Christ Church
Youth Choir
2019-20

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ATTENDANCE POLICY
Please email or call in advance if your child will be absent from a rehearsal or service.
Choristers should always arrive a few minutes early for rehearsals and services.
Singing begins promptly at the scheduled time.

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP
We need YOU to help with the work of our choir! If you’d like to help, please don’t hesitate to contact Richard Clemmitt at rclemmitt@christchurchwinnetka.org or 847-347-9967.

Choir Angels
As scheduled or at other times, at your convenience
Sorting and filing choral music, helping to prepare mailings, collating paper handouts – all essential and much-appreciated help for the smooth functioning of our Choir. If you’d like to help on a date listed below, please contact Richard Clemmitt in advance. You are invited to help as much or as little as you like, as your schedule permits. Choir Angel meetings are held on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Choir Room. Following are our meeting dates for this season:

- September 10
- October 15
- November 5
- December 3
- January 14
- February 4 & 18
- March 3
- April 21
- May 12

Robe Repair
As needed and as you are able
Helping to maintain our choir robes by mending buttons, sewing ripped seams, etc.

Choir Dinners & Pizza Parties
As needed and as you are able
Helping to purchase and prepare salads and desserts.
Christ Church is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (www.rscmarmerica.org), an international organization based in England that fosters excellence in Christian musical training. Following RSCM guidelines, the girls and boys in our choir work through graded ranks with the aim of achieving musical excellence. A child can join the choir knowing nothing about singing and soon develop a fine singing voice and the ability to read music at sight.

The ranks are, from the beginning:

- Cassock only
- Cassock and Surplice
- Light Blue Ribbon
- Dark Blue Ribbon
- Green Ribbon
- Red Ribbon
- Head Choristers

Choristers also wear crosses to show years of service in the choir:

- Silver Cross (Three years)
- Gold Cross (Five years)

Psallam spiritu et mente.
(I will sing with the spirit and with understanding.)

Motto of the Royal School of Church Music
NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Choristers should always arrive at least five minutes early.
Singing begins promptly at the scheduled time.

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<td>Mondays</td>
<td>4:30-5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>4th-6th grade boys and girls</td>
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<td>7-8 p.m.</td>
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<td>7:30-8:45 p.m.</td>
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<td>Sundays</td>
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<td>4th-8th grade boy and girl sopranos</td>
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4th-6th grade parents: Especially if your child is new to our weekly Monday/Wednesday rehearsal schedule, please know that each practice has a specific purpose. Monday rehearsals are for 4th-6th graders only, focusing especially on helping those younger children improve their basic music and singing skills in a fun, small-group setting. Wednesday rehearsals are for our full Youth Choir (4th-12th grades), offering everyone in that wider age range the opportunity to work on some challenging music requiring the support of the older children. Although both weekly rehearsals are important for different reasons, I certainly understand that there may be times when children may not be able to attend one or the other. Please let me know in advance if your child will need to miss a rehearsal or service. – Richard
# Schedule Exceptions & Special Events

Please make careful note of the following dates, times, and locations.

## - September -

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| 4    | Wed | First Wednesday rehearsals  
Normal evening rehearsal schedule (*page 4*) |
| 8    | Sun | First Sunday Service  
Choir rehearsals at the following usual times:  
8:30 a.m.: 4th-8th grade boy and girl sopranos  
9:00 a.m.: All others |
| 9    | Mon | First Monday rehearsal  
4th-6th graders will rehearse at their normal time (*page 4*) |
| 15   | Sun | Morning rehearsal and church service, as usual  
*followed by*  
**Evensong**  
Full Choir (4th grade and older) rehearsal for *5:30 service*.  
Evensong is one of our most beautiful services: a traditional Anglican liturgy that we sing not only at Christ Church but also on tour in the UK and elsewhere.  
*followed by*  
**Supper Party**  
in the McClain Room.  
All are invited! – Choristers of all ages, families, and friends.  
We’d love to have you with us! |
| 30   | Mon | NO REHEARSAL (Rosh Hashanah school holiday) |

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### - OCTOBER -

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<td>We will rehearse tonight as usual even though schools will be closed today for Yom Kippur.</td>
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| 12   | Sat  | 3:30 p.m. | Wedding  
Full Choir rehearsal for Eleanor Anaclerio’s wedding at 4:30 p.m.  
Eleanor sang with us for many years and served as Head Chorister during her senior year in high school.  
Singing for Eleanor’s wedding not only will be lots of fun but also will be a great way for us to offer our love and support to her on her big day. |
| 14   | Mon  | 3:30 p.m. | Please note that 4th-6th graders will rehearse today as usual (Columbus Day) because some public schools will be open. |

