

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

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***FROM THE DESK OF DR. ALLEN**

Hello everyone, I hope your Friday is starting peacefully with everyone around you safe and healthy. It has been an amazing week living into the new chorister rehearsals on Zoom. We've all learned a lot and hopefully worked the bugs out of our process to make it as easy, fun and productive as we can. Thank you for all your feedback.

An idea if you are looking for something to do as a family: Have a family Salon! There are many ways to do it! You can give the salon a family name. Start a notebook and everyone one can draw a picture, write a poem or short story, write a word of the day, but each person contribute something to it as the Salon takes place. The Mendelssohn family used to do this. They called their notebook the Tea and Snow Notebook as they drank tea and it was snowing. Each person present can perform a poem, do a reading, sing a song, make a short skit, or just play a recording of a favorite piece of music or scene from something they want to share. Perhaps each person has a suggested allotment of time. If I was going to play a piece of music today it might be a song by [Handel, from his Opera - Xerxes: Ombra Mai Fu](#) On the keyboard I might perform a movement from a French Suite by J.S. Bach

Note: Today we start using [a new LINK](#), this one link will work for both sessions. So far Zoom hasn't asked anyone as far as I know for the link password, but here it is just in case that starts to be required: [770437](#)

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a five minute pause
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[Sunday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. is now being live streamed. You are invited to tune in and sing along!](#)

Please contact me if I can do anything to support you and your families. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers for good health, safety and that I send you all my love.

Let me know how you are doing and stay in touch.
I'm here for you. Let your light shine and heal the world.
All my love and prayers, p.

Repeat News:

5th grade Senior Auditions will take place in September as they being their 6th grade year.

Choir Salaries and Scholarship will follow their regular schedule unless a change is mandated by our business office which is watching cash flow/income/expenses right now to make sure during the crisis all commitments are met. I will announce any adjustments as they come up.

The business office sent me a reminder that some of you have not yet cashed your choir allowance/scholarship checks going back several years. They would really like to close the books on these "old" checks. Can you look around? If you have really old checks you can give them to me and we can re issue, but we don't want to let this list get any longer. If your not sure, ask me, I have a list of checks with names.

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***LOOKING AHEAD -**

Be safe, social distance, wash your hands, take good care of yourself inside and out and then, care for all around you.....
God bless you all. Let your light shine.

***THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE** (Goggle cal is on pause for the time being)

This is a link to the site with the goggle cal posts. Please let [pallen](#) know if you have any trouble downloading the schedules.

***SENIOR NEWS**

VIRUS HOMEWORK: Since we don't know what our schedule will be like after the spring break holiday. I'm placing links here for Seniors to "sing along" at home and keep the upcoming repertoire in their ears with the hopes the crisis will stabilize and we will be able to offer these beautiful works together.

[This is the day](#)

[Byrd, Haec dies](#)

[Batten, When the Lord...](#)

[Parker, Light's glittering m - too fast](#)

[Christus vincit - a little slow](#)

[BOYS - Rejoice in the Lamb](#)

[GIRLS: Te Deum in C](#)

[GIRLS: Haydn Insanne](#)

[Mathias Let the people.....](#)

[Palestrina Ego sum](#)

[If ye love me, a little slow](#)

[Sing my Soul](#)

Has your chorister done their listening homework ? It's never too late. It would be great if they would listen some each week and get these wonderful pieces in their ears.

EVERYONE:

[Brand New Day from The Wiz Live](#)

[Brand New Day from "The Wiz" Movie version](#)

[Thomanerchor Leipzig "Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf" Johann Sebastian Bach](#)

[William Byrd "Sing Joyfully"](#)

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

FOR GIRLS: [Mendelssohn's Hear my prayer](#)

Britten's [A CEREMONY OF CAROLS](#)

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***HIGH SCHOOL SINGER NEWS**

I hope you are all safe and sound and healthy. Take good care of yourselves and your families and listen to what they are saying.

Please feel invited to tune in to the Zoom sessions when they are announced.

Young Ladies are welcome at all soprano rehearsals.

Young Men, write me, if you are interested we could make a special session for your voices and parts.

I miss you all!

***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

SIGN UP GENIUS

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.

***SOCIAL MEDIA:**

INSTAGRAM

If you are interested in contributing to the choir Instagram account (or possibly taking it over) please contact me.

FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook:

Music at Grace Church in New York

***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!

Recruiting is never over and normally we would be starting that phase of the season now. The brochure has been posted to school families. If you know of families not at GCS who should receive it, let me know and I'll will include them.

The brochure and letter invites interest and communication and let's people know we will do the public side in September.

Help me spread the word that families interested in joining should email or call me so I can put them on the mailing list for information and to get them in the loop.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - **TEAMWORK!**

The L's of Choir:
Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

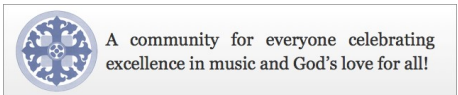
The C's of Choir
Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity - Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Com

Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!
[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

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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