

CHRIST CHURCH
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2024 – 2025

A SEASON OF
Music
- at -
CHRIST CHURCH

CONCERTS • CHORAL EVENSONGS • SPECIAL CHORAL SERVICES

WELCOME!



Ruth L. Beresford
Rector

Just for a moment, place yourself in a church full of music as the whole congregation heartily sings, “Praise my soul the king of heaven” with organ swelling and choir resounding its praise. The air shines with joy. These are moments when the profound and glorious combine in worship’s music. At other times, the anthems and hymns comfort us—assuring us of God’s everlasting care. Music becomes the instrument for the expression of our faith. It tells us the sacred story. Music is our prayer; it is the highest expression of our praise to God, resonating through and uniting the whole congregation as we rejoice.

In all our music and worship, I encourage you to join in the praise and thanksgiving we offer as we come to know the love of Jesus Christ, the inspiration of the Spirit, and the life-giving nature of God, who is swift to shower grace and favor to God’s people in distress as well as in bliss. Join us for worship and for the special offerings of the Christ Church Choir as they lead us to sing the glory of God’s praise.



Bruce J. Barber, II
Director of Music

It is a great honor and thrill to invite you to another year of spectacular music making and special liturgical services at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. In addition to welcoming back our friends from Piffaro and Tempesta di Mare, Professor James O’Donnell from the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music, former Master of Music at both Westminster Cathedral (Catholic) and Westminster Abbey (Anglican), returns as our Musician in Residence in March 2025. Also, we welcome renowned organist Christa Rakich from Oberlin Conservatory of Music to play a progressive organ recital on both the Fisk Opus 164 and the Brombaugh Opus 32.

This November, we welcome the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, as our Theologian in Residence. The weekend will culminate in a concert offered by the Christ Church Choir and chamber ensemble of Philip Ledger’s *Requiem: A Thanksgiving for Life*.

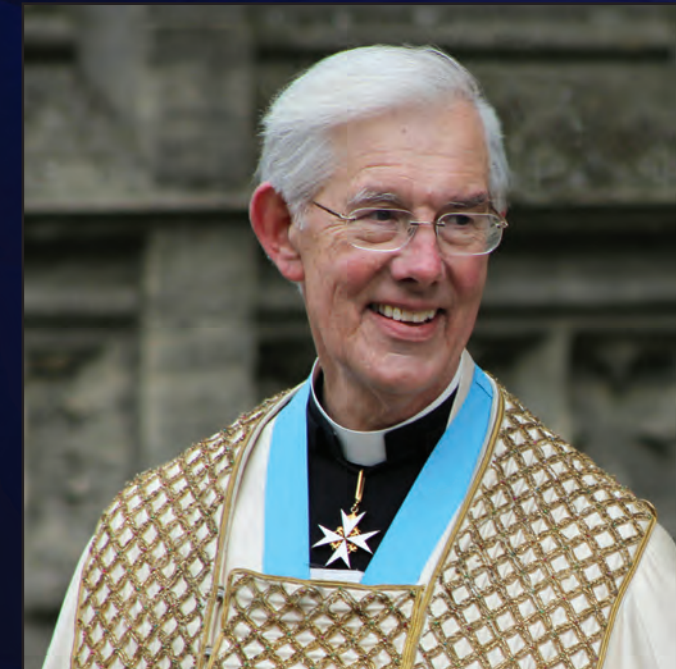
Information about these programs as well as special services of Choral Evensong and our series of Lessons & Carols services are found in the pages that follow. You are cordially invited and most welcome here for any and all of these offerings.

Soli Deo Gloria – To God alone be Glory.

Theologian in Residence Program

Christ Church welcomes the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, as our Theologian in Residence November 7-10. For 21 years, Robert served as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, the mother church of the Anglican Communion and UNESCO world heritage site. He experienced newfound fame during the COVID-19 pandemic when his daily Morning Prayer YouTube videos became a lifeline to a world shut in and away from worship. His YouTube channel, affectionately known as the Garden Congregation, now publishes monthly videos to 64,000 subscribers.

Dean Willis joins our community in early-November, a time when Christians reflect on the spiritual bond between the living and the dead. As Christ Church’s Theologian in Residence, he will lead us in conversations on remembrance, grieving, and the communion of saints and preach at 10:30 AM on November 10. The Christ Church Choir and chamber ensemble complete the residency with a Sunday concert: *Music in Memoriam*.



SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 7

7:00 PM Simple Dinner and Fireside Chat

Saturday, November 9

9:30 AM to 1:00 PM Retreat on Grief and Remembrance

Registration required for above events: www.christchurchde.org/adults

Sunday, November 10

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Dean Willis, guest preacher

4:00 PM *Music in Memoriam* concert, reflections, and reception
(seating reservations and information in this brochure)

Letty Downs Musician in Residence Program

The Letty Downs Musician in Residence program began in 1983 and brings a world-renowned musician to Christ Church each year. All have rehearsed and directed the Christ Church Choir; some have presented lectures, seminars, and organ recitals; and others have included a premiere or a commission. With great thanks to Letty Downs' vision, with the official endowment being established in 2011, and the generous support of the Letty Downs Musician in Residence Fund, we continue this tradition today.

For the 2024-25 season, Christ Church is delighted to welcome Professor James O'Donnell for his second appearance as our Musician in Residence. One of the most celebrated concert organists, choral conductors, and liturgical musicians of our time, James O'Donnell served for more than a decade as Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral and for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. During his tenure at Westminster, O'Donnell directed the music for many nationally and internationally significant occasions, most notably the Abbey's funeral service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the historic 2010 service attended by Pope Benedict XVI, and the 2011 wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton (Duke and Duchess of Cambridge), in addition to conducting the Choir of Westminster Abbey in many broadcasts, concerts, and tours. James currently serves as Professor in the Practice of Organ at Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the Yale School of Music, where he teaches graduate level organ majors and other students in sacred music and directs a newly established professional liturgical vocal ensemble.

Professor O'Donnell will direct the choir in services at Christ Church on Sunday, March 2, and a complete schedule for the weekend will be published early in 2025. Please join us!



Letty (Mrs. Robert N.) Downs



James O'Donnell
Musician in Residence

2024 OCTOBER
6 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE TWENTIETH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Choir & Clergy

3:30 Organ Prelude: Cameron Kuzepski
Organ Scholar, Christ Church Christiana Hundred
Peabody Conservatory of Music

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Martin	<i>Phos hilaron</i>
MacDonald	<i>Responses</i>
Martin	<i>Evening Service in D (St. Paul's)</i>
Rheinberger	<i>Abendlied</i>



TENET Vocal Artists

Triumph with Piffaro, the Renaissance Band & TENET Vocal Artists

PIFFARO
THE RENAISSANCE BAND

These two preeminent early music ensembles will honor the 650th anniversary of the death of Francesco Petrarch with a musical and visual exploration of his allegorical poems. The exquisite music of 15th century Italy will be enhanced by professionally designed projections of art and text. Don't miss this major undertaking before it travels to New York City!

2024 OCTOBER
13 @ 3 PM
in the Church

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
www.piffaro.org

This concert is supported by:

PAUL M. ANGELL
FAMILY FOUNDATION

2024 NOVEMBER
3 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE FEAST
OF ALL
SOULS

Choral Evensong

Remembrance of the Beloved Departed

with the Christ Church Choir & Clergy

3:30 Organ Prelude: Nathan Ringkamp
Peabody Conservatory of Music

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Helvey	<i>Phos hilaron</i>
Shepherd	<i>Responses</i>
Wood	<i>Evening Service in E-flat</i>
Lehman	<i>Funeral Anthems</i>
Lewis	<i>The Souls of the Righteous</i>



Music in Memoriam

with the Christ Church Choir

The Christ Church Choir brings to a musical close our Theologian in Residence weekend with the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, UK. The Choir will be joined by a chamber ensemble and offer music from Philip Ledger's *Requiem*, written in memoriam of persons who have departed this mortal life and now abide in the larger life of the Saints in light.

2024 NOVEMBER
10 @ 4 PM
in the Church

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

www.christchurchde.org/concerts - A freewill offering will be received.

