

# A community for everyone celebrating excellence in music and God's love for all!



- \*P. Allen Greetings
- \*Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 November, ECW Christmas Fair
- \*Sunday 10 November: The Choir of Men and Boys
- \*Sunday 17 November: The Choir of Adults and Ğirls with HS Singers
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\*P. Allen Greetings -

Greetings to all on this chilly Friday.

# I hope everyone is well, be good to yourselves, get your rest.

This Weekend is the ECW Christmas Fair, we have a fundraising table to support the CSP Fund, with, a bake sale and some fun crafts items. Please see the email blast to sign up and support this fun event. The Fair is really lovely, stop by Dana and Stacy's table also!

We are also kicking off our fall fundraising - used to be pies and chocolate - it's transforming into a holiday sale focusing on wrapping paper and also other items. Look for that blast with info to come out very soon.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend, love, p.

Parents, I need your help. Would you assist your chorister in hanging up their vestments for the coming month or so to teach a good procedure?

- 1. Put surplice/white on the correct hanger.
- 2. Put cassock/black over the white on same hanger.
- 3. Button top two buttons of cassock very important.
- 4. Place hanger in the correct spot on the rack in number order neatly.

If we can get this procedure learned as a habit our vestments will wear better when on us and last longer. Many thanks.

<u>Parents, please sign up to be a choir parent helper, breakfast provider or special activity volunteer.</u> It takes a community!

Start up is officially over, recruiting never stops....time to reduce content in the newsletter. <u>Please use this link to find materials in the September issues you may want to access such as the orientation materials and other information.</u>

#### **INSTAGRAM**

choirs.music.gracechurchnyc

Laundry Tip: the robes are a synthetic material for ease of throwing in the wash and dryer. If you pull them out of the dryer as soon as they are dry and hang them up they don't wrinkle. No amount of ironing takes out the wrinkles, the fabric is designed to be hung up warm.

\*THIS SUNDAY
Sunday Morning 10 November, The Choir of Men and Boys

7:00 a.m. Rehearsal (Final one for 2024) 8:45 a.m. Breakfast in Honor Room and free time 9:45 a.m. warm up 11:00 a.m. service

#### CHOIR DRESS CODE

**Boy Choir Dress Code for Services & Concerts** 

Appropriate church clothes. Specifically,

- Dress Shoes: Black (NO sneakers)
  - Socks: Black or Navy socks
- Pants: Black or Navy (NO khaki)
  - Shirt: White Collared Shirt

## **Girls Choir Dress Code for Services & Concerts**

Appropriate church clothes. Specifically,
• Dress Shoes: Black or Navy

(NO sneakers, open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs or flip flops)

- Socks/Tights/Hose: White, black or navy socks or tights; nude-colored hose.
   Dress / Skirt
  - Shirt: No collar showing above the cassock except a simple white collar Hair: No noticeable hair ornaments

Choir Closet for Boys & Girls Choirs
Appropriate clothes available for borrowing
We are always looking for in good shape hand me downs
to grow our clothes and shoe closets. No socks please!

#### This Week's Choir Schedule

• Tuesday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal. Breakfast Club in the Honor room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m. (Novice Boys (2nd and 3rd grade) always welcome at morning practices, pace yourselves, try to attend one a week in addition to your Thursday practice)

Tuesday Afternoon – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Junior Boy and Girls Chorister Rehearsal (4<sup>th</sup> and 5th grade girls and boys) Evensong takes place October to December and January to May. Evensong today! 6:00 in the Church (Senior mentors always welcome)

- Wednesday no choir activities, GCS Parent Conferences, no classes today.
- Thursday Morning 7:00-8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Boys Rehearsal Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00-7:20 a.m.
- Thursday Afternoon, 3:00 4:15 p.m.
   Parents, please let your chorister's teacher know to dismiss him to choir.
   Novice Boys Rehearsals. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
   Required for Boy Novices. Gather and dismiss in the Honor Room.
- Friday Morning 7:00 8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Girl Rehearsal. Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 7:20 a.m. (Novice Girls (2nd and 3rd grade) always welcome at morning practices, pace yourselves, try to attend one a week in addition to your Thursday practice)
- Friday Morning 8:15 8:45 a.m. HS Gentlemen of the Choir Rehearsal in the Chantry.
- Sunday Morning 17 November, The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

7:00 a.m. Rehearsal (Final one for 2024) - HS Singers and Boys invited.

• Focus GCS Sunday and Christmas Music

8:45 a.m. Breakfast in Honor Room and free time

9:45 a.m. warm up

11:00 a.m. service

### 2. Choir Orientation Materials

\*IMPORTANT LINKS:

The Google Choir Schedule Calendar Link
Choir Orientation Materials
Recruiting is never over!
Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link
Choir Event Chairs/planning groups
The Choir Handbook

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 <a href="https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/">https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/</a> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

## \*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.

Help spread the word by sending this link to families interested in joining and have them 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 2024-2025 - Excellence and Community

The Choir Words for 2023-2024 - Teamwork and Precision

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 - 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! Google Cal Link to all Choir Schedules

## **Choir Handbook**

## \*IMPORTANT LINKS:

The Google Choir Schedule Calendar Link
Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link
Sign Up Genius Community Special Events Leaders

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

www.gracechurchnyc.org

CLICK: MUSIC CLICK: login

**User Name: helfenstein** 

Password:

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Contact:
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The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector
The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector
The Reverend James Morton, Assistant Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

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