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excellence in music and God's love for all!



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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Greetings everyone, thank you for a lovely week of work and music making. Here come the Holidays! Gobble Gobble.

Please join me in thanking Karen Gorman and Mary Cannon for leading us in the Virtual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Well done everyone and thank you Karen and Mary for your bight and positive energy and leadership.

Welcome to Isla Popov who just joined the 2nd grade novice section of the choir. She had her first rehearsal on Wednesday and sang up a storm. Welcome to her and her whole family.

THIS SUNDAY 22 November - a small group of senior choristers will join the adult choir at the 11:00 service. The Optimae will be officially inducted by Father Waring. **Call is 9:30.**

Please let me know in advance if your senior plans to attend and sing, I need to be prepared with music and space for everyone to be safe and sound.

NEXT WEEK:

Choir Rehearsal only on Tuesday Morning.

The Week of 29 November - regular schedule. If anything changes I'll let you know.

Have a wonderful, peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday.
Stay safe and well, with all my love and gratitude, Patrick

Sunday 22 November, a special Sunday. See below for details.

**The Week of Thanksgiving: Rehearsal on Tuesday morning.
All other choir activities cancelled.**

**Future planning: December will be a little different this year.
Unless the government requires us to stop, all choir rehearsals will continue until GCS dismisses for Winter Break. This includes Novices and Juniors.**

**There will be no Community Carol Sing, Britten Evensong or
Chorister participation in the 8:00 Christmas Eve service this year.
If you have thoughts or ideas, please give them to me, but this seems to be the path we
are on.**

WOW WOW WOW

18th Annual Choir Pie Sale

Wow! The response to the virtual pie sale has been tremendous. Thank you for your support.

To buy these calorie-free pies, follow this link: [Choir Virtual Pie Sale](#)

TWO PROJECT CONCEPTS FOR FEEDBACK:

Please let me know your thoughts before Thanksgiving:

1. On Sunday 6 December at 7:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Family Caroling.

**A word/song sheet would be posted on the choir website for families to open and
with your mutes on, everyone sing as I play the piano**

- I know - it isn't perfect, but gather around the

Virtual Fire Place

with good cheer and as a family sing and have fun.

Once the singing is finished, we can unmute for some good cheer together.

What do you think? or is it trying too hard?

I'd love your feed back and suggestions.

2. A Spring Choir Concert - Virtual! The Combined Grace Church Choirs.

Novices and Juniors with Seniors - we would keep our special Choir Festival Week of rehearsals in February to prepare and record selections.

(I'm afraid without Dr. Rose this year, he isn't allowed out of the UK, in fact today he went back into lockdown. The good news is he and Mrs. Rose are safe and sound and his room has never been cleaner)

The Seniors with the Adults would also schedule one or two recording sessions to capture some of their favorite anthems.

All of this would be edited into a virtual concert broadcast and archived on the website.

What do you think? A special way to keep together, focus and share our music during this very unique and unusual time. The program should have a theme of healing and unity.

For all of these activities pandemic protocols will be followed.

We are blessed with a very big room to spread out in for the recording sessions - church closed - the reason to record and broadcast rather than a live concert(s) this year.

The novices will be promoted and awarded their surplices as part of the broadcast. Traditions will be continued.....

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To do so, please be in touch with PAllen to set up a seat for your chorister.

They need to be attending rehearsals in some fashion at least twice a week to prepare.

Warm up will be 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

No vestments

No processions

Choristers will be safe distanced with masks and shields in the north transept.

Adults will be across the church in the south transept.

High School Singers and Alumni are invited, please register with [P Allen](#) in advance for contact tracing and distancing preparations.

***PANDEMIC LINKS:**

[MUSIC LINK FOR ZOOMIES](#)

[PHOTOS OF LOCATIONS](#)

[With names just in case you don't know where something is!](#)

[MORNING REHEARSAL LINK](#), Password if needed: 922460

[AFTERNOON REHEARSAL LINK](#), Password if needed: 516484

[REHEARSAL WAVER DOWNLOAD](#)

[LINK FOR 5 PACK of face shields](#)

PA Cell phone in case you can't find us or need to get in: 917.733.5117

***SENIORS**

On Sunday 22 November at the 11:00 Service the Senior Boys and Girls will safely and from a distance join with the Adult Choir to sing the Anthems at the service and have Father Waring commission the Optima. 9:30 a.m. warm up in the Church

The Choir of Men and Boys

Jonas Coats, Optimus
Christopher Diveki, Optimus
Theo Cannon, Lead

The Girls' Choir

Maeve Cannon, Optima
Vivienne Skrypek, Optima
Tess Gola, Lead
Clementine McCoy, Chaplain-Librarian

Tuesday through Friday Morning Rehearsals, Live or Zoom

Chantry Gate opens at 7:15 a.m., temperature check, enter at the Honor Room Door, wash hands, come to Chantry.