2024 NOVEMBER
17 @ 4 PM
in the Chapel

THE TWENTY-
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Choral Evensong

with the Christ Church
Choristers & Clergy

Jo Harney, director

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Tallis	<i>Phos hilaron</i>
Thiman	<i>Treble Service in G Major</i>
Burnam	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>



Advent Lessons & Carols

with the Christ Church Choir & Clergy

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Palestrina	<i>Matin & Vesper Responsory</i>
Willcocks	<i>Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth</i>
Archer	<i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>
R. V. Williams	<i>The Truth from Above</i>
Chilcott	<i>Nova! Nova!</i>
Cleobury	<i>The Cherry Tree Carol</i>
Wood	<i>King Jesus Hath a Garden</i>
MacMillan	<i>O Radiant Dawn</i>
Wood	<i>O Thou, the Central Orb</i>

2024 DECEMBER
1 @ 5 PM
in the Church

THE FIRST
SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

2024

**DECEMBER
13 @ 7 PM**
in the Church

Neapolitan Christmas

with Tempesta di Mare



Christmas cantatas and delicious seasonal music by Scarlatti, Falconieri, Mancini, and Marchitelli performed by Tempesta di Mare's chamber ensemble of recorder, violins, lute, harpsichord, and cello, with guest artist Rebecca Myers, soprano.

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: www.tempestadimare.org



Christmas Lessons & Carols

*with the
Christ Church Choir & Clergy*

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Archer	<i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>
Chilcott	<i>Nova! Nova!</i>
Cleobury	<i>The Cherry Tree Carol</i>
Pearsall	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>
Rutter	<i>I Sing of a Maiden</i>
Rutter	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow</i>
Sweelinck	<i>Hodie, Christus natus est</i>

**2024 DECEMBER
24 @ 6 PM**
in the Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

2025

**JANUARY
19 @ 4 PM**
in the Chapel

**THE SECOND
SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**

Epiphany Lessons & Carols

with the Christ Church Choir & Clergy

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Jackson	<i>Matin & Vesper Responsory</i>
Weaver	<i>Epiphany Alleluias</i>
Archer	<i>Brightest and Best of the Stars</i>
Mendelssohn	<i>How Lovely are the Messengers</i>
Eccard	<i>When to the Temple Mary Went</i>



Ostinato

with Tempesta di Mare

Chaconnes, bergamascas, follias, ciaccionas, romanescas, and other ground basses are brought to toe-tapping life by Tempesta di Mare's chamber players with works by Vivaldi, Purcell, Blow, Marais, and others. For two recorders, two violins, theorbo, and viola da gamba.

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: www.tempestadimare.org

**2025 JANUARY
31 @ 7 PM**
in the Chapel

JANUARY

DECEMBER

2025 FEBRUARY
2 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE FEAST
OF THE
PRESENTATION

Choral Evensong

with the Parish Choir, Senior Choristers,
& Clergy

3:30 PM Organ Prelude: David Schelat
Market Street Music

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Arnatt	<i>O Gracious Light</i>
Smith	<i>Responses</i>
Sumsion	<i>Evening Service in G Major</i>
Neswick	<i>Let the Peoples Praise You, O God</i>



Music by Candlelight: Rococo Dialogues with Filament

Filament pays homage to 18th century invention in this program celebrating works for harpsichord with strings. This candlelight chamber music concert presents trios of Haydn alongside accompanied keyboard sonatas of Luigi Boccherini. Lesser-known gems, adapted and arranged by the ensemble, will complement this program full of discovery.

2025 FEBRUARY
9 @ 4 PM
in the Chapel

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

www.christchurchde.org/concerts - A freewill offering will be received.

2025 MARCH
2 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE LAST
SUNDAY
AFTER THE
EPIPHANY

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Lehman	<i>Phos hilaron</i>
Shepherd	<i>Responses</i>
Leighton	<i>Second Evening Service</i>
Britten	<i>Te Deum</i>

Choral Evensong *with the Christ Church Choir*



Dr. James O'Donnell
Musician in Residence

Yale University/ Institute of Sacred Music
Westminster Abbey (emeritus)



3:30 PM Organ
Prelude: David Hearn
Christ Church Christiana
Hundred (retired)



Progressive Organ Recital

with Christa Rakich
Oberlin College & Conservatory

Christa Rakich, Organ faculty member of the historic Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, will perform our second Progressive Organ Recital at Christ Church. The first half of the recital begins in the Chapel of the Christ Child on Fisk Opus 164, and the second half moves to the Church and Brombaugh Opus 32. Hear these two glorious instruments in one program!

2025 MARCH
9 @ 4 PM
in the Chapel
and Church

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

www.christchurchde.org/concerts - A freewill offering will be received.

