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excellence in music and God's love for all!



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**[Link for the Livestream of the Festival Concert Sunday 6 February at 4:00 p.m.](#)**

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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

**Happy Cold Friday everyone. I hope you've had a safe, well and peaceful week.**

White smoke! Thank you to everyone who has turned in their trip survey's. We are at the healthy number of 54 participants with a ceiling of 60, so we are a go! The committee is gathering a little more information following which we will have probably by zoom a question and answer and information session to take us to the next steps of making the tour reality. Thank you everyone, especially our committee that has been working so hard on everything.

Parents, there could be no choir program without you. Please.....

1. Always feel free to sit in on rehearsals and listen and observe.
2. Sign up if you are a senior parent to be a helper on Sunday morning.

[Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link](#)

1. Come to church and listen to your children sing.....they want to sing for you!
2. Sign up if you are a senior parent to produce a Sunday lunch, sign up with a parent friend and do it together! [Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link](#)
3. Sign up to be a choir parent helper for the Treble Festival coming up. With that many choristers in the room, I need your help. They practice a lot of joy and need our support.

[Choir Parent Helper Sign up Link](#)

Third Grade Chorister Families, remember your chorister will be promoted at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday 30 January.

Plan ahead for the Festival of Music for Treble Voices, it is very important, fun and special.

Have a wonderful, warm and safe weekend.

Love, hugs, prayers and smiles!

Let you light shine and heal the world!

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**Most up to date Covid Protocol Information**  
(based on the most recent communication issued by GCS)

#### **Return from Positive Test Quarantine**

Fully vaccinated people who test positive for Covid-19 must quarantine and isolate. They may return to in-person after **five days** from the date of their positive test (day zero) if they are symptom free, have had no fever for 24 hours and are feeling well.

Counting days begins from the date of the positive test, which is day zero. On the sixth day, students may return if they are symptom free, have had no fever for 24 hours and are feeling well.

#### **Return from Household Quarantine**

If a fully vaccinated person lives with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, they can return after five days if they are symptom free AND present a negative test taken after the fifth day.

#### **Exposure**

Fully vaccinated choristers who are vaccinated and boosted who are exposed to Covid-19 by a contact from outside of their household do not have to quarantine. They must monitor their symptoms closely and get tested on the fifth day from exposure.

Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated people who are exposed as a close contact (indoors, unmasked for 15 or more minutes in a 24-hour period), must quarantine for 5 days.

#### **Masking**

Masks will continue to be required at all times. All members of the community should wear properly fitting KN95, N95, or surgical masks moving forward. The data suggest that these

masks provide much more protection than cloth masks especially against the more contagious Omicron variant. These masks are readily available at drug stores and from online retailers.

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**\*THIS WEEKEND:**

**Sunday: 23rd January: The Choir of Men and Boys singing.  
Seniors Required.  
Juniors Optional and encouraged.**

**10:00 Call, enter and exit from main Church doors on Broadway  
11:00 Service  
Lunch after Church for Boys**

**1:00 - 3:00 Rehearsal in the Church for all Senior Choristers (Boys and Girls)  
Boys Required  
Girls Encouraged**

**Come and go from the main church doors on Broadway.**

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**NEXT WEEK:**

**Tuesday:**

**7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.  
7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal**

**At GCS Dismissal, After School Vocal Coaching by sign up genius(see below) until  
4:30 p.m.**

**4:45 - 5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Snack time in the Honor Room.  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal (Boys and Girls 4 - 5th grades) with  
Senior Mentors. (Enter and Exit, GCS Gate to Huntington Close and Broadway Chantry  
Gate) (No Evensong)**

**Wednesday:**

**7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.  
7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Girls Rehearsal**

**At GCS Dismissal, Novice Chorister Rehearsal in the Chantry to 4:00 p.m.  
(Girls, 2nd and 3rd grades) with Senior Mentors  
*Pick up in Huntington Close/Honor Room, enter at the Chantry Broadway Gate.***

**Thursday:**

**7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.  
7:20 - 8:10 a.m. **Junior** and Senior Boys Rehearsal**

**It is so important for the Junior Choristers to have this rehearsal time together with  
the Senior Choristers, please make an effort, all Junior Boys need to attend.**

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**COMING UP:**

Sunday 30 January, The Combined Novice and Jr Choristers with Senior and HS Mentors singing at 11:00 a.m. The promotion of 3rd grade novices to Junior!

Sunday 6 February, The Adult Choir singing at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 6 February, The Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices with Dr. Barry Rose and the promotion of Third Grade Novices to Junior at 4:00 p.m.

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**FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES 1-6 FEBRUARY, 2022**

The promotion of 3rd grade Novices to Juniors will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Service on Sunday 30 January rather than at the concert. The Novices and Juniors are already scheduled to sing that morning (2nd time of the 3!)

The Senior Girls were originally scheduled to sing on Sunday morning 6 February. That is cancelled, the Adults will sing in the morning. All Girls and HS Singers should sing and support the Festival Concert that afternoon.

