

# CHRIST CHURCH

EXETER, N. H.



December 4, 2011

8:00 AM

*The Second Sunday of Advent*



*Worship & Announcements*

# Welcome

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.  
Philippians 4:4-5*

**Welcome, Guests!** We invite you to fill out one the welcome cards in the pew rack in front of you. You may give it to one of the clergy or place it in the offering plate. After worship, we invite you to join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

**Welcome, Children!** At Christ Church children are invited to be themselves and to participate fully in our community. Sunday School for all ages follows the 8:00 liturgy (beginning at 9:15 downstairs in Harris House).

**A Restroom** is located outside the doors in the corner of the church that lead directly to the parish house. You will find one in a hallway immediately to the right after exiting the church. This restroom is handicapped accessible. Restrooms are also available in the parish house. After exiting the church, go up the stairs, turn left, and walk all the way around toward the office.

**Hard of Hearing?** If you need help hearing the service, we have devices for you to use. See a member of the Hospitality Team for assistance.

**Accessibility:** The church is completely accessible. If you wish to go to the parish house, you will find a lift outside the door leading toward the parish house. This lift will take you to the parish hall and the classroom level.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Please participate with us in worship. This booklet contains most of the liturgy.

The texts for this liturgy are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship*, the Northumbrian Office, and the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

## **Prelude**

*Prelude (from Symphony No. 2)*

Charles Marie Widor

✠ *As we prepare for worship this morning the Altar Guild will prepare the altar for the Eucharist in the presence of the congregation. In this season of Advent we prepare for the coming of the Lord in many ways. Setting the table is a ministry that Altar Guild members perform every week, usually on Saturday morning. It is a quiet, contemplative ministry which many find brings them into God's presence as they prepare the sanctuary for worship.*

✠ *This morning they share their ministry with you. We ask that you observe quietly as they set up the altar and the credence table (the small table to the left of the altar), and as you prepare yourselves for worship during this Advent season.*

✠ *The people stand, as they are able, as the clergy enter.*

## *The Word of God*

### **The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

✠ *The people sit.*

## **First Reading**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 85:7-13** (*read responsively*)

- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, ★  
And grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, ★  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, ★  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; ★  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, ★  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, ★  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, ★  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**Second Reading**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

## **Holy Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ *The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. David D. Holroyd

✠ *A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**Liturgical Commentary:** The following canticle from the Northumbrian Morning Prayer liturgy replaces the Nicene Creed during Advent and Christmas. The theme of this canticle, the intimate presence of Christ, is particularly relevant during this season in which we await the coming of Jesus. The Northumbrian Community is a network of diverse people, from different backgrounds, streams and edges of the Christian faith united in their desire to embrace and express an ongoing exploration into a new way for living Christianly - a way that offers hope in the changed and changing culture of today's world. ([www.northumbriacommunity.org/index.html](http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/index.html))

✠ *The people stand, as they are able*

**A Canticle** *(said together)*

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.  
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.  
Christ under me;  
Christ over me;  
Christ beside me on my left and my right.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Christ as a light;  
Christ as a shield;  
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

## **Prayers of the People**

In joy at the nearness of Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world a new creation.

*Hear the intercessor prays for those in authority, those in our armed forces, and for peacemakers.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God of John the Baptist continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people.

*Here the intercessor prays for those listed on the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need.

*Here the intercessor prays for parishioners on our prayer list; please add your own prayers, also.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth.

*Here the intercessor prays for those, if any, in whose memory flowers have been given; please add your own prayers, also.*

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes with a collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Assisting Priest*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

✠ *The people kneel, as they are able.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant offers absolution.*

## **The Peace**

✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet each other by name. If you do not know the name of the person near you, please introduce yourself.*

## *The Holy Communion*

### **The Presentation of the Gifts**

✠ *The people stand for the last verse of the hymn.*

**Offertory Hymn 76, vv. 1-3**        On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry        *Winchester New*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a holy and fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

*People AMEN*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

✠ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

✠ *A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **An Invitation to Communion and Healing: Instructions Concerning our Customs**

✠ *All are invited to receive Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) You may also receive by intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. Please be careful not to put your fingers in the wine. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice at all, please cross your arms over your chest. Even if not receiving the wine, please do not leave the altar rail until the chalice passes you.*

✠ *Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

✠ *Healing Prayer is offered during the Communion portion of worship. You are invited to come to the healing station before or after you receive Communion. At the healing station you can tell the healing minister of some concern for which you want prayer; however you don't have to say anything. You can be an intercessor and ask for prayers for others. You can stand or use the kneelers. The healing ministers normally put oil on your forehead but sometimes a person's hands can be anointed. People who come for healing have a variety of experiences. Some feel a warming or tingling sensation or some other physical sensation; some hear the minister speak in a (prayer) language; some have no physical sensations, but experience a deep peace. You may feel that something has happened or you may not. Healing, in whatever form, often occurs later. Healing is a sacramental act, an outward and visible sign of the interior work of the Holy Spirit. This means that you can be assured that God will do what's best for you.*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

✠ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

*Celebrant and people*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Recessional Hymn 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

## The Dismissal

*Assisting Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

## Postlude

*Savior of the nations, come!*

J.S. Bach

*The worship is over. ✠ The service begins.*

**The Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernie Rutherford by his family; also in loving memory of Dr. Boyd Allen, Jr., Martha Allen, and Beth Buchanan by the Allen family.