Rehearsal 7:30 - 8:25 a.m.

Dismiss from Chantry Door to Chantry Broadway Gate, walk to GCS Check in or "Broadway"

Friday After School Vocal Coaching, Afternoon Choir Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

Please sign up with Sign Up Genius, 2 choristers live are required for the session.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Chantry.

Check out of School walk around to the Chantry Gate, enter the Chantry Door for Choir Check in.

Flexibility: Seniors are welcome at all choir sessions morning and afternoon. Especially during this pandemic, choose what works for the rhythm of your family.

Just let PAllen know what you are doing so he won't worry and can be prepared to support you.

***JUNIORS**

Tuesday After School Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

(At this time 2nd grade novices are also welcome at this rehearsal)

At GCS dismissal until 4:00 p.m.

Please let P Allen know by 5:00 p.m. on Monday each week if you are planning to have your child attend and they are not on this list. If they will attend weekly, we will add them, if occasional, please communicate for each week. This is only necessary for GCS Students so teachers can be authorized to dismiss students to choir at the Huntington Close Gate.

Once students are dismissed from school they may not return.

Exception, if parents make arrangements with GASP for after school play at 4:00, with GCS permission and telling us the procedure, they may attend that program.

PARENTS and Non GCS Choristers, do not try to come through the school at any time. They are busy cleaning after dismissal.

ENTER AT THE BROADWAY Chantry Gate for all access to the Church.

ACCESS to the Church via the Honor Room Door in Huntington Close

Wash Hands

Take Seat

Enjoy your snack until rehearsal begins

PICK UP at 4:00 p.m. All parents or designated adult must come into the Honor Room to pick up their

Child. Parents should wait with careful distance in the Honor Room.

Please do not ask them to run out to the car.

Rehearsal officially runs from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday Choir Rehearsal Dismissal List

of GCS Students

(Does not need to include non GCS Students, this is for dismissal purposes at GCS)

For 11 October

Based on who attended on the 29th of September

It's never too late to add in.....

GIRLS Name / Grade

Eva Dixon 5th

Abby Gomez 5th

Annabelle Grace 5th

Bellamy Stapleton 4th

Kiera Cryan 3rd

Lily Dixon 3rd

Claire Min 3rd

BOYS Name / Grade

Sander Olinick 5th

Pablo Bordes 4th

Eamonn Hynes 4th

James Gomez 3rd

Jack Jedlicka 3rd

Wallace Lai 3rd

Austin Lai 3rd

Thatcher Olinick 3rd

Luka Tanjga 3rd

James West 3rd

***NOVICES**

Rehearsals on Wednesday's after GCS dismissal.

GCS Students will be brought by their class to the Honor Gate where I will meet them and take them into the Honor Room.

Choristers coming from outside GCS will come up the path from the Chantry Broadway Gate to the Honor Room.

There at a safe distance we will take temperatures, wash hands and have a snack.

Then we will go slowly, single file into the Chantry put on our protective shields with our masks and practice.

Each chorister will have their own seat, music, pencil and shield that only they will touch.

Between rehearsals they will live on the rack under their chair.

I think the first couple of sessions could go until 4:00. Let's see how it goes.

That may be too much for them, we might shorten it a little bit.

Dismissal will be from the Chantry.

Parents enter from the main doors of the Chantry, you will hear us and we will dismiss from there one family at a time.

Once rehearsal begins I will lock the honor room door to the garden for security.

The main Chantry doors will be open for the whole rehearsal to let fresh air move more freely.

When the Wednesday Section fills up we can open up a second section on Thursdays at GCS dismissal.

We might even make one boys and one girls, but that is getting ahead of ourselves.

Girls / 2nd grade

Amy Johnson

Josephine Lewis

Claire Pederson

Isla Popov

Boys / 2nd grade

Grayson Hurd

William Naples

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

If you are interested in doing so singing/coaching, contact P Allen directly to schedule something.

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***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGN UP GENIUS**

Sign up genius has three links this year. Please note.

-Pandemic Parent Support for Rehearsals.

-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:

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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 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.

Help 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 Words for 2020-2021 - SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY!

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 Community.

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](#)

[LINK PANDEMIC PARENT SUPPORT FOR REHEARSALS SIGN UP GENIUS](#)

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