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The Monthly Newsletter of Christ Episcopal Church
Newton, New Jersey

An Invitation to a Prayerful Lent

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Choirs of Christ Church will host a Pancake Supper in celebration of Shrove Tuesday, on **Tuesday, February 21st, from 5:30—7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$6 per person or \$18 per family.

Ash Wednesday

Join us on **Wednesday, February 22nd** to usher in the Season of Lent. Services will be held at 12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Children's Service) and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Eucharist).

Praying through Lent

Christ Church will host the Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, a Religious Order for Women of the Episcopal Church, during our Potluck Series on Wednesdays during Lent. Families are invited to participate in the Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m., enjoy a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m., and hear from one of the sisters from 7:00—8:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays, February 29th—April 4th.** Discussion will center on the act of praying, kicking off with Sister Margo Elizabeth speaking about **"Praying through Lent"** on **February 29th.**

Bring an entrée or side dish to share; Christ Church will provide bread, beverages and desserts. Contact Kathy Hoyer at kehoyer@gmail.com or at 973-383-5750 to assist with set-up and clean-up.

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer will be led by the Rector at 8:00 a.m. and Evening Prayer will be led by the Rector, or Vestry member Kurt Lutz, at 6:30 p.m. every day throughout Lent, beginning Thursday, February 23rd. Kick start and/or end your day with quiet reflection.

Ithaca College Choir Concert

Christ Church is proud to host a performance by the renowned Ithaca College Choir on **Thursday, March 15th, at 7:30 p.m.** Under the direction of Lawrence Doebler, the Ithaca College Choir is recognized through its annual tour and many appearances as one of the most innovative ensembles at the collegiate level. The performance is free and open to the public, although a free will offering will be taken.

The Ithaca College Choir has toured extensively on the east coast and in the mid-west, and it has presented major concerts at the American Choral Directors Association Convention, Music Educators National Conference; Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, Symphony Space, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Cooper Union in New York City; and at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in Brooklyn. In addition to their *a capella* tradition, the choir has performed with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, the Ithaca College Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble, as well as other professional ensembles.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare a covered-dish dinner for the choir at 5:45 p.m. on March 15th, and to house the 49 student choirsters overnight. If you are able to assist with either of these endeavors, contact Joe Mello at 973-383-4323 or at jmello435@gmail.com.

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Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church Newton

Worship Schedule

Sundays during the School Year

- 8:00 AM** **Eucharist and Homily**
A quiet, traditional service
- 9:00 AM** **Christian Education for All Ages**
- 10:00 AM** **Choral Eucharist and Sermon**
Family liturgy with hymns

Ash Wednesday Services

Holy Eucharist
12:15 p.m.

Children's Service
6:00 p.m.

Choral Eucharist
7:30 p.m.

Visiting/Getting in Touch

Church Entrance:

Church Street, just off Main Street (Route 206) in the heart of downtown Newton.

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Our priest is always available for pastoral emergencies.

Dial 973-383-2245 for more information.



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Devices & Desires

Attention: Perishable Products-Deliver Immediately

The last of our “Harry and David” fruit gifts from Christmas are gone. They lasted until last week. Can you believe they continued for so long? They came with an urgent notice: Perishable. And they were. They wrinkled and withered. We were warned. They passed away.

Ash Wednesday confronts us with the same alert: We are finished. Ashes are our destiny. They are our future. To dust thou shalt return. Where is our hope? Please Lord, deliver us immediately.

Lent deals a deathblow to our denial of the grave. It punctures our presumptions. It makes us wonder if we will ever live on. Maybe we need a Savior after all, and we need one now. Easter overturns the inevitable outcome.

Might we manage our lives on this same principle of perishability? Could our mortality inform our ethics? Every person we encounter is a day closer to death. Might this change how we see them? What if we knew that the annoying attendant, the disrespectful driver and the irritating idiot we encounter every day had only hours to live? Might they look lovelier?

Peace be with you, Christ’s peace be with us. We know that we are all perishable, wonderful creatures whom God loves and to whom Lent says: “Embrace now! Time is running out!” Even as we lean towards an endless Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Griner, *Rector*

Christ Church Leadership Team

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**Service Schedules are available on the church website,
www.christchurchnewton.org.**

Monthly Service Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Altar Guild Team #/Captain</u>	<u>Coffee Hour Hosts</u>
2/5	Available	Team II/Pat Storms	Laura and Dean Booker, and Robin Burke
2/12	Available	Team III/Helen Tompkins	Kathy and Mark Hoyer, and Molly Hoyer
2/19	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Marquard	Team III/Helen Tompkins	Danise Tellefsen, Paul Pfiel, and Janet Kunesch
2/22	Ash Wednesday/ Dried Flowers	Team III/Helen Tompkins	No Coffee Hour
2/26	Dried Arrangements	Team IV/Betty Hinkes	Denise and Mike Streeter, and Maureen Slamer

Sanctuary Light: Eileen & George Sawey; **Sanctuary Candle:** Mr. & Mrs. Carl Marquard
Sanctuary Lights or Candles, \$20; Altar Flowers, \$35.