## Prayer Concerns

*Please feel free to use this intercessory list, either verbally or silently, during the Prayers of the People, as well as offering up your own concerns and thanksgivings.*

**Parishioners:** Alice Amsden, Kathy Austin, Barbara Beardsley, Esther Chandler, Rita and Mark Corke, Karen Foote, Chris Gurshin, Margery Heffron, Ralph Herzog, Maryellen Izzo, Pat Izzo, Shirley Jackson, Jack Jette, Jim McAllister, Debbie McKenna, Alison McMahon, Jeane Meserve, Bob Miller, Cooper Mosher, Cindy Nottage, Isabella Postle, George Radford, Alan Rollins, Paul Sadler, Debbie Valcich, Cindy Vega, and Casey Waters.

Alex Foote, son of Karen Foote, who is serving our country in Afghanistan.

**Homebound Parishioners:** Evelyn Andrew, Helen Hobbs, Delma Judkins, Burt MacArthur, Claire Mixter, Ethel Petroski, and Shirley Thivierge.

**Friends & Relatives of the Parish:** Aaron, Laurie Adami, Victoria Arlen, Rosemary Bartolini, Robert Beeman, Jr., Joan Bilharz, Tim Bohan, Barbara Churchill, Deb Cohen, Robert Comeau, Jim Conrad, Goff Corke, May Corke, David Corson, Jane Cutting, Mark Dangora, Lizzie Daschbach, Keri Degen, Antonio Delgadillo, John Devoe, Jean Donato, Tim Doucette, Michael Evans, Bill Farnham, Sukey Farmer, Wayne Farrow, Jeannie Feld, Shirley Felice, Barbara Whynot Fisher, Fran, Nathan Geisser, Lois Genis, Nancy Grimard, Trudi Guth, Bill Hahn, Susan Hunter, Beth Janeski, Dwight Lawing, Nancy MacCallum, Deanna Makinen, Geni Mark, Adam Marlatt, Elaine Martin, Lynn Maxwell, Jan McAllister, Bonnie McKeown, Peter Melanson, Melissa, Meredith, Rosa Maria Miller, Mother Diane, Bob Nelson, Wendy Nicoles, Jared Parker, Patrick, Brian Pesce, David Plumer, Shirley Rollins, Sandra Rosen, Sherry Sacramone, Sarah and baby, Jessica Savage, Paul Sawyer, Heather Sherman, Elisabeth Shumoski, David Simon, Kathy Smith, Meredith Smith, Haden Steiner, Jan Streeleman, Jacob Tracy, Mark Travis, Martin Wallen, Beverly Williams, and Diane Williamson.

*Assisting in the Liturgy This Morning*

<b>Reader:</b>	Lucia Savage
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Diane O'Brien
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Steve Armstrong, Barbara Beardsley
<b>Healing Ministers:</b>	Mike Woodworth, Pat Izzo, Rita Corke
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Alice Hill, Sue Ingram, Judy Blaisdell
<b>Flower Delivery:</b>	Cindy Eaton

**THE CHAPEL** is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for private prayer and meditation.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 DECEMBER 4, 2010  
 THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH:

Today	Dec. 4	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Education for all ages Holy Eucharist <i>Nursery care for infants and toddlers provided</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 6	6:30 PM	EFM
Wednesday	Dec. 7	3:30 PM  7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Junior Choir Youth Choir WHAM Senior High Compline and Community Search Committee
Thursday	Dec. 8	7:00 PM	Christ Church Choir
Saturday	Dec. 10	10:00 AM	Advent Wildernesses - Diocesan Quiet Day

PARISH NEWS

**Christ Church's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues**

We need the participation of every household to reach our goal of fully supporting the ministries of Christ Church in 2012.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

**To date we have received 121 pledges totaling \$231,839**

**Our goal is to receive 235 pledges totaling \$388,000**

**To make your 2012 pledge today, go to [www.christchurchexeter.org](http://www.christchurchexeter.org) and click on "Give to Christ Church" in the left margin of the homepage, or pick up a pledge form in the Narthex.**





**LOOK FOR THE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND PLATES** in Harris Hall after both services today. As we have every

year through Feed My Lambs, the Exeter Welfare Department, and the SAU 16 schools, we will be participating in the Christmas Basket and Gifts program for needy families. If you take an ornament or plate, please do not forget to sign the sheet with your name, phone number, and what number ornament or plate you took, along with taking the instruction sheet for the date and time they are due back. If more than one family is going to do an ornament or basket, please include that name and phone number also.

