

# CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

December 2013

**Alternative Christmas Market Sunday December 8 11:30 AM until early afternoon:** Your Aunt Becky does not want another Chia Pet for Christmas...she told me. In fact, there's nothing at the malls but junk and stress. But we have gifts that are handmade gifts that inspire. Jewelry, White Elephant table as well, books and food. *Friends don't let friends go to the mall. Drop by and see us!*

**Advent Lessons and Carols Followed by Parish Feast Sunday December 15 at 4PM** in Church followed by Feast upstairs in Parish House. So Join us for a beautiful candlelight service of Lessons and Carols that lasts for one hour followed by a feast that would make Charles Dickens weep hot tears of joy and best of all it's free!

**Neighborhood Christmas Caroling Saturday December 21, 2013 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM**

Catch the spirit of Christmas by wassailing through the Longwood neighborhood. Bring some joy into the lives of those who cannot get out. Caroling followed by hot chocolate and snacks in Parish House

**Bach Christmas Concert Church of Our Saviour, Saturday December 21, 8pm** This concert explores the music of J.S. Bach's Christmases. We will hear the great Advent chorales Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland and Wie schön leuchtet die Morgenstern in many guises and disguises, culminating in Bach's magnificent Cantata No. 61 based on these tunes. This concert will feature chorale-singing (in English, with audience participation!) and organ works performed on the new Hook & Hastings organ.

**On the morning of November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan** made landfall in the central Philippines, causing widespread damage and destruction. Help to support our local partner, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, in distributing critical food supplies and preparing a strategy for long-term recovery. Your gift will support emergency relief and recovery efforts in Philippines following Superstorm Typhoon Haiyan. go to [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)

If you'd like to join our Choir for the 8:00pm service on Christmas Eve, please email Jennifer: [jen@berkhampton.com](mailto:jen@berkhampton.com). Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. We'll start on the Christmas music beginning December 4.

EMAIL, CALL CHURCH OFFICE OR FILL OUT FORM TO GIVE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

## Christmas Eve. Holy Communion ' Children and Grandparents' Service 4 PM

Let's face it, Christmas Eve at 4PM is not the time for the preacher to clarify the doctrine of the Holy Trinity 'Once and for all!' On the contrary, it's a very tender moment when parents, grandparents feel deep sentiment of memories, and want to share & delight in watching their grandchildren catch a glimpse of the spirit of the Incarnation through filling the creche and singing those hymns and prayer we all remember. Our service is just under an hour and it feels like Christmas Eve. in an English country church. All are welcome to receive Communion, we even dim the church lights toward the end and sing Silent Night in the flickering darkness. I bet that's what you're after. So, Come join us.

## Christmas Eve. Holy Communion with Choir 8PM

The proverbial Midnight service but held at a reasonable hour; incense free with our renowned choir singing those Hymns that it just wouldn't be Christmas without. A relevant but mercifully brief sermon followed by Holy Communion. You'll get a boost of the Christmas spirit and be glad that you came.

## Christmas Day Holy Communion with Hymns and organ accompaniment 10:00 AM

Please come worship during this Advent and Christmas. The church will be greened and you can participate in this at the Advent Cleaning and Greening Saturday December 14 at 10:00 and a final sprucing up at 10 on 12/21. We say goodbye to parishioners Halani and Dom Foulsham who are moving to England this month. Halani's gifts of friendship and gorgeous flower arranging will be sorely missed. The vestry will hear on Monday about the proposed gift of a completely restored antique Chickering Baby Grand Piano from a former parishioner. In addition, a Vermont Farm plans to use Church of Our Saviour as a drop off stop for Lawrence School families and others to pick up fresh vegetables. If you've been in our parish house at night, you've felt the shaking ceiling and booming music of exercise classes. Those classes recently worked with the rector to collect a huge amount of canned goods for the Brookline Food Pantry. Gina Fay, class director noted "Being fit isn't just about our bodies, it's awareness of the needs of others less fortunate. We hope to do more events like this with the parish. It's a truly wonderful church." Thanks Gina!