

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!



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

Zoom choir just ended. It brings so much joy and love to the building and myself every day. The choristers are amazing in their use and flexibility with the technology and some wonderful musical discovery and vocal work is getting done. It's also just quiet ok to have musical play as a diversion from thoughts of all that is going on over the world. We are very blessed.

**CHOIR APPRECIATION!** This annual celebration of gifts humbly and generously offered all season by our community would have taken place during and after the final service of our 125th Season on 7 June. Since that is not going to happen this year, and after some thought and discussion, I'm going to offer a "chorister" version on Thursday 4 June at 4:20 - in the middle of the zoom rehearsal block for everyone who wants to tune in using the regular link and to respect those who start at 4:00 and those who tune in at 4:30.

As you can imagine record keeping got funky in March. It would be very helpful for me if you believe your chorister had perfect attendance up to the point of Spring Break (GCS Schedule) confirm that with me, and I can cross check my rolls and we will go from there. I will mail out the awards with the choristers allowance checks that will go out in June.

Choir Scholarships are a little behind schedule but those should be in the post to you shortly. James Gomez has been amazing helping me move a lot of record keeping to Excel this year. His knowledge, facility and hard work have been extraordinary. I'm learning so much from him. As a result of this move and to work with the data fields, the scholarship checks will be made out to "moms." Dads, please don't be offended. I'm old fashioned in how I like to address things, but modern culture and technology don't care about my old fashioned ideas. So i'm flowing into the future. Please let me know if you have any strong feelings about this, but I hope it will be ok with everyone.

Zoom Choir will take place tomorrow on regular schedule for everyone who wants to join in. We will continue through Friday 5 June.

Can you believe Memorial Day Weekend is upon us and that graduation and promotion season is also here? Summer is about to start.

Please encourage the choristers to occasionally listen to the choral music down below. Their summer homework. The old choristers will know the repertoire, the music for most of it is on the web music score page and they can sing along. For the younger ones, it will put the repertoire in their hearts and minds and they also are welcome to sing along. It is the first and one of the most important ways we learn - Listening and Imitating.

Stay safe and have a wonderful weekend. As I've been writing - Let your light shine and Fear not!  
All my love, Patrick

#### The Reading and Listening Corner:

Poem: ["Wynken, Blynken, and Nod" by Eugene Field](#)  
Novel: [Outsider in Amsterdam by Janwillem van de Wetering](#)  
Non Fiction: [The Sun King : Louis XIV at Versailles](#)  
Non Fiction: [Bach: Music in the Castle of Heaven](#)  
Art: [matthijs röling](#)

#### Music:

[Anner Bylsma: Bach Cello Solo Nr.1, BWV 1007](#)  
[Mendelssohn - Symphony No. 4 A major Op. 90 "Italian"](#)  
[Schubert - Der Erlkönig](#)  
[Major-General's Song from The Pirates of Penzance](#)  
[Mozart Le Nozze di Figaro: Forgiveness and Reconciliation](#)  
["Just A Closer Walk"- Mahalia Jackson](#)  
[Walton - The Twelve](#)  
[Howells Take Him, Earth, For Cherishing](#)  
[SS Wesley: Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace](#)

#### Repeat News:

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

Have your choristers done any of the listening work down below? I know they are very busy with zoom school and all the other activities that have found a way to occur. If they pick one or two a week to listen to several times it will be so good for them. This music is good for the heart, the mind and the soul.

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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**\*WEEKDAY ZOOM CHOIR REHEARSALS.....**

Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

[The LINK](#)

The Password in case you need it: 770437

We will keep the same schedule as before.

Each day will comprise of two parts:

1. [The warm up and junior repertoire part from 4:00 - 4:25 p.m.](#)  
a five minute pause
2. [The senior rehearsals from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.](#)

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Just click on these and you are there. Once we start the music all choristers should turn off their mike at their computer. The difference in band width makes working in sync impossible, so we will be most successful if they just sing along with what comes through.

Choristers should [have the LINK of the music books](#) open on their desk tops. This page has all the music they need for the sessions in one place.

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**HOMEWORK FOR ALL CHORISTERS: Look - Listen and Learn!**

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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.

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**\*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.

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**\*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](#)

[Magnificat, Harold Friedell in F](#)

[Nunc Dimittis, Harold Friedell in F](#)

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!

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### **\*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.

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### **\*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:

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### **\*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 bloo**

Recruiting is never over and normally we would be starting that phase of the season now. The brochure has been posted to school fami  
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.

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## 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

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:  
[www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)  
CLICK: MUSIC  
CLICK: login  
User Name: helfenstein  
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