### - NOVEMBER -

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| 3    | Sun  | 8:30 a.m. | Daylight Savings Time ends today!  
All Saints' Sunday  
Full Choir rehearsal for 9:30 a.m. service together with a professional instrumental ensemble.  
followed by  
Evensong  
Full Choir rehearsal for 5:30 service  
followed by  
Supper Party  
in the McClain Room  
All are invited! – Choristers of all ages, families, and friends. We’d love to have you with us! |
| 27   | Wed  | 9:30 a.m. | Thanksgiving Day  
Full Choir rehearsal for 10:00 service. |
| 28   | Thurs | 9:30 a.m. |  |
- **DECEMBER** -

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| 6  | Fri  | 5 p.m. | **Winnetka Holiday Market & Tree Lighting**
Full Choir meeting in Dwyer Park, just west of the Winnetka Post Office, in preparation for caroling from 5:15-5:45.
This is a fun, outdoor family event. 😊 |
| 8  | Sun  | 8:30 a.m. | **Advent Lessons and Carols**
Full Choir rehearsal for 9:30 service |
| 24 | Tues | 6:30 p.m. | **Christmas Eve**
**Please be punctual!**
Full Choir rehearsal for 8:00 service
(prelude and carol singing at 7:30)
Older boys and girls are encouraged to stay and sing for the 11:00 p.m. service as well. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided between services for those choosing to remain. |
|    |      |        | December 25 through January 4     VACATION |
### - January -

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<td>26</td>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>4:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Morning rehearsal and church service, as usual</strong>&lt;br&gt;followed by&lt;br&gt;<strong>Evensong</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Full Choir</strong> rehearsal for 5:30 service&lt;br&gt;<strong>Choristers participating in our Nashville tour must sing for this service.</strong>&lt;br&gt;followed by&lt;br&gt;<strong>Supper Party</strong>&lt;br&gt;in the McClain Room&lt;br&gt;All are invited! – Choristers of all ages, families, and friends. We’d love to have you with us!</td>
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| 14   | Fri | **Tour to Nashville**  
Depart for Nashville, Tennessee.  
In addition to doing some great sightseeing, we will be singing for services at St. George’s Church ([https://www.stgeorgesnashville.org](https://www.stgeorgesnashville.org)) and Christ Church Cathedral ([https://www.christcathedral.org](https://www.christcathedral.org)). |
| 17   | Mon | Return from Nashville in the evening. |
| 26   | Wed | **Ash Wednesday**  
Full Choir rehearsal for 7:30 service  
No regular rehearsals this evening. |
### - March -

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Morning rehearsal and church service, as usual |
| 15   | Sun | 4:30 p.m. | Morning rehearsal and church service, as usual  
*followed by*  
**Evensong in honor of St. Patrick**  
Full Choir rehearsal for 5:30 service  
*followed by*  
**Irish-themed Supper Party**  
in the McClain Room  
All are invited! – Choristers of all ages, families, and friends.  
We’d love to have you with us! |
| 22   | Sun | 9 a.m. | **Full Choir** rehearsal for 9:30 service.  
No one will rehearse at 8:30 today. |
| 23   | Mon |      | NO REHEARSAL (Spring Break) |
| 25   | Wed |      | NO REHEARSAL (Spring Break) |
| 29   | Sun | 9 a.m. | **Full Choir** rehearsal for 9:30 service.  
No one will rehearse at 8:30 today. |
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| 9    | Thurs | 7:00 p.m. | **Maundy Thursday**  
*Full Choir* gathering for a traditional Agapé Supper, Footwashing, and Holy Eucharist. |
| 10   | Fri  |         | The Youth Choir will *not* sing for a service today.  
There is a choral service today, but it involves the Adult Choir only. |
| 11   | Sat  | 6:30 p.m. | **Easter Vigil**  
*Full Choir* rehearsal for 7:30 service |
| 12   | Sun  | 8:10 a.m. | **Easter Day**  
*Full Choir* rehearsal for 9:00 service  
Boys and girls are encouraged to stay and sing for the 11:00 service, too, if they can. |
| 13   | Mon  |         | NO REHEARSAL (A break after the busy Easter schedule) |

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Our first rehearsal in the fall of 2020 will be on Wednesday evening, September 9.