Sign up sheets for flowers or candles in Holley Hall or at the back of church. Contact Evelyn Polcer at epolcer@embarqmail.com or 973-579-1242 with memorial information.

Annual Meeting

Join your Christ Church family on **Sunday, February 5th from 9:00—10:00 a.m.** for the Annual Meeting. Vote for new Vestry members, and hear reports from the various organizations and committees in our parish. Breakfast will be served; childcare and activities for children will be available during that time.

Christian Education for all ages will resume on Sunday, February 12th.

Nominations

Warden, Mary Ann Risley

Vestry

Chris Halkyard, Cynthia Heismeyer and Mitch Hillard

Convention Deputies

Ann De Pietro, Danise Tellefsen, Curt Wilson

Alternate, Hank Blum

District Delegate, Nick Pachnos

Project Linus & Friends

Those interested in helping out with “Project Linus & Friends” are invited to gather on **Saturday, February 11th 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** in Holley Hall. The group meets regularly to create blankets, scarves, hats and other items for children in need in Warren and Sussex Counties, as well as for the mariners served at the Seaman’s Institute in Port Newark. All are welcome; novice knitters as well as seasoned seamstresses. Potluck lunch. Contact Helen Dannatt at hdannatt @ earthlink.net or (973) 534-2845 for more information.

Please return your Advent Wreath forms to the box in Holley Hall

Vestry Meeting Recap

At its meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, 2012, the Vestry of Christ Church:

- ◆ Received an update on building maintenance, including the continuation of roof-related repairs;
- ◆ Approved the budget for the 12 months ending 12/31/2011 as presented by the Treasurer;
- ◆ Discussed guidelines for the appropriate use of endowment funds to supplement other forms of parish income and sustain parish initiatives. Agreed to pursue ideas for stemming the erosion of the endowment;
- ◆ Agreed to explore supplemental outreach projects for the parish;
- ◆ Heard plans for renovating the baptistery area of the church with funding to be provided by a single donor;
- ◆ Agreed to modify the mortgage on the Griner residence to take advantage of lower interest rates;
- ◆ Received a letter of gratitude from The Right Reverend Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama.

Confirmation Classes for Teens

Confirmation classes for teens will meet in the church at 11:30 a.m. on **Sundays, February 5th and 26th.** Church attendance is required of those seeking confirmation. The Rite of Confirmation is scheduled for April 29th.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Volunteers are needed to host our fellow parishioners at Coffee Hour. Participants will be part of a 2-3 person team which will serve approximately every 6 weeks. Volunteers will provide 3-4 food items — either baked or purchased — for display on trays; beverages and paper goods are provided by the church hospitality fund. Hosts should arrive 30-45 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m. service for set up, and stay for one hour after church to serve and clean up. All ages welcome; a spirit of hospitality is the only job requirement! Those who volunteer would be asked to serve as substitutes until June and then join the rotation of hosts in July. Contact Kathy Hoyer at kehoyer@gmail.com or at 973-383-5750 to sign up.

Episcopal Church Women All are welcome to the monthly pot-luck lunch of the Episcopal Church Women on **Friday, February 17th at 11:30 a.m.** in Holley Hall.

The ECW will be collecting travel-sized toiletries and soaps for distribution to the mariners served by the Seaman's Institute. Look for donation boxes in the rear of the church.

Contact Muriel Everhart at 973-383-6544 or at meverhart@earthlink.net with questions about either of these activities.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Used luggage and umbrellas are always needed by the homeless guests of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Drop off items at the IHN office, located at 19 Church Street in Newton, or call the office at 973-579-1180 for more information.

Bible Study All are welcome to attend a weekly Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the dining room (hospitality area). Discussion will center on the Gospel readings for the coming Sunday.

"Like" Us on Facebook! Keep up to date on the goings-on at Christ Church all month long by "liking" our Facebook page! We can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/christchurchnewton>.

Youth Group Snow Tubing Trip Teens are invited to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday on **February 5th** with an afternoon of snow tubing at Mountain Creek. Meet at 12:15 in Holley Hall for a pizza lunch; depart Christ Church by 12:45. Snow tubing will take place from 2:00—4:00 p.m.; group will return to church by 5:00 p.m. \$30 per person covers the cost of pizza, beverages and ticket. Signed waiver required. Contact Randy Parks at 862-266-3221, 973-729-6533 or at rparks@nmhnj.com with questions.

