Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

This year, the entire month of May is given over to the celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection. Easter joy is all around us, and we must remember that, even when the last bits of our chocolate bunnies are long gone! Around our house, reminders of God’s promise of new life in his Son, Jesus, are all around.

After the long chill of winter, we are surrounded by an explosion of new blooms and the return of the long-absent perennial plants in the garden. And as if that weren’t enough, the chirping of 25 chicks in the garage under their heat lamp can leave no doubt.

God has put the stamp of his resurrection power all over the world around us, if we just take the time to look. The yearly renewal of life in the created order serves to remind us not only of our own mortality, but also of the promise of new life in Jesus Christ—the promise that some day, out of the bodily husks we leave behind, the germ of our immortal souls will send forth a new and undying shoot, and the bloom will be a perfect, never-fading addition to our Father’s garden above.

Christ, the firstfruits of those who sleep, has risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and opening the gates of heaven to all who believe on His name.

May the joy of His resurrection be your joy and hope in this season and throughout the year. Easter Blessings, Fr. Richard
Thank you to all of our musicians!

Mary Sampson
Organist & Choirmaster

Senior Choir
* section leaders
Soprano
Lois Annand
Mindy Weaver
Noel Williams*

Alto
Anna Henry
Jessica Kasinski*
Amanda Miller
Vicki Sayers

Tenor
Steven Williamson*
John McClarin

Bass
Pete Datos
Robert Miller
Matthew Miller
Clint Williams*

Junior Choir
George Furlong
Jimmy McConomy
Maddy Putterman
Megan McGee
Sarah Henry

Bell Choir
Francesca Campanaro
Amanda Miller
Alex Putterman
Sarah Putterman
Sarah Henry
Maddy Putterman
Emily Geliebter
Lynne Geliebter
Matthew Miller

Trinity Tidbit
The fourth monarch to reign during the early history of our parish was George Augustus of the house of Hanover.

Annual Meeting
The annual meeting of Trinity Church Oxford was held on Sunday, April 10, and a full copy of the annual report can be found on the links page of our website or by contacting the office. At the meeting, we thanked outgoing members of the Vestry (including Lorraine Henry who served for six years and, for the last year, as Secretary of the Vestry) and elected new Vestry members, along with various representatives to the diocese. Father Robyn asked Dorothy Orr to continue as Rector’s Warden and she accepted. The new Vestry includes: John Annand (serving thru 2012), Nellie Duddy (thru ’12), Lynne Geliebter (’12), Judith Maile (’12), Rose McClarin (’14), Pamela McCracken (’12), Charles McGee (’14), Robert Miller (’12), Dorothy Orr (’13), Victoria Sayers (’14), Melinda Weaver (’12) and Judith Williamson (’12). Many thanks to all who agreed to serve in these important leadership roles that help our parish grow and prosper.

Confirmation Class
The confirmation class prepared and served lunch at St. Mark's Frankford soup kitchen on April 2, and is looking forward to a camping retreat from May 6 to May 8 at Parvin State Park in Pittsgrove, New Jersey. The class of ten young people is preparing for confirmation by Bishop Lee here at Trinity on Sunday, June 19.

Deacon Update
I am looking for donations for the Free Church of St John’s Thrift Store (gently used summer clothing). I will be taking a week off to work on their UrbanServe program that is co-sponsored by Good Samaritan of Paoli in June. More on that to follow. Peace, Phil

Easter at Trinity
Holy Week at Trinity began with the bell choir, a traditional Palm Sunday procession, and the reading of the Passion. A simple mass was held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. On Maundy Thursday evening, the altar was stripped by the acolytes and ceremonially washed to represent the tomb - everyone then processed from the dark and empty church to the Buchanan Building, where an altar of repose (representing the Garden of Gethsemen) provided an opportunity for silent meditation. On Good Friday, we again read the Passion of Christ and venerated the wood of the cross.