2025 MARCH
23 @ 3 PM
in the Church

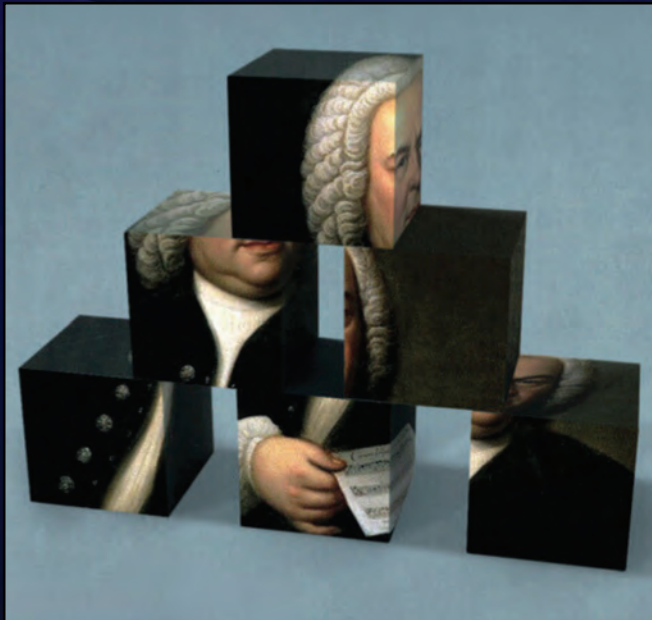
All Excellent and Esteemed: The Bassano Family

with Piffaro, The Renaissance Band

An Italian, and likely Jewish, family of wind musicians was invited to England by Henry VIII. There they thrived, pushing instrumental music into a new frontier. The wind players of Piffaro bring one of the most potent examples of musical immigration in 16th century Europe to life—the story of the Bassano family.



SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: www.piffaro.org



Bach Trio Sonatas

with Tempesta di Mare

This live concert performance of Tempesta's 5-star recording of Bach's six organ trio sonatas is re-imagined for chamber ensemble of recorder, flute, violins, lute, harpsichord, viola da gamba, and cello.

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
www.tempestadimare.org

2025 APRIL
4 @ 7 PM
in the Church

2025 APRIL
6 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE FIFTH
SUNDAY
IN LENT

A Lenten Service of Readings & Music

with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 Organ Prelude: Cameron Kuzepski

Organ Scholar, Christ Church Christiana Hundred
Peabody Conservatory of Music

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Byrd	<i>Miserere mei</i>
Gibbons	<i>The Secret Sins</i>
Oldroyd	<i>Prayer to Jesus</i>
Proulx	<i>We Adore You, O Christ</i>



Easter Lessons & Carols

with the Christ Church Choir,
Senior Choristers, & Clergy

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Beck	<i>An Easter Carillon</i>
Handl	<i>Haec est Dies</i>
Lassus	<i>Surrexit pastor bonus</i>
Proulx	<i>Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee</i>
Ireland	<i>Greater Love Hath No Man</i>
Bainton	<i>And I Saw a New Heaven</i>
Stanford	<i>Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem</i>

2025 MAY
11 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

2025 JUNE
1 @ 4 PM
in the Church

THE SUNDAY
AFTER THE
ASCENSION

Choral Evensong

with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 Organ Prelude: Bruce Barber
Christ Church Christiana Hundred

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Helvey	<i>Phos hilaron</i>
MacDonald	<i>Responses</i>
Jackson	<i>Evening Service in G Major</i>
Phillips	<i>Who Has Made This World</i>



THE 2025 CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR RESIDENCY

York Minster, York, UK

July 21-27

For over a thousand years, York Minster's magnificent spaces have resounded with choral music. The Christ Church Choir will join that tradition as a visiting choir in July 2025. Led by our director of music, Bruce Barber, the choir will sing at the daily worship and Sunday services in the Minster. This is the third residency our choir has made in England and builds on the choir's ministry in the Anglican choral music tradition, developed over 110 years of Christ Church's worship.



JOIN THE CHORAL PILGRIMAGE

in Northern England

July 23-August 4

The 11th English Choral Pilgrimage sponsored by Christ Church Christiana Hundred offers a rich experience in music, history, and Celtic spirituality. Pilgrims will join in daily worship with the Christ Church Choir in York, while exploring the ancient history of the Minster, Ripon Cathedral, and Fountains Abbey from July 24-27. Then the pilgrims continue their spiritual journey with six additional days in Durham and Northumbria, including Lindisfarne (Holy Island). This 13-day pilgrimage is led by the Rev. Ruth Beresford, the Rev. David Beresford, and Bruce Barber for the choir's residency.

