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excellence in music and God's love for all!



## **The Choir Family News**

### **The Choirs of Grace Church in New York**

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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

**Where has October flown? Be safe and have fun over the Halloween Celebrations.**

**Thank you all for your love and prayers watching over me this week. The cataract surgery went great. The brightness and colors of the world that I had no idea were missing from my sight are overwhelming. What a miracle.**

It's that time for the **20th Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser** to support the Choir Special Projects Fund. Karen Gorman and Sunshine Gola have done a tremendous job updating our fundraiser in these days post Covid lockdown. Join me in a big shout out of love and gratitude. [The Link to the Fundraiser info.](#)

Please join me in thanking **Marc Fader** for taking some stunning photos of the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday afternoon. [Take a look.](#) Many many thanks Marc for sharing your artistry with us.

**Important Dates coming up:**

- All Saints' Sunday on 6 November
- The Thanksgiving CSP Fund Fundraiser
- GCS Sunday on 20 November
- First Novice/Junior Sunday 11 a.m. on 4 December
- The Annual Choir Christmas Party returns to the GCS Dining Room 4 December early evening.
- Community Carol Sing 12:15 p.m. on 7 December
- Britten, A Ceremony of Carols on 11 December at 4:00
- A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m.
- Amahl and the Night Visitors on Sunday 8 January at 4:00 p.m.

### **Alumni of the Choirs**

Join us and sing for GCS Sunday on November 20th.

Call is 10:00 in the Church, Service at 11:00

Please let me know if you can ahead of time so I can prepare enough music for everyone.

This year is very special. Dress will be Sunday Suits and Dresses.

**Reminder - Choir Dress for Sundays.** The live stream viewers noticed and sent in comments (with a smile) from as far away as North Carolina.

*Dress Code for Services and Offerings.*

*Boys.* Black or navy dress shoes (no sneakers, open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs or flip flops) with black or blue socks, white collared shirt and tie, black or navy pants (no khaki)

*Girls.* Black or navy dress shoes (no sneakers, open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs or flip flops), white, black or navy socks or tights or nude-colored hose, dress or skirt that is appropriate for church, no collar showing above the cassock except a simple white collar, no noticeable hair ornaments.

*Choir Clothes Closet.* Appropriate clothes available for borrowing. Helpers needed to revive the closet and freshen everything up, please speak with PAllen.

**Morning rehearsal arrivals:**

Going forward at 7:20 the Honor Room Door from Huntington Close will be locked. If you are running late, enter at the main doors of GCS and come around through the Tower into the Honor Room.

**Afternoon arrival and pick up:**

Arrival enter the Honor Room via GCS main doors on 4th Ave to the tower and into the Honor Room or from the Church into the Honor Room.

Pick up, enter the Honor Room via GCS main doors on 4th Ave to the tower and into the Honor Room or from the Church into the Honor Room.

The outside gates will now remain locked for security purposes.

After a long absence, **Choral Evensong on Tuesday** has returned. No Evensong on the 25th, but we will resume on November 1st in the Church at 6:00 p.m. This gentle evening service takes place every Tuesday (mostly) when GCS is in session from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

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**\*THIS SUNDAY 30 October**

**The Girls Choir with HS Singers and Adults singing.**

**Seniors Required**

**Novice and Juniors strongly recommended**

**9:45 call**

**10:00 Warm up**

**11:00 Service**

**1:00 - 3:00 Senior Girls, REQUIRED for all Senior Girls**

**Adult Ladies will join us to rehearse the Britten Ceremony of Carols**

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**\*THE WEEK of 30 October**

**• Tuesday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal.**

**Breakfast Club in the Honor room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.**

**• Tuesday Afternoon 3:20 – 4:30 p.m.**

**After School Voice Coaching in the Chantry.**

**• Tuesday Afternoon – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Junior Boy and Girls Chorister**

**Rehearsal (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys)**

***Evensong takes place October to December and February to May.***

**• Tuesday Afternoon – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Choral Evensong in the Church by the Junior**

***Choristers (Senior Mentors always welcome). Open to the Public.***

**• Wednesday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Girl Rehearsal.**

**Breakfast Club in the Honor room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.**

**• Wednesday Afternoon – 3:00 to 4:15 pm. Novice Girls Rehearsal.**

***(2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)***

**• Thursday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Junior (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Senior Boy**

**Rehearsal in the Church.**

**Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.**

**• Thursday Afternoon – 3:00 to 4:15 pm. Novice Boys Rehearsal.**

***(2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)***

**• Friday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Junior (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Senior Girl**

**Rehearsal in the Church.**

**Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.**

**• Friday Afternoons, Dismissal until 4:00 p.m.**

**After School Voice Coaching in the Chantry.**

**Register on Sign up Genius - SIGN UP REQUIRED**

**• Sunday Morning 6 November**

**The Combined Choirs singing**

**Seniors Required**

**Novice and Juniors strongly recommended**

**9:45 call**

**10:00 Warm up**

**11:00 Service**

No Lunch or afternoon rehearsal today

4:00 p.m. The Adult Choir offers Choral Evensong featuring REQUIEM by G. Faure.

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[The Thanksgiving Choir Fundraiser](#)

[Choir Orientation and 2022-2023 Schedules, Information and Links](#)

[Choir Parent Captains Link](#)

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Parents are always welcome at rehearsals

Safe Church - Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors a place that is free of abuse and harassment.

If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us.

Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

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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 we would be entering 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 Words for 2022-2023 - Remember/ In Sync.

Spring 2022 and Choir Tour Motto - Brand New Day!  
The Tour of Love and Light

The Choir Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!

The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFETY 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](#)  
[The Choir Handbook](#)

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

[www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)

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