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*Choral*   
Evensong

sung by the  
Christ Church Choir

*illuminating the Word of God  
through sacred musical settings by*

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*and*  
Craig Phillips

Sunday, March 5, 2006 5 pm

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**The Rector**



Dear Friends,

Last fall we had thought to experiment with the choir chairs being turned to face the congregation instead of side-by-side facing each other. It was an experiment which had been recommended by the Music and Worship Committee on a trial basis. It had been observed after a choral concert last spring that when the chairs faced forward the sound of the choir was immeasurably improved. For several reasons we decided not to implement that recommendation last fall, but will do so for this coming Lent. Let me repeat what I wrote last fall regarding that experiment:

The tradition of choir pews facing each other originates with monastic choirs and the antiphonal chanting of the psalms. There was no congregation being “sung to” as the “choir” were the monks themselves singing to each other and to God. This arrangement was incorporated into those sections of English cathedrals we call the “choir” because most English cathedrals doubled as Benedictine monasteries (as did perhaps the most famous English church, Westminster Abbey). After the monasteries were dissolved by King Henry VIII, the development of English church music flourished, particularly in cathedrals where choirs of men and boys were established. The monastic antiphonal singing of the psalms in plainsong evolved into choirs of men and boys singing the psalms in Anglican chant which was and is a four-part harmony. Indeed, this is how our choir this summer chanted the psalms at Durham Cathedral.

That cathedral style—or as it’s sometimes known “collegiate style”—of architecture for the choir has been largely the model for many Episcopal churches, and certainly for the large Episcopal cathedrals in this country. Acoustically, however, it has great drawbacks, particularly in a church like Christ Church without a high, vaulted ceiling by which singing is so enhanced. Thus, our experiment here.

My advice: take some time to judge for yourselves whether the choral sound is improved and then tell us whether you like it or not. My first boss was a wise old rector who dealt with change by observing, “We say we know what we like, but we also like what we know and need time to make that distinction.”

Yours in Christ,

*Ned Prewett*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

LIFE IN CHRIST  
PARISH FORUM



SUNDAYS  
10:10 - 11 A.M.

## “Anglicanism 101”

Please join us on Sunday mornings in the McClain Room for the Parish Forum as we explore the foundations of Anglicanism and its changing face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**March 5 & 12** *How Our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies Carry Us through the Journey to Death and Resurrected Life*

This two part series will be led by The Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Meyers, who has taught liturgy at Seabury since 1995, will lead a discussion on the paschal mystery of the dying and rising again of Jesus Christ and how our participation in it is at the theological heart of the gospel. This liturgical celebration of this mystery is the principal event of the church year.

## March 19

Plan to attend a special Forum following the 9 a.m. service on the 19th to hear about the recommendations for the West Building. WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION!

LENTEN SERIES

Our Lenten Series begins on March 8. Please take a moment to look at the enclosed lavender insert highlighting the specifics of this year’s offerings.

# CURRENTS & TIDINGS



## Next Winnetka Interfaith Council Meeting to Include Teens

The next meeting of the Winnetka Interfaith Council will include teens from each congregation of our community. Christ Church’s representatives to the Council extend an invitation to all high schoolers who would like to come and learn more about the Council. Please call any of the four representatives: Sherry Gormanous, 827-256-0549, Susie Miller, 847-251-4621, Heath Missner, 853-9263 or Shirley Petry, 847-251-2656.

**The next meeting is at Christ Church, Tuesday, March 7 at 7:15 p.m.**



Please use the attached envelope to make your contributions for Easter Flowers or Music. Gifts must be received in the Parish Office by Friday, March 31 in order to be included in the Easter Day program.

# O U T R E A C H



## Lenten Saving Discipline for Adults AND Children

Giving up Starbucks for Lent? Chocolate? Are your children giving up a portion of their allowance? Why not drop that money into a Mite Box every week? It adds up in a hurry. All proceeds will go to our companion dioceses in Renk, Sudan and Southeast Mexico. Please pick up your family's Mite Boxes on the children's table in the Cloister or from the basket found at the back of the church. You will need one for each adult and each child in your family. Fortunately, we have a very large supply!



## STATE'S BIGGEST BABY SHOWER

## Collection Boxes Ready!

To celebrate the first **National Safe Haven Law Awareness Day**, the Junior League of Evanston-North Shore, in conjunction with the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation, will be hosting the **state's biggest baby shower**. The event is designed to publicize the law in Illinois and many other states that provides a safe and legal alternative to unsafe abandonment of newborns.

Since the law was passed in Illinois, 20 babies have been safely relinquished and have been placed with loving adoptive parents. Sadly, because the law has not been publicized, 41 babies have been unsafely abandoned during that same time period, and, of those, 21 have died as the result of unsafe abandonment. Please consider donating baby items such as formula, diapers, and other baby necessities

(in unopened packages) to be distributed to area shelters that focus on women and children in crisis. Collection boxes will be in the parish house and at the church during the month of March. If you have any questions, please call John Canfield, Jr. at 446-4103.



## MAILING LIST MAINTENANCE



If your address, phone number or email address has changed, or if you no longer wish to receive *The Parish Paper*, please notify Rena Kowalski at [rena@hristchurchwinnetka.org](mailto:rena@hristchurchwinnetka.org) or 847-446-2850 so that we may keep our records updated.

Also, if you are NOT receiving the e-mailed version of *The Parish Paper* (in the middle of the month) and would like to do so, please give Rena your e-mail address.

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### Worship

**Sundays:** 7:45 am HE; 9 am HE & Young

Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:10 Adult &

Children's Formation; 11:15 am HE or MP &

HC (3rd Sunday with healing) (Church on the Hill)

**Wednesdays:** 9:30 am HE (Chapel)

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