The choral pilgrimage is open to all adults with a maximum of 30 pilgrims accompanying the choir. A \$500 reservation deposit is fully refundable until December 1, 2024 and secures your place as a pilgrim. Visit www.christchurchde.org/choral-pilgrimage for additional details or contact Bruce Barber or Ruth Beresford with questions.



SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

OCTOBER

6	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: Cameron Kuzepski
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong
13	3:00 PM	Triumph: Piffaro, the Renaissance Band & TENET Vocal Artists

NOVEMBER

3	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: Nathan Ringkamp
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong: Remembrance of the Beloved Departed
7-10		Theologian in Residence Weekend: Robert Willis
10	4:00 PM	Music in Memoriam: The Christ Church Choir
17	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong
28		THANKSGIVING DAY
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER

1	5:00 PM	Advent Lessons & Carols
13	7:00 PM	Neapolitan Christmas: Tempesta di Mare
24		CHRISTMAS EVE
	2:00 PM	Children’s Christmas Pageant
	4:00 PM	Holy Eucharist (Church)
	4:00 PM	Candlelight, Communion, & Carols (Chapel)
	6:00 PM	Christmas Lessons & Carols (non-communion liturgy)
	10:00 PM	Choral Eucharist
25		CHRISTMAS DAY
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist

JANUARY

19	4:00 PM	Epiphany Lessons & Carols
31	7:00 PM	Ostinato: Tempesta di Mare

FEBRUARY

2	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: David Schelat
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong
9	4:00 PM	Music by Candlelight - Rococo Dialogues: Filament

MARCH

2		Musician in Residence Weekend: James O’Donnell
	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: David Hearn
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong
5		ASH WEDNESDAY
	7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes
9	4:00 PM	Progressive Organ Recital: Christa Rakich
23	3:00 PM	All Excellent and Esteemed - The Bassano Family: Piffaro, the Renaissance Band



APRIL

4	7:00 PM	Bach Trio Sonatas: Tempesta di Mare
6	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: Cameron Kuzepski
	4:00 PM	A Lenten Service of Readings & Music
13		PALM SUNDAY
		Holy Eucharist (8, 9, & 10:30 AM)
17		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist
18		GOOD FRIDAY
	7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service
20		EASTER DAY
		Holy Eucharist (6, 8, 9, & 11 AM)

MAY

11	4:00 PM	Easter Lessons & Carols
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JUNE

1	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: Bruce Barber
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong



CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Schedule begins September 15

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM Contemporary Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
– a “come as you are” service led by our worship band

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church
– a brief spoken liturgy using traditional language

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel: “The ARK”
– a formative 30-minute liturgy supporting families with young children

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church: “SANCTUARY”
– a 40-minute service engaging people of all ages

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
– the principal parish liturgy with choral leadership by our choirs and livestreamed to our website

4:00 PM Choral Evensong in either the Church or Chapel, as scheduled
– a service of prayer, scripture, and song in the Anglican choral tradition

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT
www.christchurchde.org/services

WEDNESDAYS

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with prayers for Healing in the Chapel

THURSDAYS

6:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

SUNDAYS - FRIDAYS

5:00 PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel



ABOUT THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR

1850s

Records date back to this time with Joanna Smith (Mrs. Alexis du Pont) playing the newly procured organ

1890-96

Rev. Hamilton M. Bartlett (Rector 1890–96) took an active interest in the choir and increased its volunteers from 5 to 21

1913

The Choir Fund was listed on Christ Church pledge cards

1919

The choir was enlarged to 10 paid singers

1980

The choir was enlarged to 18 paid singers

2014

Christ Church Choir begins singing monthly services of Choral Evensong

2018

Christ Church Choir makes its first pilgrimage / residencies to England singing at Bristol Cathedral and Westminster Abbey

1894

Regular entries in the church's ledger reflect a paid organ boy whose job it was to operate the bellows for the service. His annual salary was \$20

1899

There were about 20 people in the choir, including a paid quartet

1914

The Choir Fund was established (Henry Francis du Pont, Treasurer) and the Christ Church Choir became a fully professional ensemble

1943

The Vestry voted to enlarge the choir by three

2011

Created the Letty Downs Musician in Residence Fund to sustain program founded by her in 1983

2016

The Joe Thompson Choral Scholar position was created

2022

Christ Church Choir in residence at St. Paul's Cathedral, London

Throughout its 109-year history, the Christ Church Choir has been at the center of the worship life of Christ Church. Whether in liturgy, concert, small ensemble, or full choir, the work of these talented musicians has been widely recognized for its excellence and beauty.

