

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT 2009

In addition to providing music for the regular Sunday worship services throughout the past year, the music program presented and sponsored several special musical events:

February

*Taizé Evensong, February 8 at 5 p.m. with guest oboist, Kristen Severson – followed by soup and bread supper

March

*Special Music Sunday, March 15 – Adult Choir, soloists and string orchestra present Haydn's *Missa Sancti Nicolai (St. Nicholas Mass)*

April

*Easter Sunday, April 12 – Guest trumpeter Ken Laing accompanies Adult Choir and soloists; Joint anthem by Adult and Junior Choirs

May

*Junior Choir Step-up Sunday and Babson Night performance, May 17
*Pentecost, May 31 - Special Music by Adult and Junior Choirs, and trumpeter Ken Laing for Peter Chase's last Sunday at both the morning Pentecost worship service and the evening reception

July

*Kirsten attended the Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists, held in Boston July 1-3.

September

*Morning Prayer Service, September 27 celebrating the Seasons of the Church Year with the Chorales of J.S. Bach led by English organist and conductor Peter Lea-Cox

November

*Taizé Evensong, November 8 at 5 p.m. followed by soup and bread supper

December

*Dec. 13 - Advent Lessons and Carols service with Adult and Junior Choirs
*Dec. 20 – Christmas Pageant with special music by the Junior Choir
*Dec. 24 - 10:40 p.m. Musical Prelude for Christmas Eve – *Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten sung by the Adult Choir with harpist, Deborah Fabisiewicz

I feel fortunate to work with many enthusiastic and talented musicians at St. Mary's. Thank you to those who give of their time and talent to participate in the Adult and Junior Choirs. Thanks to the section leaders – Rosemary Halloran, Lynn Edwards, Glen Wright and Anthony Garza – for their leadership. And finally, in this year of transition, I'm thankful for the faithful and dedicated leadership of Margaret Schwarzer, our interim priest, and Denise's patient and cheerful assistance in the office.

Kirsten Johnson, Director of Music

