

CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR 2009-10

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Mission Statement of Christ Church

The Mission of Christ Church is to nurture our Christian faith as expressed in the Episcopal Church through worship, teaching, and caring for our parish and the extended community, growing through God's love in Christ.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please call in advance if your child will be absent from any event.

Choristers should always arrive a few minutes early for rehearsals and services. Singing begins promptly at the scheduled time.

DRESS FOR SERVICES

No T-shirts, jeans, or sneakers please.

Ideal dress for services, especially for festival occasions, is a white dress shirt, dark pants or skirt, and dress shoes.

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP

We need YOU to help with the work of the choir! If you would like to help, please give Richard Clemmitt a call at 847-347-9967 or e-mail him at rclemmitt@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Choir Angels

As scheduled, or at your convenience at other times

Sorting and filing choral music, helping prepare mailings, collating paper handouts – all essential and much-appreciated help for the smooth functioning of our Choir. Planned dates for meetings are listed in the schedule on the following pages. If you wish to help on a given date (which we hope you do!), please leave a phone or e-mail message in advance. If you'd like to arrange a different time or times to help, that would be great, too! You are invited to be a Choir Angel as much or as little as you like, as your schedule permits.

Choir Robe Repair

As needed and as you are able

Helping maintain our choir robes (mending buttons, name tags, hems, etc.)

Parties

Any time (Beginning of the Season, Christmas, End of Season, etc.)

Hosting a gathering, either for the entire choir or for a smaller group (e.g. 5th grade girls). You also might consider planning an activity for the choir (e.g. Cubs game, trip to Great America, etc.)

Choir Dinners

A few evenings between September and June

Purchasing food (e.g. pizza, drinks, & desserts), for which you are reimbursed, and setting it out. The parish provides paper goods.

Tour Committee

Meetings to be announced

Serving on a committee to help with fundraising and trip planning. If you are willing to participate, please call Richard Clemmitt at 847-347-9967 (or e-mail him at rclemmitt@christchurchwinnetka.org).

THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Christ Church is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (www.rscmamerica.com), an international organization based in England that fosters excellence in Christian musical training. Following RSCM guidelines, the girls and boys in our choir work through graded ranks with the aim of achieving musical excellence. A child can join the choir knowing nothing about singing and soon develop a fine singing voice and the ability to read music at sight.

The ranks are, from the beginning:

- Cassock only
- Cassock and Surplice
- Light Blue Ribbon
- Dark Blue Ribbon
- Green Ribbon
- Red Ribbon
- Head Choristers

Choristers also wear crosses to show years of service in the choir:

- Silver Cross (Three years)
- Gold Cross (Five years)

Psallam spiritu et mente.

(I will sing with the spirit and with understanding.)

Motto of the Royal School of Church Music

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Choristers should always arrive at least five minutes early.

Singing begins promptly at the scheduled time.

Mondays	4 th -6 th grade boys and girls	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	4 th -6 th grade boys and girls 7 th -12 th grade boy and girl sopranos Boys with changed voices	7-8 p.m. 7:30-8:45 p.m. 8-9:15 p.m.
Sundays	4 th -8 th grade boy and girl <u>sopranos</u> Boys with changed voices 9 th grade and older girls	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> <u>9:00 a.m.</u> <u>9:00 a.m.</u>

SCHEDULE EXCEPTIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Please make careful note of the following dates, times, and locations.

- SEPTEMBER -

3	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>10 a.m.-noon</u>	<p>Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>You are invited to help with the management of the Youth Choir by becoming a "Choir Angel." A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Feel free to join the group as little or as much as you wish throughout the season. Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
8	Tues	<u>10 a.m.-noon</u>	<p>Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
9	Wed		<p>First Wednesday Rehearsal <u>Normal Rehearsal schedule.</u> There will be cookies and drinks for the girls and boys during rehearsal to welcome them back to Choir. <u>Please see September 20 for our beginning of season Choir Supper Party.</u></p>
13	Sun		<p>First Sunday Service Normal Rehearsal schedule</p>
14	Mon	4:30-5:30 p.m.	<p>First Monday rehearsal Normal Rehearsal schedule</p>

- SEPTEMBER CONTINUED -

20	Sun	4 p.m.	<p>Morning rehearsal and church service, as usual</p> <p align="center"><i>followed by</i></p> <p>Evensong Full Choir (4th grade and older) rehearsal for 5:00 service</p> <p align="center"><i>followed by</i></p> <p>Choir Supper Party in the McClain Room <u>All 4th through 12th graders and families are invited,</u> along with Adult choristers, as well.</p> <p>Please RSVP to Richard Clemmitt at 847-347-9967 or rclemmitt@christchurchwinnetka.org</p> <p>More information to come.</p>
22	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p><i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
28	Mon		<p>NO REHEARSAL (Yom Kippur school holiday)</p>

