

# The Choir Family News of The Choirs of Grace Church in New York

A community for everyone celebrating excellence in  
music and God's love of all!



Greetings from Amsterdam everyone!

I hope you are all having a safe and beautiful summer season.

It is so good to be back on the Hugo de Grootkade with the Swans, geese, ducks and old colleagues and friends. Over the past month I've played concerts on beautiful organs in the Netherlands and Germany. It was so much fun meeting lovely people, seeing beautiful places and to create music on these magnificent instruments.

Now a little quiet time and at the end of August a visit with my dad before we kick off the new season. There is still more summer so slow time down, enjoy one another and be safe.

That said, September is not so far away, so to begin preparations for the new season please read the contents below carefully and find attached to this email the current draft of the choir family orientation packet with more information about the new season than you ever wanted to know.

We have a new organ scholar! Jacob Reed will finish his two years with us on Labor Day Weekend. We wish him God's blessings and success in all his future efforts. Ms. Hannah Cen will join us on 8 September as the new Organ Scholar. She is a graduate student in music at the Manhattan School of Music. Welcome Hannah! We will all enjoying getting to know her and working with her in the coming year.

And as always ask lots of questions!

See you soon, I miss you all, love, Patrick

**Choir Camp: Tuesday 3 September! with a Parent Orientation Session for all parents. Details below...**

**First Sunday back for ALL CHORISTERS:  
Sunday 8 September:**

9:45 a.m. Call for Seniors and HS Singers.

10:10-10:20 Call for all Novice and Junior Choristers

If you didn't make it to Choir Camp, please come at 9:45 so we can assign you a vestment.

It's a special day, please plan to be present.

Parents - your choristers love it when you come to church and listen to them sing. You are always welcome!

**FOUR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for our first Sunday back on 8 September to be Choir Parent Helpers. Please sign up at [Sign Up Genius](#) if you can help that morning.

**SIGN UP GENIUS** has three links this year. Please note.

-Sunday and special choir event Parent Helpers/Volunteers

-Tuesday Evensong choir parent helpers

-After School Vocal Coaching.

The links may be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

**RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!** This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms.

**NEWS FROM SOMERSET, UK:** Dr. Rose has had a great summer and will return to do another Treble Concert with us in February. This year we will also add Mrs. JoAnne Rodland to the team. I've known her for 30 years and went to school with her daughter in Rochester. JoAnne is now retired and is an exceptional choir/chorister director and teacher. We will have a very special year with this amazing team.

Has your chorister done their summer listening homework ? It's not too late. It would be great if they would listen some each week and get these wonderful pieces in their ears.

The video for Zaddock is fun with some vintage old film of the English royals included.

**EVERYONE:**

[Tallis If ye love me](#)

[Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah](#)

[Zaddock the Priest, Handel](#)

**FOR BOYS:** Britten's [REJOICE IN THE LAMB](#)

**FOR GIRLS:** Britten's [A CEREMONY OF CAROLS](#)

**The L's of Choir:**

**Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!**

**The C's of Choir**

**Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity  
- Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community.**

**Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!**

[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

**CHOIR CAMP** will take place for all choristers new and old on

**Tuesday 3 September from 2:00 to 6:30 pm.**

**The day to start with ice cream in the yard.**

**For all events today enter and exit at 802 Broadway, please don't come through the school, they are trying to get ready for classes to start.**

**If you are a new student with orientation meetings on 3 September, no worries, just come when you can.**

**The Choir Parent Orientation Meeting(s) will take place from**

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

**for choir camp** to help with getting all the choristers vested. This is not a difficult task, but does take time to sort out. If you can help, let **P.Allen** or **Yunjae Chung** know and what time period during camp that works with your schedule.

We also need help at the start of choir camp with the social time and ice cream/frozen treat that starts the day. If you could help with that, please let me know. We need several parents to supervise and one to assist with ordering the treats.

If your Chorister is not going to be able to make choir camp, send us their height so we can plan a vestment for him/her.

**Important Links:**

**The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link**

**Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link**

**Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching**

**Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers**

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