This amazing group of people comes together, away from their “day jobs” as music teachers, voice coaches, choral/ instrumental conductors, piano teachers, bankers, medical professionals, etc., to create this marvelous instrument known as the Christ Church Choir.

The Choir offers some of the finest music in the Anglican tradition, both in liturgy and in concert, and it continues to serve as one of Christ Church's most important and dynamic evangelistic and outreach tools. Through the work of this choir, Christ Church reaches out to the wider Wilmington community and even across the Atlantic to the great homeland of our faith tradition, England.

Known Organists and Choirmasters of Christ Church Christiana Hundred

George Powick	1890 – 1902	Firmin Swinnen	1925 – 1956
Leslie Cook	1902 – 1905	Clarence Snyder	1956 – 1983
Horace Harrison	1906 – 1924	William Owen, III	1983 – 2014
Elizabeth Wilson	1906 – 1924	Bruce Barber, II	2015 –
<i>Choirmaster</i>			
<i>Organist</i>			



Thank You for your support!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This wonderful beloved community we know as Christ Church Christiana Hundred has been a place of belonging and community since its founding 176 years ago along the storied banks of the Brandywine River. Her rich musical heritage, continuing to this day, is marked by glorious singing of congregation and choirs, offerings by various instruments in liturgy, and by presentation of magnificent concerts throughout the year. In worship and in concert, our music making is rooted in the Anglican tradition and continues to grow and expand as a gift to our surrounding community and region. Christ Church is a place where a real sense of the beloved community pervades everything we do, and YOU are invited to find your place of belonging here!

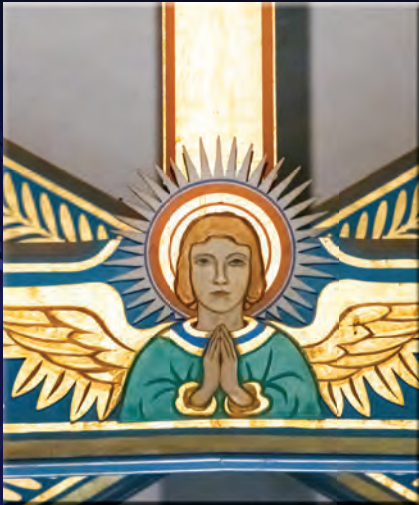
We are grateful for the support for this living musical tradition. Touching those who have gone before us whose gifts help sustain it and those who currently engage in this ministry, the great musical tradition of Christ Church Christiana Hundred

gladdens the hearts of the people of Christ Church as well as invites visitors and friends to be nourished by God's own bounty. For this support, we give thanks.

You are invited to be a Friend of Music at Christ Church by supporting the 2024-25 Christ Church Concert season. To make a direct contribution, visit www.christchurchde.org/music-contributions or send a check in the envelope included with this brochure. Unless otherwise indicated, contributions will be listed in appropriate concert programs. Thank you to our parishioners for their pledges and contributions to the parish, which support our programs as well.

We want you to know that you are welcome here for all of the events and services listed in this brochure. Bring your friends, neighbors, and families. Celebrate and rejoice with us in the beauty of God's gift of music and find your place of belonging at Christ Church.

If you have questions regarding support of the Concert Series through the Friends of Music, please contact our director of music, Bruce Barber, at 302-655-3379 or bbarber@christchurchde.org.





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CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

Christ Church Christiana Hundred is an Episcopal Parish with members attending from all three counties in Delaware and across the Eastern border of Pennsylvania into the Kennett Square, Avon Grove, and Glen Mills areas. We have a beautiful 22-acre wooded campus near the Brandywine in Greenville, Delaware, located just down Buck Road next to Hagley Museum.

The Parish was founded in 1848, and the present Church building was completed in 1856. It has long been a center of religious life for thousands of communicants, many of whom have been dedicated contributors to the life of our Christ Church community and the needs of our local community. Sacred music has historically been of special importance in the worship of the parish, and that tradition continues today. Please join us for any and all of these beautiful celebrations – our doors are open to all!

*“Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to the
imagination, and life to everything”*

– Plato