Austin

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