Happy Birthday to ...

- 2 Nancy Renner, Martin Bischoff, Scott Mello
- 3 Lewis Beatty
- 4 Jessica Reinhardt, Robert Reinhardt III
- 6 Hank Blum, Sarah Phillips, John Willemsen, Jack Van Eeckhoven, Noah Maruska, Joe David
- 7 Muriel Everhart
- 8 Rachael Genung, Heather Willemsen
- 9 Eliza Hinkes
- 10 Rebecca Heismeyer, Marcia Shenton
- 12 Judith Taterka
- 13 Norm Beatty
- 14 Steven Bischoff, Gordon Walker
- 15 Nolan Waldron
- 16 Mitch Hillard
- 18 Ty Parker
- 22 Megan Couillard
- 23 Stanley Gearhart, Harold Carlson, Erika Maresca, Eric Kowalski
- 24 Hayden Vann
- 25 Jennifer Mello, Michael Milano, Joyce Krumm
- 26 Daniel Carlson, Theodore Parker, Jessica Crucy
- 28 Daniel Rosica, Rhona Beadle
- 29 Arlene Albino Ralph

... and a Happy Anniversary to ...

- 1 Jack & Angie Harris
- 7 William & Nancy Decker
- 14 Barbara & Fred Dansereau, Frederick & Jill Pierson
- 18 John & Joanne Zamos
- 20 Janine & Michael Love

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants!

- ♦ Mary Ann Risley and the team of counters who diligently tally the offerings each Sunday: O.B. Taylor, Alan Mantz, Hank Blum, Bill Hinkes, Don Risley, and Eric Fohl;
- ♦ The parish deputies to the annual Diocesan Convention: Danise Tellefsen, Ann De Pietro and Curt Wilson.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AA, 12:00 pm CCSC, 4:30 pm AA, 7:30 pm Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm	2 Bible Study, 10:00 am Senor Choir, 7:30 pm	3	4
5 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 Annual Mtg/ Breakfast, 8:45 Holy Eucharist, 10:00 Jr. Choir, 11:30 Snow Tubing, 2:00 CCSC, 7:30	6 Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm SCOS, 7:30 pm	7 ESL, 6:00 pm AA, 7:30 pm SCYO, 7:30 pm	8 AA, 12:00 pm CCSC, 4:30 pm Vestry, 7:15 pm AA, 7:30 pm Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm	9 Bible Study, 10:00 am Senor Choir, 7:30 pm	10	11 Project Linus, 10:00 am—2:00 pm
12 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 Christian Ed, 9:00 Holy Eucharist, 10:00 Jr. Choir, 11:30 CCSC, 7:30	13 Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm SCOS, 7:30 pm	14 ESL, 6:00 pm AA, 7:30 pm SCYO, 7:30 pm	15 AA, 12:00 pm CCSC, 4:30 pm AA, 7:30 pm Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm	16 Bible Study, 10:00 am Senor Choir, 7:30 pm	17 ECW Luncheon, 11:30 am	18
19 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 Christian Ed, 9:00 Holy Eucharist, 10:00 Jr. Choir, 11:30 CCSC, 7:30	20 Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm SCOS, 7:30 pm	21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 pm ESL, 6:00 pm AA, 7:30 pm SCYO, 7:30 pm	22 Ash Wednesday AA, 12:00 pm HE, 12:15 pm CCSC, 4:30 pm Kids Service, 6:00 pm HE, 7:30 pm AA, 7:30 pm	23 Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Bible Study, 10:00 am Senor Choir, 7:30 pm Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm	24 Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm	25 Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm
26 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 Christian Ed, 9:00 Holy Eucharist, 10:00 Jr. Choir, 11:30 CCSC, 7:30	27 Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Spanish-Speaking AA, 7:30 pm SCOS, 7:30 pm Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm	28 Morning Prayer, 8:00 am ESL, 6:00 pm AA, 7:30 pm SCYO, 7:30 pm Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm	29 Morning Prayer, 8:00 am AA, 12:00 pm CCSC, 4:30 pm AA, 7:30 pm Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm		SCYO, Sussex County Youth Orchestra CCSC, Children's Chorus of Sussex County	SCOS, Sussex County Oratorio Society AA, Alcoholics Anonymous ESL, English as a Second Language

Looking Ahead ...

- ◆ Ithaca College Concert Choir performance will take place on Thursday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m..
- ◆ Christ Church will host guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network from March 18th—25th.