



the chronicle

Advent
2010

News from Christ Church

Lincoln, RI



PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Preparing for Advent the Christ Church way. Advent begins Sunday, November 28th.

Above, the first Sunday of Advent, 2009.

Below, the LaFreniere family makes their Advent Wreath, December, 2007



We come again to the season of Advent – a time to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus Christ. Compared with the din of cash registers and the chaos of mall parking lots, our quiet season at church might seem irrelevant or even outdated. But perhaps that is exactly why we should pay full attention to this season of preparation and hope.

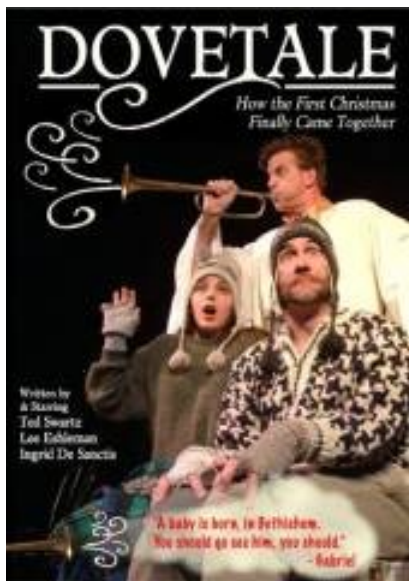
Almost everything in life requires preparation. Learning a new job requires education. Passing a test requires studying. Completing a race requires training. A meal requires preparation. Making new friends requires the desire to learn about another and to share something of ourselves. And Christmas most certainly requires preparation if we are to celebrate it fully. This preparation has nothing to do with decorating, or baking, or buying gifts. Advent gives us four weeks to engage in a completely different kind of preparation for Christmas.

We must make some silence to listen for the whispers of God's small voice. We must set aside our own ideas of how the world "should" work to realize that God's kingdom is different. And we must open our minds and our hearts to the mystery of God's boundless love revealed in a baby.

All this work we do with the echoes of our Thanksgiving feast still sounding. May we prepare our hearts and our homes with grateful hearts. Let us look beyond whatever troubles us, and let us move past those things which we believe we lack. Let us realize that God has given us everything we need in Jesus Christ. And that, my friends, is the true gift of Christmas and of Advent.

The Rev'd Scott A. Gunn
Rector

News from around the parish



The Christ Church theater group, Fisherman's Follies, is presenting another production for the Advent season. The play is entitled "Dovetale: How the First Christmas Finally Came Together."

It is the story of Joseph and Mary's incredible experience leading up to the birth of our Savior. The Angel Gabriel leads the audience in a new understanding of the Christmas story. Appearances from various characters including 2 zany shepherds make the hour and a half show fly by. It will be both funny and heart-warming and sure to leave you seeing the birth of Jesus Christ in a new light.

The show will be performed at Christ Church Lincoln, 1643 Lonsdale Ave, Lincoln, RI. There will be 2 shows. The first is December 11th at 7:00pm and the second is December 12th at 3:00pm. Both shows are expected to sell out so get your tickets early by calling the office at 401-725-1920. Price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism – Congratulations to our newly baptized children – baptized on Sunday, November 7, 2010 ~ Noah Steven Ambeault, son of Justin Ambeault and Alyssa Dias; Sophia Emma Cutler, daughter of Christopher and Jennifer Cutler; John Peyton Leone, son of Matthew and Angela Leone; Kaiden Anthony Charles Pariseau, son of Keith and Amanda Pariseau; Ethan Joseph Taylor, son of Christopher Taylor and Lisa Wilcox. The next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 9, 2011. If you would like to speak about Holy Baptism for yourself or you child, please contact Scott or Melody.

Burials – Doris Dougan and Robert Boyd

AED & CPR Training

Would you like to learn how to save lives? CPR can keep people alive. Our Parish owns two electronic defibrillators, and this training will also teach you how to use these devices. Linda Mendonca, a Christ Church parishioner and a certified Red Cross instructor, will be conducting a training course for those in our parish who wish to be certified in CPR and AED. The people who were certified last year will need to be recertified. Please consider coming to this training. It will give you a vital skill, and it will help us to ensure that there is always a trained person present at parish events.

