



## Fall Gathering Welcome Back Sunday is September 20

Join us to celebrate the beginning of a new program year at Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 20. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Following the 10 a.m. Eucharist, we will gather for a “carry-in” brunch and hot dog roast. Church School will re-convene on this Sunday.

## Thursday Mother and Others Bible Study

Father Tony will, once again, lead our Thursday morning Bible Study each week at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to participate. Come and learn with us as we explore Holy Scripture and the meaning of its centuries old message for our lives as Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is a relaxed and “no-experience necessary” study time. Participants are asked to bring a Bible.



## Church School Registration

Registration forms for Christ Episcopal Church Sunday School classes will be available in the church on Sunday September 13 and Sunday, September 20. Sunday School Director Susan Jillson and her dedicated group of Sunday School teachers are anticipating an exciting and active year with the children of our parish.

Sunday School classes begin on Sunday, September 20. Classes begin each week at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate the beginning of Church School with our annual Fall Gathering/Welcome Back Sunday celebration. Join us for a carry-in brunch and Hot Dog roast on September 20.

## Wednesday Healing Eucharists Resume

Beginning on Wednesday, September 23 we will again offer a weekly Holy Eucharist of Healing each Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon. The weekly service includes intercessory prayers for healing, sacramental laying on of hands, and anointing with holy oil. The service is usually about thirty five minutes long. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.



**Susan A. Jillson**  
Sunday School Director

## New Adult Christian Formation Series

Beginning on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church will offer a new ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION SERIES. We will begin by exploring and discussing Christian Spirituality in the Anglican tradition.

We will share readings from the Rev. Henri Nouwen, author of *Bread for the Journey*, and the Rev. Margaret Guenther, author of *On Holy Ground*. This will be a 12 part series concluding on Tuesday, December 1.

If you are able to attend all or some of the offerings, please plan on joining us for lively discussions and explorations of the history, study, and practice of Christian Spirituality in the Anglican tradition.



## CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Christ Episcopal Church will offer a “Blessing of the Animals” Service on Saturday, October 3 at 12 noon on the Guilford Green. All are welcome to bring their pets to receive a special blessing in honor of St. Francis, patron saint of animals and ecology.

Animal Blessing Services are held around the country in observance of St. Francis Day which is actually October 4. Since our Guilford Crop Walk is held that day we have chosen to celebrate on Saturday.

The service held in the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, the largest gothic cathedral in the world, often includes elephants, llamas, horses, boa constrictors and a wide variety of domestic and exotic animals.



## Concertato 2009/2010

The Concert committee is pleased to announce a stellar line up for the second season of Concertato.

**October 3:** Mixed Company , a choral group from Yale

**October 24 :** Halloween concert for children

**Novemebr 21:** Adam and friends on the Great Organ

**March 13 :** Paul Tipton, tenor and Adam Pajan, piano

**May 15:** Will Duchon (of Classic FM fame) piano

**June 12 :** Boughton Piano Trio

Season tickets will be available after church on September 20 . Cost will be \$75 for the season or \$15 for individual concerts. Gold Series Sponsorship is \$150 and comes with special mention in the program and a season ticket. We are also looking for sponsorship for individual concerts. Please let Fr Tony know if you will volunteer to help out.



## Search Committee Report

The Rector Search Committee built the text of the Parish Profile over the summer months. This overview of our church and congregation will be published in a limited hard copy format and posted on the internet. This posting will make it available for any candidate interested in becoming the next Rector of our Church.

Like many documents and presentations, much more information was composed and assembled than what will be in the published product. The text is now in the “layout” process with photos of the church and past events, sketches, and maps being inserted. After approval by the whole search committee, it will be submitted to the Diocese for final approval before we begin our actual search.

Resumes of the candidates, which have passed through Diocese’s screening, will be forwarded to the committee in October and, then, several levels of interview will be in process before All Saints Day.

The details of our full church profile serve as a common knowledge base for the committee members when they break into smaller groups for visitations with candidates at their home parished. The search committee will present a list of finalists to the Vestry for the final selection.

# GLAD TIDING

## WELCOME TO FALL DINNER

Saturday

September 26, 2009

The Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church, Guilford invite you to join us for our first of the church year dinner in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, On-the-Green, Guilford from 5:30 pm to 7:00 p.m.

The Menu for this wonderful evening of fellowship and sharing is:

Complimentary Wine and Appetizers  
Fruit Juice and Chips for children  
Baked Spiral Ham with Curried Fruit  
Gourmet Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Rolls and Butter  
Blueberry Buckle With Whipped Cream  
Tea and Coffee

Our invitation is open to all in the community

Advance ticket purchase - \$12 per adult (\$13.00 at the door)  
\$6 children 7-12  
\$3 children 6 and under

For Tickets and information call Jeannette Koncz 453-2335 or Hope Sperry 453-3958

## Festival Days Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Knitting needles are clicking, sewing machines are humming, pots are cooking on the stove, paint brushes are dabbing the canvas, and small indoor plants are being started. All this activity in preparation for our church-wide, participatory fair.

The fair will offer something for everyone. Plan to *Stop-for-a-Bite lunch* which will be offered. A new addition this year is *Dinners to Go*. You will have the opportunity to pre-order a home-made dinner and all the fixings and pick it up the day before the fair, on Friday, November 6.

Watch for the menu and order form that will be forthcoming very shortly. We will also offer a dedicated *Cheese Table* with aged Vermont cheddar cheese and Jeanette Koncz's wonderful Hungarian cheese spread. In addition, our *Silent Auction* will offer a lovely pastoral scene painting by Sheila Bruce.

There will be an opportunity to buy a new-but never used gift at our *Re-Gift* table, and for those that like to rummage, a chance to find old treasures from *Granny's Attic*. And, please don't forget the wonderful choices from our *Bake Shoppe* and *Boutique* tables. And...there will be more!

As you can see, a fun-filled, festive day is planned for all. Mark your calendar to come and bring your friends to join this festive day! Of course we need volunteers to assist us. How about you?



## Diocesan News

The next Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut will be elected at the Convention this October 23 to 24

Information about the Candidates, including video interviews posted and can be found at : [www.ctdiocese.org](http://www.ctdiocese.org) or from the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut link on [www.ChristChurchGuilford.com](http://www.ChristChurchGuilford.com)

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## The Episcopal Church Women Christ Episcopal Church

Guilford - on - the - Green  
will host a

## Military Whist

**Carol Bellucci, Commander-in-Chief**

Friday, October 18, 2009

7 p.m.

Tickets \$7

Available at the door

Advance sales or table reservations accepted

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Light supper served for \$5 per person.

Complementary refreshments served 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Card game will start promptly at 7 p.m.

Door prizes, raffles and table prizes

For information, call Diane W. Link 458-1806