Thank you for all you do with these wonderful programs.

**MISSING NAMES ON THE SIGNUP SHEETS:** *If you took 129A, 83 or 90 off of the tree, we are missing your names on the signup sheets, please add your names to the signup sheets in Harris Hall. Thanks!!*

**AN ADVENT QUIET DAY, Advent's Wilderness, will be held at Christ Church on Saturday December 10, 2011 from 10am-12:30pm.** This retreat will look at longing, wilderness, healing and hope as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah. Part teaching and part silent life processing, the retreat will consider various types of life management and spiritual wellness which can assist us with the modeling we seek to do as Christians in living balanced, centered lives. Bring nothing. Read nothing. Pay nothing but **DO** make a reservation! Take two hours off from the busy-ness. Just come, enjoy and be fed both physically and spiritually. For more information please pick up one of the postcards in the Narthex or Harris Hall – **If you would like to place postcards on bulletin boards in local stores and businesses, please take extra postcards.**

**Retreat Companion: The Rev. Canon Charles LaFond**

**PARISH FOYER DINNERS:** If you are interested in signing up for the Foyer Dinner Groups, please call Linda in the Church office by December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** If your children would like to be angels and shepherds in the Christmas Pageant, please call the church office and let us know. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS:** Each year, memorial flowers, poinsettias, and wreaths will be placed at the altar for Christmas. Anyone wishing to provide a poinsettia (or a financial contribution toward a plant or flowers) in memory of a loved one(s) is asked to contact Linda in the church office to give her the name(s) you would like included in the bulletins: 772-3332, ext. 11 or [office@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:office@christchurchexeter.org). THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH:** Join us following the 10:30 liturgy on **Sunday, December 18** for the annual *Greening of the Church*. Wreaths and garland are hung, pew candles installed, and preparations made for Christmas.

## **CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### ***Christmas Eve, December 24***

**4:00 PM** Children's Pageant and Holy Communion  
*Featuring the Youth Choir*

**8:00 PM** Festival Choral Eucharist  
*Featuring the Christ Church Choir*  
*Special Prelude beginning at 7:30 PM*

**11:00 PM** Candlelight Vespers and Holy Communion  
*Plainchant, candlelight, solemnity*  
*Featuring special music*

#### ***Christmas Day, December 25***

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist with carols

#### ***Sunday after Christmas, January 1***

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist  
**10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist with carols

*There will be no Sunday School or Adult Formation on January 1.  
Childcare and Children's Chapel will be provided.*

**THE ALTAR GUILD** is seeking new members. Altar Guild members serve on teams and meet on Saturday mornings to prepare the church for worship on Sunday. There is a quiet, contemplative aspect to this ministry that many find quite spiritually fulfilling. Please consider whether you might be called to this ministry, and give it a try on a trial basis. For more information, please contact Sue Ingram at 964-6142 or [sue.p.ingram@comcast.net](mailto:sue.p.ingram@comcast.net).

**MISSING CONTACT INFORMATION:** Just before we were able to switch over to the new database system there was a glitch with the old database and some (2009 through early 2011) information was lost. If you joined the church during that time and have not been receiving information from the church, please email or call Linda Carey in the office @ [office@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:office@christchurchexeter.org) or 772-3332. We are sorry if you have been dropped from our mailing or email lists.

**PARISH E-MAILS:** We want to keep in touch. Do we have your email address? If you did not receive email from the church this week then we do not have your address. We apologize if it was lost in the database change-over but if you email [office@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:office@christchurchexeter.org) it will be updated right away. If you are interested in helping to get the database populated with all the wonderful information about our many ministries and groups contact [connect@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:connect@christchurchexeter.org)

**ROCKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY: TODAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>,** The Rockingham Choral Society will present a holiday concert series featuring a broad sampling of Christmas compositions, both classic and contemporary. To complete the concert, the chorus invites the audience to sing along with a number of familiar carols. The concert will be at 3:00 PM here at Christ Church.

**AMARE CANTARE:** On Dec 10, 11, and 14, Amare Cantare presents *Music from the Cathedral*, a concert of glorious choral music for a cathedral setting. The program features Giovanni Gabrieli's *Jubilate Deo*, a double chorus motet written for St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice; *Alma redemptoris mater* by Johannes Ockeghem; and the justifiably famous *Nuper rosarum flores* by Guillaume Dufay, written for the consecration of the Florence Cathedral in 1436. The concert also includes Durufle's *Quatre motets sur des thèmes grégoriens* (Four Motets on Gregorian Themes), medieval English carols, and works by Sweelinck, Schütz, Bruckner, and Willan. To end the program, Amare Cantare is proud to present *Trois Chansons*, a group of French carols.

Saturday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Exeter, NH

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