- OCTOBER -

3	Sat	4:15 p.m.	<p>Wedding of Prilla Krone</p> <p><u>Treble Choir only</u> rehearsal for 5:00 service.</p> <p>Prilla grew up singing in our choir and was Head Chorister in 1998-99. It's important that as many of our trebles as possible sing for her wedding this afternoon. Prilla certainly will appreciate the girls' and boys' beautiful music-making on her big day!</p>
4	Sun		<p>The Youth Choir <u>does not</u> sing for an <u>afternoon</u> service today. There is a choral service this afternoon, but it involves the Adult Choir only.</p>
6	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p><i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
12	Mon		<p>NO REHEARSAL (Columbus Day)</p>
20	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p><i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>

- NOVEMBER -

1	Sun	4 p.m.	<p><u>Daylight Savings Time ends today!</u></p> <p>All Saints' Sunday featuring music sung together with an instrumental ensemble.</p> <p><u>Rehearsals will be as follows:</u></p> <p>7th-12th graders 8:20 a.m. 4th-6th graders 8:50 a.m.</p> <p align="center"><i>followed by</i></p> <p>Evensong <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 5:00 service</p>
10	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p><i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
25	Wed		NO REHEARSAL (Thanksgiving Eve)
26	Thurs	9:30 a.m.	<p>Thanksgiving Day <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 10:00 service.</p>

- DECEMBER -

6	Sun	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<p>Advent Lessons and Carols <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 9:30 service</p> <p>The Youth Choir <u>does not</u> sing for an <u>afternoon</u> service today. There is a choral service this afternoon, but it involves the Adult Choir only.</p>
8	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p><i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
20	Sun	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<p>Christmas Pageant <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 9:30 service. Any choristers participating in the pageant are excused from our pre-service choir rehearsal today.</p>
21	Mon		<p>The 4th-6th graders will rehearse today, as usual, even though school winter vacation has begun.</p>
23	Wed		<p>The 4th-12th graders will rehearse today, as usual, even though school winter vacation has begun.</p>
24	Thurs	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<p>Christmas Eve <u>Please be punctual!</u> <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 8:00 service (prelude and carol singing at 7:30) Older boys and girls are encouraged to stay and sing for the 11:00 p.m. service as well. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided between services for those choosing to remain.</p>
December 25 through January 2			VACATION

- JANUARY -

3	Sun	<u>9 a.m.</u>	Full Choir rehearsal for 9:30 service
4	Mon		Regular Monday rehearsals resume
5	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i>
6	Wed		Regular Wednesday rehearsals resume
18	Mon		NO REHEARSAL (Martin Luther King Day)
19	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i>
23	Sat	Time TBA	Tour Fundraiser We'll need everyone's help to make this event a big success! It may be held during the day, or it may be held in the evening. More information to come.
31	Sun	4 p.m.	Morning rehearsal and church service, as usual <i>followed by</i> Evensong Full Choir rehearsal for 5:00 service <u>Attention New York trip participants:</u> Choristers participating in our trip must attend this service.

- FEBRUARY -

2	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p>Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
12	Fri	Evening	<p>Trip to New York Choir departs after school today. More information to come.</p>
15	Mon	Evening	<p>Choir returns from New York. No regular Monday rehearsals today.</p>
16	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p>Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
17	Wed	7 p.m.	<p>Ash Wednesday <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 7:30 service No regular rehearsals this evening.</p>

- MARCH -

2	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p>Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
14	Sun		<p>Morning rehearsal and service, as usual, but . . . <u>Daylight Savings Time begins!</u></p> <p>The Youth Choir <u>does not</u> sing for an <u>afternoon</u> service today. There is a choral service this afternoon, but it involves the Adult Choir only.</p>
16	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<p>Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i></p>
28	Sun	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<p>Palm Sunday <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 9:30 service</p>
29	Mon		NO REHEARSAL (Spring Break)
31	Wed		NO REHEARSAL (Spring Break)

- APRIL -

1	Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 7:30 service
3	Sat	6:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil <u>Please be punctual!</u> <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for 7:30 service
4	Sun	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Easter Day <u>Please be punctual!</u> <u>Full Choir</u> rehearsal for <u>9:00</u> service Boys and girls are encouraged to stay and sing for the 11:00 service, as well, if they are able to do so.
5	Mon		NO REHEARSAL (A break after the busy Easter schedule)
6	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i>
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- MAY -

12	Wed	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Evensong for the eve of Ascension Day Full Choir rehearsal for 7:30 service No regular rehearsals this evening.
18	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	<i>Choir Angels</i> <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i>
24	Mon		Final Monday rehearsal
31	Mon		NO REHEARSAL (Memorial Day)

- JUNE -

2	Wed	<u>7:30-8:30 p.m.</u>	Full Youth Choir rehearsal No regular rehearsals this evening.
6	Sun	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Choir Recognition and Final Service of the Season Full Choir rehearsal for 9:30 service. During the pre-service rehearsal today, our choir will have its picture taken by a professional photographer. After the service and into the afternoon, the Youth Choir will have a lunch party for singers and parents. More information to come as the date approaches.
7	Mon		VACATION BEGINS
8	Tues	10:30 a.m.-noon	Choir Angels <i>For parents only, held in the Choir Room</i> <i>A description is on page 2.</i> <i>Please RSVP to the Music Office before coming by.</i>

The first rehearsal in the fall of 2010
will be on Wednesday evening, September 8.