

SERVING TODAY

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 a.m. Terry Morgan
 10:00 a.m. Rosemarie Buxton, Anne Stevens

Prayer Ministers: Cheryl Cronin

Acolytes:

8:00 a.m. Jim Walker
 10:00 a.m. Ashley Lamontagne, Phil Igoe,
 Edward Romagnoli, Samantha Stettiner

Lectors:

8:00 a.m. Sarah Morissette
 10:00 a.m. Iris Roskell, Peter Macy

Prayers of the People:

8:00 a.m. Sarah Morissette
 10:00 a.m. Iris Roskell

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. Jim Dodson
 10:00 a.m. Linda Cleary, Matt Lennon
 Clarkson Williams, Michael Calhoun



THE SUNDAY PROPHET

The Parish of Christ Church
 Andover, Massachusetts

May 17, 2009

It is the Vision of Christ Church to be an open, welcoming Episcopal congregation living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to nurture our spiritual growth through worship and prayer, learning and teaching, support and service. We aspire to put God's love into action within our own lives, in our congregation and in our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors and newcomers! Please visit our Welcome table in the Narthex Lobby and join us in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. service for refreshments and fellowship. Please fill out a red card in the pew so we may welcome you in a more personal way.

Guest Preacher today - Dr. Ruy Costa, Executive Director of Episcopal City Mission (ECM), our diocesan public policy arm, will be our preacher today. ECM has long been an organization that effectively mobilizes Episcopalians in eastern Massachusetts to advocate for the most marginal in our society. He will also speak at the Forum today.

Do you speak a foreign language? We are looking for people in the parish who can speak another language to announce the words of the Peace: "The peace of the Lord be always with you" in that other language on Pentecost, May 31st. This is to remember the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in Acts 2 when their message was heard in the different languages of the people that had gathered in Jerusalem. It would be great to have as many languages as possible. We will also print all of them in the bulletin. Please contact Adam if you would like to participate.

Please join Alex Novello and fellow vocalist, Rachel Kornetsky, today at 4 p.m. for an afternoon of music. Both Alex and Rachel are pursuing voice performance in college and are bidding farewell to their friends and family with a joint senior recital. Musical selections include works by Mozart, Donaudy, Schubert, Faure, Debussy, Barber, Copland, Vaughan Williams, and others. A light reception will follow

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers - The Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity has asked Christ Church for volunteers to work on one of its building projects on June 6. Please contact David Tringali at (978) 409-1330 or david_tringali@verizon.net if you are interested or want more information.

OUR STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Jeffrey Shilling Gill
Assistant Rector	The Rev. Adam J. Shoemaker
Sabbatical Interim Priest	The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Alice Mann
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Sexton	Mark Pomerleau
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Kripalu Yoga Dance Benefit for Christ Church and Esperanza Academy today at 1 p.m. - Come and bring your friends and family for an hour of fun stretching and “delicious” movement to world music! Adults, teens, and children 7+ with parents. Donations accepted. Call or see Cheryl Cronin for more info-978-686-8665.

Ascension Day Holy Eucharist - Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the North Chapel. All are welcome!

Strawberry Festival - On Sunday, June 7th, we'll have our annual Strawberry Festival immediately following our Teacher Appreciation Sunday at the 10 a.m. service. We will provide sandwiches and drinks and all are encouraged to bring a strawberry based dessert to share. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall so that you can tell us what food you are bringing. We'll be outdoors in the front courtyard for this parish-wide picnic (weather permitting). This is a wonderful spring event and a nice way to wrap up another “program year” at Christ Church.

Jeff's Blog - Several people have asked us to reprint the web address of Jeff's blog about his sabbatical. Go to www.jeffgilljourney.blogspot.com to read his entries and see a map of the places he is going. You can also send a comment to him through the blog. It is fascinating reading.

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School – July 27-30 This summer, Christ Church, South Church, and West Parish are sponsoring an intergenerational Vacation Bible School to be held at South Church from July 27th-July 30th. This event will be held from 5:30-8:15 p.m. and begin with dinner and an all-ages introduction to the evening's theme (based upon a particular passage of scripture) before adults and children are broken up into different groups. Each evening will conclude with another all-ages gathering. To register for this event, please fill out the form found in this month's issue of *The Prophet* and return it to Adam at the Glebe House. We are also looking for teens and adult volunteers to help with the set-up and running of this event. There are many ways – big and small – that you might be able help. If you are interested in volunteering, please note that on the registration form or speak directly with Adam.

2009 Graduates - Please notify Debbie Moskal at 978-475-0529 ext. 10 or dmoskal@christchurchandover.org if you have a high school or college graduating senior so that we can recognize them during our service on June 7th and in the summer issue of the *Prophet* published in June.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Jim Ryley, Theda Leonard, Olga Palenski, Laura Crabtree,
Marjorie Whiting, Irene Salvi, Dick Sweitzer, Sara Saldana

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 17, 2009

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Baptismal Prep/Parlor
9:45AM Childcare/Church School
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
11:30 AM *Episcopal City Mission* forum
1:00 PM Kripalu Yoga Dance/Meeting Room
4:00 PM Alex Novello Senior Recital
6:00 PM J2A/Meeting Room

Monday, May 18, 2009 - Glebe House Office Closed

8:00 PM Men's Ministry/Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

All Day Staff Retreat/Glebe House Office Closed
7:00 AM Bible Study/Meeting Room
10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Parish Hall
7:00 PM Vestry/Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing/North Chapel
10:00 AM Shawl Knitting Ministry/Parlor
10:00 AM Christ Church Children's Center/Meeting Room
10:30 AM AA/Parish Hall
7:30 PM Al Anon Annual Mtg/Parish Hall

Thursday, May 21, 2009 - Ascension Day

3:30 PM Edgewood Service
6:00 PM Troup 79 Eagle Court of Honor/Parish Hall, Kitchen
6:30 PM Ascension Day Eucharist/North Chapel
6:30 PM Adoptive Families Together/Youth Room
7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting/Meeting Room
7:30 PM Parish Choir

Friday, May 22, 2009

All Day Glebe House Office Closed for Memorial Day Weekend
9:00 AM Christ Church Children's Center/Parish Hall

Saturday, May 23, 2009

10 AM - 2 PM Thrift Shop Open/10 Park Street St., Andover
2:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Baptismal Prep/Parlor
9:45AM Childcare
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Sermon
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
3:00 PM Langlais/Bularzik wedding