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Requiem

Archer

Te Deum

Premiere, in memory of Sam Farmer

The Christ Church Chorale
&
Youth Choir

General Admission \$12

Students/Seniors \$10

Sunday, March 6, 2005 ✠ 5 pm

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christian formation

life in christ
Parish Forum



sundays
10:10 a.m.
(mC Clain Room)

“Living in Community”

The Lenten series *Reconciliation and the Anglican Communion* will continue **March 6** with a follow up question and answer session based on the three previous forums on the Anglican Communion: What is it? What are the strains and challenges the Communion faces today? and What is the Windsor Report?

March 13: “The Reconciliation of a Penitent.” Along with the two sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, the Episcopal Church recognizes five sacramental rites: Confirmation, Holy Matrimony,

Ordination, Unction of the Sick and the Reconciliation of a Penitent. Awareness of the Rite of Reconciliation—also known as “Penance”—has grown in the Church since the publication of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and yet for many, the rite is cloaked in misunderstanding or has negative associations that reflect little of God’s grace and forgiveness. Join Associate Rector Patti Snickenberger on the 13th for a look at this sacramental rite and how it can be an opportunity for renewal of life and deeper conversion to God.

baptism
instruction

Parents and godparents who plan a baptism at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, **March 26** at 7:30 p.m.; on Pentecost, **May 15** at 9 a.m.; or at one of the summer beach services, **July 10** or **August 7** at 9:30 a.m., are asked to attend an instructional session on **Sunday, March 20** from 10:10 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the Bride’s Room of Church House, 784 Sheridan Road.

Please call Patti Snickenberger at 847-446-2850, ext. 24 or by e-mail at revpatti@christchurchwinnetka.org if you plan to attend.

In addition to aiding the understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism, this is a great way to get to know other parishioners with young children. Please join us!!

Evening Kerygma
continues



Wednesday Evenings 7:30 - 9 p.m. (McClain Room)
The Four Gospels in Five Weeks

- Mar. 2** The Gospel of Matthew
- Mar. 9** The Gospel of Luke
- Mar. 16** The Gospel of John and concluding summary

Each Wednesday session is preceded by Holy Eucharist in the Church at 6 p.m. and supper in the McClain Room at 6:45 p.m.

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Mailing List Maintenance



If your address, phone number or email address has changed, or if you no longer wish to be on *The Parish Paper* mail list, please notify Rena Kowalski at rena@christchurchwinnetka.org or 847-446-2850 so that we may keep our records updated. Thank you for your help.



Richard Clemmitt and Choristers team up to make beautiful music

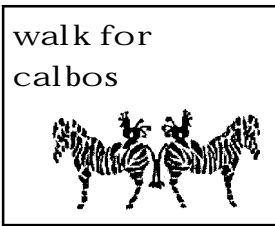
Like the Pied Piper, Richard Clemmitt and his music inspire young people to “come along” and follow. Organist/Choirmaster at Christ Church for more than 12 years, Richard has developed a powerful program for young people, centered on Christian education and music training.

Under the direction of Elizabeth Clemmitt, the Primary Choir (grades 1 and 2) rehearses Wednesday afternoons and sings periodically on Sundays. Richard says that children who miss the Primary Choir still have an ideal time to join in third grade when they begin learning with Richard and, after initial training, join the Trebles on Sunday mornings. Starting in fourth grade, children are eligible for festivals and trips. More than 90 children in total sing in the choirs.

The quality of the music is audible and visible at the weekly 9 a.m. service where the impressive parade of children processes at the opening hymn. Relying on a young people’s choir (supported by adult voices) to provide the principal music at the largest weekly Sunday service is a rare arrangement and a considerable commitment for young singers. But choir becomes for many a number one priority. Richard notes that most children who join in third grade and stay through fourth end up continuing through their senior year in high school.

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The CALBOS website is up, containing all the information you need to participate or find out more about the upcoming Fundraiser Walk, **Saturday, April 23** beginning at the Church of the Atonement. The address is www.lostboyschicago.com. Click on Upcoming Events where you will find links for registering, sponsoring or giving (credit card donations may be made online.) You may also mail donations directly to Bev Prevost, 458 Maple Street, Winnetka, IL 60093-2652. Checks should be made out to "St. Paul's by-the-Lake," with "CALBOS Walk" in the memo.



Another Christmas Story

It's been more than two months since Christmas when our Basket Program was in full gear. As before, the parish gave generously, more than fulfilling the commitments we made to Cathedral Shelter. Here's another aspect of the project's success.

This year, the surplus from our donations was used to supply a little luxury to six very needy families. The Primo Center for Women and Children was in desperate need of bed linens. Six homeless mothers and their children had completed six months of intensive life-skill training and were being moved into their own apartments. Tradition-

ally the families are given the bed linens that they have been using, but the Center's small budget was operating with no extra reserves. Our funds purchased a new comforter, pillow and set of sheets for each mother and child.

