



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



- *P. Allen Greetings
- *Saturday 14 December, Dress Rehearsal for all girls, Britten
- *Sunday 15 December, Morning, The Choir of Men and Boys
- *Sunday 15 December, 4:00 p.m. All Girls and HS and Alumni Ladies with Adult Ladies, Britten, A Ceremony of Carols
- *Wednesday 18 December: 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for HS Singers with Adult Choir
- *Thursday 19 December: 5:45 call for Choristers, 6:30 call for HS Singers and Adults, Dress Rehearsal for Carol Service
- *Sunday 22 December, The Adult Choir
- *Tuesday 24 December, Everyone, 6:45 Call, 8:00 Service
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*P. Allen Greetings -

Happy Chilly Friday,
Lots going on, please get your rest and stay healthy.

Bravo Bellamy on a brilliant offering of "The Snowman" with the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra last weekend. Well done!

Bravo Choristers on a beautiful Carol Sing on Wednesday.
Lovely singing and festive cheer for all assembled.

Bravo Cast of the School play on a wonderful run of performances and to all our GCS musicians on the many assemblies and musical offerings.

Thank you to ECW members Helen DuBois, Betty Graber and Shingmin Lai for helping us with the ice cream at the Community Carol Sing on Wednesday.

Fa la la la, such a beautiful gathering last Sunday evening. Shoutout with so much gratitude to all who donated, volunteered and support the Annual Christmas Party.

A special SHOUTOUT to Larissa Romans and Robina McEwen for Co Chairing and organizing this special gathering. A Cozy and Special Night. The Meal and Caroling superb and the company Merry and loving.

Did you notice our new Choir Tree and the beautiful new table runners?

Here we go, the final race towards Christmas and the winter holiday. Stay safe and well and have a jolly and blessed season.

Season's Greetings!
Have a wonderful Holiday 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.

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

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

INSTAGRAM

[choirs.music.gracechurchnyc](https://www.instagram.com/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 SATURDAY and SUNDAY**

• *Saturday - 1:15-3:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for the Britten Evensong, All Girls Required*

• *Sunday Morning 15 December, The Choir of Men and Boys*

9:45 a.m. warm up
11:00 a.m. service

• *Sunday Afternoon 15 December, The Girls' Choir with HS Singers, Alumni and the Adult Ladies, A CEREMONY OF CAROLS, Britten,*

2:15 p.m. warm up
4:00 p.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
- Tie

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

The week of 16 December to 24 December, Let it Snow!

- *Tuesday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal*
Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

- Tuesday Afternoon – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Junior Boy and Girls Chorister*
Rehearsal (4th 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 Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Girl Rehearsal*
Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

- *Wednesday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., HS Singers rehearsal for Christmas Eve with Adult*
Choir in the Chantry.

- *Thursday Evening, 5:45 - 9:00 p.m., Dress Rehearsal for the Carol Service*
Christmas Eve. All Choristers in the Church

- *Thursday Evening, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Dress Rehearsal for the Carol Service*
Christmas Eve. All HS Singers and Adult Choir in the Church

- *Sunday 22 December, Morning Service, The Adult Choir*

- *Tuesday Evening 24 December, Everyone Singing*
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
6:45 p.m. warm up
8:00 p.m. service

Coming Up Soon

12 January, 4:00 Amahl and the Night Visitors
Eva Dixon as Amahl

The week of February 4 - 9
The Annual Festival of Music for Treble Voices
Everyone singing

2024-2025 Schedule of the Choir

1. [Kathy's Platform to view the google cal schedules.](#)
 2. [Choir Orientation Materials](#)
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***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 <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> 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](#)

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

[Sign Up Genius Community Special Events Leaders](#)

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