The training is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Linda at 401-726-8968, or call the Parish Office 401-725-1920. Lunch will be provided.





CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

It is time to begin ordering your Christmas Plant Memorials.

The deadline is Sunday, December 5, 2010.

Each Christmas the Altar Guild decorates the Sanctuary with Poinsettias that are banked on either side of the Altar. Each plant is given in memory of a loved one, or if you have a special thanksgiving for something nice that has happened in your life.

Please fill out the order form below, make check payable to Christ Church Altar Guild, and send to Mrs. Jane Gauvin.

Christmas Flower Order Form Memorial or Thanksgiving

Please Send To:

Mrs. Jane Gauvin, 57 Amherst Street, Cumberland, RI 02864

Enclosed is my contribution for ___ plant(s) @ \$15.00 per plant.

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

The names submitted will be remembered in prayers at the Christmas service.

Remember the deadline is Sunday, December 5th.

Note: If you are unable to come to Christ Church for Christmas Services and would like a leaflet mailed to you please call the Parish Office, 401-725-1920 and give your name to Linda and she will be happy to mail one to you.



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

25 & 26 – Thursday & Friday. The parish office will be closed for our observance of Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

28 – Sunday. Today is the **First Sunday of Advent.** Our liturgy will change a bit for this season, as we shift to a more contemplative time. At 9:15 today, we **make Advent wreaths.** This is a great family activity. We'll supply all the materials for you to create your own Advent wreath for home. You supply creativity and construction skills. (We will accept voluntary contributions for the cost of materials.) All ages are welcome; there are no classes today.

DECEMBER

3-Friday. Come to the Great Hall to experience our **Harvest Café** as we welcome musical guests Shawn Dennison and Raised in Glory. Doors open at 7 p.m. and music begins at 7:30. Enjoy uplifting music and prayer, share in some refreshments, and meet some new friends.

5- Sunday. Join us today for our annual **Jesse Tree celebration**, when we decorate a tree with symbols of the Advent season during our 10:30 service.

11&12- Saturday and Sunday. This weekend our theater group will present **Dovetails**, a play that tells us what *really* happened at the First Christmas. The first performance is **Saturday evening at 7 p.m.**, with a matinee on **Sunday at 3 p.m.** This is a great way to prepare for Christmas, as we hear the story told in a new and different way; don't miss it!

17 – Friday. Tonight's **Harvest Café** features Kristen Locke. Join us in the Great Hall to hear some wonderful music and share in fellowship with friends old and new. Doors open at 7 p.m. and music begins at 7:30.

19- Sunday. Come celebrate at our 8 and 10:30 services as we prepare for the coming of Christ with the final Sunday in Advent. Join us **following the 10:30 service for the Greening of the Church**, when we decorate our beautiful sanctuary with festive Christmas garlands. All are welcome to share in the fun.

24 – Friday. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus

Christ with two festive **Christmas Eve services.**

25 –Saturday. If you prefer to celebrate on Christmas morning, join us at 10:30 a.m. for our **Christmas Day** service.

26 – Sunday. Christmas doesn't end on December 25, it *begins* on December 25 and lasts for the next twelve days! Today is the **First Sunday of Christmas.** At 9:15 today, we **make gingerbread houses** to take to our shut-in parishioners. This is a great family activity. We supply the materials; you supply creativity and construction skills. (We will accept voluntary contributions for the cost of materials.) Then we ask for volunteers to deliver these houses to some of our shut-in parishioners. All ages are welcome; there are no classes today. Then, at 10:30, we'll sing traditional Christmas favorites at our annual **Lessons and Carols** service.

JANUARY

2 – Sunday. Celebrate the New Year with your church family at our **New Year's Breakfast.** Breakfast is at 9:15, so there are no classes this Sunday.

6 – Thursday. Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany.** We will celebrate at 6 p.m. with a Holy Eucharist including our children's pageant and the tradition of the Blessing of the Chalk. The service will be followed with an Epiphany party in the Great Hall. This is a celebration not to be missed!

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10pm: Procession, Holy Eucharist & Carols**

**Christmas Day, December 24th
10:30am: Holy Eucharist, Carols & Hymns**