The joy of Easter Sunday arrived with an overflow congregation eager to hear the good news of the resurrection! Beautiful flowers and music filled the church, including a fine brass ensemble and a rousing rendition of Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus that was heard all the way down on Rising Sun Avenue. After the service, the children participated in the annual Easter egg hunt in the churchyard. Father Richard made clear to steadfast parishioners and one-time visitors alike that everyone is always welcome at Trinity and the joy of Easter is for all to share! He also invited everyone to an Easter Open House at the rectory the following Saturday, where spring blooms abound and 25 new chicks recently arrived. Many
George II (30 October 1683 (O.S) - 25 October 1760) was King of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg (Hanover) and Archtreasurer and Prince-elector of the Holy Roman Empire from 11 June 1727 (O.S.) until his death.

He was the last British monarch to have been born outside Great Britain, and was famous for his numerous conflicts with his father and, subsequently, with his son. As king, he exercised little control over policy in his early reign, the government instead being controlled by Great Britain’s parliament. Before that, most kings possessed great power over their parliaments. He was also the last British monarch to lead an army in battle (at Dettingen, in 1743). The Seven Years’ War (aka the French and Indian War) started during his reign and continued after his death. It was one of the factors that led to the American Revolution.

During his reign, in 1752, Great Britain officially adopted the Gregorian calendar, a move that had taken some time due to the fact that the calendar was a creation of the Pope of Rome. Because of the change, eleven days in September were omitted that year.

In 1753, George II granted the charter for King’s College in New York (now Columbia University).

God Save the King was first performed during his reign, as was Handel’s Messiah. During the “Halleluiah Chorus,” the king was so moved that he stood up. According to royal etiquette, the rest of the audience were compelled to do likewise. That is why we stand during that famous chorus to this day.

Next month, our fifth and final sovereign, his son, George III.
Music Ministries Sunday
On Sunday, May 1, we recognized the extraordinary efforts of all those involved in our music program at Trinity Church Oxford. Father Richard especially thanked Mary Sampson, our organist and choirmaster, and Mary in turn individually thanked each musician. Music is such an important part of our Trinity tradition, and the range & quality of musical offerings have never been better! Please see the sidebar of this newsletter for the names of those who serve in the Bell Choir, Junior Choir and Senior Choir. Please visit our website for pictures of the occasion at which all 3 choirs sang and rang.

On this day, we also heard from a board member of ECS (Episcopal Community Services) about the very good work they do. We urge you to contribute to them using the donate button at the bottom of the homepage of our website - please be sure to note "ECS" with your donation.

Finally, since it was the first Sunday after the royal wedding and we are a parish originally founded under the crown, special prayers were said for the royal family followed by a rousing chorus of God Save the Queen.

Neighborhood Picnic
On Pentecost, June 12, after the 10am service, we will host a neighborhood picnic and open house to celebrate the 300th anniversary of our church building and give our neighbors a chance to get to know us a little better. The casual event will include a family picnic, fun things for kids, and a chance for people to check out the church building, the graveyard, and the historical exhibit in the Buchanan Building.

Relics Requested
Our church building's 300th anniversary is fast approaching. We will be opening our doors even wider to welcome our neighbors in for a visit. We want to display photos and artifacts from our 300 years in the neighborhood. Do you have any old or unique photos or items of Trinity or of the surrounding neighborhood? Maybe you have a picture from the Summer Bible Schools held in the Parish House, a YPF Bubble Bounce, a picture of Oxford Ave before it was paved, or the houses on Longshore being built? Or maybe you have an old monthly newsletter, Sunday School workbook, Oyster-Ham dinner ticket, or Sunday bulletin? If you do and would be willing to lend it for the celebration, please provide a description of the item to Mindy Weaver. Do NOT bring the item in at this point. We will use items from the Parish Archives but would also like to display unique items not found there. If we decide to use your item, arrangements will be made to obtain it closer to the celebration. Please visit the Hall of History on our website to see some historic photos of Trinity Church Oxford.