On Christmas Eve before they went to bed, each person selected a new pink, green, blue, maroon or beige comforter and received a pillow and sheets. We were told that some of the recipients "cried with joy"...it was an incredible and most appreciated surprise.



The Confirmation Class distributed mite boxes to the classrooms last Sunday. Boxes are available on the cloister tables as well. This traditional Lenten ingathering is for all ages. The Confirmation Class will announce the recipient they choose for this outreach project.

Beautiful Music *continued from page 3*

Equally telling is the number of young singers who come from other churches or without a church tradition at all to become avid members. Though the makeup of the choir changes from year to year with graduations and newcomers, this year there are 20 changed-voice boys rostered to sing.

But parents and participants agree that it is the unquantifiable that is the real measure of the program's value. Richard's choir thrives in an atmosphere of respect, responsibility, discipline and community. Richard says that the group mimics a family where mentoring by the older members links with aspirations of the younger children to become future leaders. There is a sense of camaraderie and closeness that crosses age groups and creates bonds among the members even outside choir activities.



Choir parent Mary Anderson has witnessed her daughter's commitment since third grade. Now a junior at New Trier, Head Chorister Katie Anderson rushes home from swim practice to arrive on time, wet hair and all, for the beginning of Wednesday evening rehearsal. Dedication like this has become anecdotal, extending to stories of a member returning home from an all night Prom event and breakfast just minutes before arriving for 8 a.m. call for the morning's Sunday service.

Leaders like Katie and co-Head Chorister Colin Fisher become role models to the younger ones, playing games at rehearsal and helping assess how they are doing. Mary Anderson observes that Richard commands great respect from his choristers because he respects them so much—leaving an indelible impact on their lives.

Parent Martina Mead echoes this assessment. She feels her son Matthew has had “incredible music training” through the program. Choristers gain confidence from learning to sight-read, learning how to use their voices properly and gaining experience in auditioning. By trying out many times for solos, they see when they are younger that they will get more chances when they are older. With no music training besides that at Christ Church, Matthew, along with Chip Schroeder, was chosen to sing in more than 40 performances at the Lyric Opera. Many singers, such as Matthew, Andrew Challenger

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Music *continued from Page 5* and Peter Jones, are members of selective New Trier choirs. Some, such as Catherine Hambleton and Helen Istvan, have been chosen for music groups when they go away for prep school or college. Jamie Schroeder and Greg and Daniel Stephans each enrolled at the American Boychoir School in New Jersey. Current student Daniel Stephans, in fact, will attend the Oscar ceremony this weekend along with his choirmates to perform a number nominated for Best Song, from the French film “Les Choristes.”

Martina adds that choristers become meaningful participants in liturgy through their training. Richard underlines in rehearsal how the music enriches the service and fits into worship as a whole. The music program strengthens the bonds of the young people to each other and to the church. It is very common for college age former choristers to return to the choir stalls when they are home from school



Christ Church is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) based in England, a well organized program which serves as a big motivator, especially to the younger children. In much the same way Scouts earn merit badges, choristers earn different color ribbons by showing their proficiency in music, good attendance and years of membership.

Through the years, Richard has expanded his connections with other music programs and experts, affording the choir excellent travel and collaborative opportunities. A good example is the upcoming March 6 Chorale performance of the Fauré *Requiem* and the premiere of Malcolm Archer’s *Te Deum* in memory of Sam Farmer. Richard’s relationship with local professional musicians and with London’s Archer helped procure their services for this special performance. Additional opportunities for the choirs include the annual Diocesan Festival at the Cathedral where 150 to 200 children participate, last year’s festival at Trinity Church for the benefit of St. Gregory’s Choir School, an annual trip to sing at another Episcopal church, and the new Hymnathon tradition enacted for the second time this winter. The Hymnathon and other ventures help support the wonderful August trips undertaken every other year to England where our choirs serve as choir in residence.

Teamwork, caring, responsibility, training and worship. All this, and an occasional pizza party, too. Richard invites new singers to join the group at any time.

—DHK



Please use the attached envelope to make your contributions for Easter Flowers or Music. Gifts must be received in the Parish Office **by Friday, March 11** in order to be included in the Easter Day program.

see website calendar

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Worship

Sundays: 7:45 Eucharist; 9 Eucharist with choir,
Children’s Atria; 11:15 am Eucharist with choir
[Morning Prayer & Holy Communion on 2nd & 4th
Sundays at 11:15; All services with healing on 3rd
Sunday], (All Sunday services at the Church)
Wednesdays: 9:30 am Eucharist (Chapel);
Fridays: 7:30 am Eucharist (Chapel)

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