There will be no morning rehearsals the week of February 1 - 4 we will put all our energy and focus into the afternoon sessions. All Choristers are expected to participate.

Parents to make the revised festival safe and run smoothly I need your help. Please consider signing up for an hour as a choir parent volunteer. I need help all week. We will need extra help on Saturday and Sunday putting on and hanging up our vestments for the photo shoot and concert.

Choristers coming from GCS during the week will enter from GCS, Huntington Close gate.

Choristers coming from outside GCS should enter at 802 Broadway and come into the Church via the font/north aisle door.

Pick up will be from the Honor Room into Huntington Close and out to the Broadway Gate. The Gate will be unlocked at both dismissal times but remain locked otherwise.

Call, don't text, P. A.'s cell if you can't get in. He won't see texts.  
917-733-5117

**Revised Rehearsal Schedule for the Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices  
February 1 - 6, 2022  
Required for everyone.**

**Tuesday:**

**3:00 – 4:15 Second, Third Grade Choristers  
5:00 – 6:30 Fourth through every Grade Above 3rd Choristers**

**Wednesday through Friday**

**All Novice Choristers (Grades 2 and 3) 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

**Fourth through every Grade Above 3rd Choristers**

3:20 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:45 – Noon

Enter and Exit from the Broadway/Chantry Gate:

**Dress Rehearsal for Concert – All Choristers Singing  
Absolutely required to be able to sing the concert.**

**Annual Yearbook Photos to be taken towards the end of the rehearsal.**

Sunday Call at 2:15, Concert at 4:00

Enter and Exit from the main doors of the Church on Broadway

**No Reception after the concert this year due to covid safety.**

**HS Singers invited to participate and mentor as much as they are able.  
Let me know when you are coming (even day of)  
so I can be prepared with your music and seat.**

**Choir Parent Helper Sign up Link**

**How I met Dr. Rose, a little more info.....**

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**SUMMER TOUR CORNER:**

**The Summer Tour planning process has begun.**

**Out dates:**

**Assembling in the designated location for an opening dinner on 17 June.  
Final dinner before departure on 24 June.**

**The winning destinations: Berlin - Krakow  
Please turn in your trip surveys asap.**

**Ask P. Allen and members of our Mighty Tour Planning Committee lots of questions,  
don't be shy. The more we communicate the better the planning and quicker the  
planning will go.**

**Big Shout Out to our Planning Committee!**

**Marlaine Olinick**

**Karen Gorman**

**Mary Cannon**

**Veronica Maginnis**

**Tunde Csonka**

**The Tour Committee oversees and coordinates, we all participate in the work and  
offering of the tour, so see them as your resource and be prepared to volunteer to help  
with the many tasks involved in producing a concert tour. It's so fun!**

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**\*All things Covid....**

**We follow the guidelines and protocols established by Grace Church  
School.**

**\* Everyone over the age of 12 must be vaccinated a minimum of two weeks  
prior to first rehearsal.**

**\*Anyone ineligible for the vaccine or under 12 must have had a negative covid test not more than 72 hours prior to first rehearsal. If your child is a Grace Church School student, their school test submission is sufficient. If your child attends another school, please [submit](#) negative test results [here](#).**

**[Update from NY State via B. Reilly 28 August 2021](#)**

**[Covid Update from GCS, George Davison 24 August 2021](#)**

**\*Masks will be worn at all times indoors.**

**\*When singing a six foot distance will be maintained between singers.**

**Most Recent Update: 7 January based on the communication issued today by GCS.**

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### **Important Links:**

**[General Choir Orientation Materials 2021-2022](#)**

**[Jr/Novice Orientation Materials 2021 - 2022](#)**

**[Senior Boys Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)**

**[Junior Boys Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)**

**[Novice Boys Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)**

**[Senior Girls Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)**

**[Junior Girls Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)**

**[Novice Girls Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)**

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**[The Choir Handbook.](#)**

The Handbook was created when we revised the whole training curriculum of the choir many years ago.

Creating the Handbook was the original reason to establish the Choir Steering Committee which has continued to be so much a part of our life since that time. It was once passed out each new season, but went green and onto the website where it still lives in the choir family area.

The Handbook defines our community, our purpose, who we are and how we are organized. At the time we thought that this would help focus our purpose and commitment to one another as the choir community and it worked brilliantly. It's content lies at the foundation of all we are and do. I just remind all of it's presence and purpose. It is always there for you to review.

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

Sign up genius has three links this year.

- 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:  
Music at Grace Church in New York

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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.

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**CHOIR ESSENTIALS**

**The Choir Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!**

**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](#)**

**[Choir Handbook](#)**

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### **\*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**

**Password:**

**Stanfordlives1894**

**Contact:**

**[Patrick Allen](#)**

**[Music at Grace Church in New York](#)**

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**[The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector](#)**

**[The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector](#)**

**[The Reverend Thomas Szczerba , Assistant Rector](#)**

**[Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers](#)**

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