Vestry Highlights
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At the April meeting, the Vestry elected Judy Maile as Accounting Warden and Lynne Geliebter as Secretary. We also voted to purchase a cabinet for displaying archives in the Buchanan Building and agreed to donate $250 to ECS toward expenses of the Urban Bridges Graduation Reception. At our next meeting on May 16 at 7pm, Joseph Bachman (our accountant) will review our financial statements and provide a refresher in financial management for those who need it. Peace, Dottie Orr

**Women of Trinity**

The ladies will have their annual spring luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, at noon. They will also be holding a flea market on Saturday, May 14, from 9am to 2pm in the parking lot behind the Parish House - spaces will be $10 each - come out, buy a space, meet our neighbors, and shop for bargains! For more information, please contact [Nellie Duddy](mailto: nellie.duddy@trinitychurchabl.com).

**Youth Group**

The Youth Group is planning a mission trip for August 12-14 to the St. Francis Inn in Kensington. We will be putting our "faith into action" working alongside the Franciscan friars, sisters, staff and volunteers as we serve the people of Kensington. If you know of a high school age student who may be interested in joining the group, please speak to Emily or Phil Geliebter, or visit the [Youth Group page](http://trinitychurchabl.com) on our website. Adults are welcome on the retreat too!

**Calendar and Your Feedback**

Using Google Calendars, we've created a [new interactive online calendar](http://trinitychurchabl.com) on our website that allows you to view events at Trinity by week or month, and in a variety of formats. You can also print out the calendar in a way that works best for you. Please check out this new feature, post the calendar on you refrigerator or somewhere handy, and let me know what you think about it. Please also email any input for June's Trinitarian to me by Friday, May 27. Cheers, [Pete](mailto: pete@trinitychurchabl.com) (your Trinitarian editor)

**Upcoming Events**

Every Sunday, Mass at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music)

May 6 to 8, Confirmation Class Camping Retreat

May 10, Women of Trinity Spring Luncheon at Noon

May 10, GFS Meeting at 7pm in the Children's House

May 10, Warden's Meeting

May 14, Women of Trinity Flea Market

May 14, Property Clean Up Day at 9:30am in the Churchyard

May 14, GFS Day at Trinity Church Ambler

May 16, Vestry Meeting at 7pm in the Buchanan Building

May 23, Trinity Goes to the Phillies Game (sold out)
May 31, 300 Anniversary Committee Meeting
June 5, Blue Jeans/Clean-Up Sunday
June 12, Pentecost & Neighborhood Picnic
June 17, 300th Anniversary Evensong & Rededication of Church Building
June 19, Trinity Sunday & Confirmations

Just for fun...

Easter Memorials - 2011

Flowers:
Father Robyn and Pete Datos in loving memory of Steven & Mary Datos, Francis & Beatrice Bickings, Norman & Edith Rice, Peter & Anna Robyn, Dino Anagnost and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Trinity Church Oxford, the Confirmation Class of 2011, and all the blessings of this life · Chuck and Chris Claypoole in loving memory of Harold and Shirley Claypoole · Harold Harrison in loving memory of his wife, Ethel · Pam McCracken in loving memory of Thomas McCracken, Jr. · Mr. and Mrs. John Spadea in loving memory of family and friends · Verna Kahrklin and Ruth Banks in loving memory of our loved ones and in thanksgiving for all our blessings · Edith V. Rio in loving memory of Harriet and Lloyd Sawyer · Paul Graf in loving memory of Herman and Kate Graf · Kathryn Rampson in loving memory of my husband, Richard F. Rampson and my parents, William J. and Elizabeth E. Dougherty · John and Mary Sampson in loving memory of John and Mary Rogers Marzen; J. Clyde and Dorothy Sampson; Judy Marzen; Anthony Witz · Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Suchinsky in loving memory of David and Laura Greenwood, Dmytro and Antonia Suchinsky · Beverly Kent in loving memory of family and friends · Dolores Reese in loving memory of her brother, Theodore James · Henry and Clara D'Amico in loving memory of Angelina D'Amico and in thanksgiving for all our friends at Trinity Church, Oxford · John and Lois Annand in loving memory of our loved ones · Wendy Gilbert in thanksgiving for Luke and Sarah · Donna and Harry Woods in thanksgiving for Corey and Christian
· Dottie and Fred Orr in thanksgiving for Corey, Christian, Luke and Sarah · Bill and Janice Haines in loving memory of Dorothy Haines · The Geliebter family in celebration of the coming marriage of Katie and Mike · Gloria Schmollinger in loving memory of loved ones · Joe and Judy Williamson in thanksgiving for family and friends · The Miller family in loving memory of Les Sweeney and Verniece Magruder · Lisa Padilla and Bob Miller in thanksgiving for Isaiah, Matthew and Amanda · Vicki Sayers in loving memory of Elizabeth Giovannozzi · Dorothy Flaherty in loving memory of my wonderful family · Sylvia Longman in loving memory of my dear husband, Jack and in thanksgiving for my family and spring time · Susan O'Donnell in loving memory of the Amos and O'Donnell families · The Mills family in thanksgiving for Chelsea and Stewie Mills · Mark and Judy Maile in loving memory of loved ones · Tom and Nellie Duddy in loving memory of their deceased parents; John, Marie, Juanita and James · Jack and Mary Washington in loving memory of the Washington and Towner families and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Music:
Father Robyn and Pete Datos in thanksgiving for sacred music, the Chariot of the Faith and in loving memory of Maestro Dino Anagnost · Paul Graf in loving memory of Herman and Kate Graf · Mr. and Mrs. John Spadea in thanksgiving for the music program · Susan O'Donnell in loving memory of the Amos and O'Donnell families and in thanksgiving for the Henderson family · Ann Truesdale in loving memory of Gail Truesdale · The Puttermann family in loving memory of Bea and Garnet Painter & Madame Denke Bergon · Linda and Raymond Grossmuller in loving memory of Mary G. Seitz · Henry and Clara D'Amico in loving memory of James and Edna Dunlop and in thanksgiving for Mrs. Mary G. Sampson, Organist/Choirmaster · Joe and Judy Williamson in loving memory of loved ones · Pam McCracken in thanksgiving for wonderful family and friends · John and Mary Sampson in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and in honor of: The Choirs of Trinity Church, Oxford · Dottie and Fred Orr in loving memory of William & Nancy Snyder and Grace & Alfred Orr · Donna and Harry Woods in loving memory of Nancy Snyder and Eleanor Woods · Wendy Gilbert in loving memory of Nancy Snyder and Grace & Alfred Orr · John and Lois Annand in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren · Beverly Kent in thanksgiving for family and friends · Tom and Nellie Duddy in loving memory of our deceased parents, John, Marie, Juanita and James · John and Rita Fardone in loving memory of Pearl Ruiz and in thanksgiving for life · John and Rose McClarin in loving memory of Bette Fischer, Rose and Carl Wittg, and in thanksgiving for Devin Richards-Kane, Ryan Kane, Devin Servey · The Geliebter family in loving memory of loved ones who have died · The Robert Miller family in loving memory of Edith & Anthony Miller and Beatrice & William Gerkin · Matthew and Amanda Miller in thanksgiving for Isaiah, Jake and all the men and women on the USS Enterprise · Vicki Sayers in thanksgiving for the music at Trinity Church, Oxford · Vicki Sayers in loving memory of Christina Vogel and Pearl VanSant · Vicki Sayers in loving memory of Harry VanSant · The Mills family in loving memory Marie Oettinger · Mark and Judy Maile in loving memory of loved ones · Amy and Eric Liberi in loving memory of Anthony Witz and Frank Liberi in thanksgiving for Cadence and Claire Ehrke, Michael, Joseph and John Anthony Cipolla · Judy Santinni in thanksgiving for Sadie, Grant, Hannah, Emilia, Adelina and Andrew

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