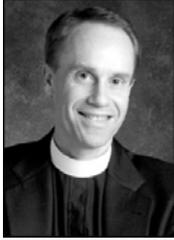


The Weekly Epistle
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2011
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

My purpose in writing today is to remind you to do some homework! In the life of the church we have two opportunities to speak up in matters that will have direct bearing on our future. The first is the online Grace Church survey. The Vestry is seeking to assess the parish's understanding of and support for the interior restoration. The survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes.

Your survey will go directly to our consultant, Kristine Miller, of Horizons Stewardship, so you can feel free to speak your mind. The plan is for Kristine to collate the data and report to the Vestry at the November meeting. Thanks to all of you who have completed a survey to date. For those of you who haven't, the deadline is October 14. How about doing it today? Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GRACECHURCHSURVEY>.

The second opportunity you have to weigh in on important matters is the upcoming election of a bishop coadjutor for the Diocese of New York. The election will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Saturday, October 29, and our Grace Church delegation is: Charlie Johnston, Sarah Cogan, Paul Demartini, Linda Bartholomew, Ted Pardoe, and yours truly. Seven candidates are in the running. One of them will eventually be the next Bishop of New York. Needless to say, ours is no ordinary diocese in the life of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. I have some strong opinions about these candidates, but I'd like to hear yours. To learn more about them, and to see a list of opportunities to meet them before the election, go to www.nybishopsearch2011.org.

Speak up, friends. See you in Church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector



Schedule of Services

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe
Music: The Parish Choir
Nursery care for children ages 0-3
Sunday School for children ages 3-8 at 9:00 am

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon
Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe
Music: The Adult Choir
Nursery care for children ages 0-3
Sunday School for children ages 3-8 during the sermon

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

Announcements

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - EXAMINING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE with the Rev. Linda Bartholomew. Today's discussion will address some of the same questions posed to the Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of New York candidates: Describe for us your personal spirituality and prayer life. What practices do you follow regularly? What experiences have most profoundly contributed to your spiritual life? What or who has most influenced you; how have those influences changed over time? How have you articulated your spiritual vision to others? Come prepared for a thoughtful discussion about the intersection of leadership and spirituality. Today's presentation is part of our fall Sunday Forum series, "The Church and the City," which is looking at how the church manifests itself in the city both physically and metaphorically. Each presentation will include time for questions and answers, and takes place in Tuttle Hall with coffee and refreshments.

20s30s SUNDAY BRUNCH - Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for brunch on Sunday October 9th after the 11am service at Jo's, located at 264 Elizabeth Street, just south of Houston. Maura will gather the group in Tuttle Hall before walking together to the restaurant. *RSVP to Maura Hooper by Friday October 7th at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org* if you can join us!

CENTERING PRAYER 5 PM Christian meditation each Sunday in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS! During the restoration, with the altar moved closer to the pews, we have found a terrific small neighboring business to arrange casual bouquets to flank the altar - at a much more affordable price than the large formal arrangements. You may now give flowers in memoriam, thanksgiving or celebration for just \$60. Contact Jennifer Metz at jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000 x100. To make your donation online, go to <http://gracechurchnyc.org/give-to-grace-online/> (scroll down to FLOWERS, in the COMMENTS specify the date you wish to donate flowers and any dedication for the Sunday bulletin that week).

THE BELLS ARE RINGING again after a lengthy silence thought to have been caused by a lightning strike that destroyed the electronic components of the player mechanism. A new digital controller by the Verdin Company has been installed and activated. The ringing schedule remains as before. Listen for the Westminster chime on the hour, and sets of hymns at noon, two, four and six p.m.

COMING SOON

HARVEST HOEDOWN - OCTOBER 15

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 15th, 5-8 pm for dinner, drinks, and square dancing with a professional caller. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and free for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at coffee hour through Sunday, Oct 9th or by contacting Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOEDOWN SET UP/CLEAN UP** - Contact Maura if you are able to come early or stay late to lend a hand!



SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - OCTOBER 16

RESTORING GRACE CHURCH: THE CRAFT AND PRESERVATION OF STAINED GLASS

Julie L. Sloan, Stained Glass Consultant, Tom Garcia, founder, the Gil Studios, Kevin Daly, Architectural Conservator, Walter Melvin Architects. The current restoration phase includes the removal and total rebuild of the stately Te Deum window above the altar which measures 17' wide by 34' tall, in addition to the restoration of eight other stained glass windows, plaster and stonework. Kevin Daly, the architectural conservator who is leading the restoration will join Julie L. Sloan, who has guided the restoration of the windows for over two decades and stained glass artist Tom Garcia of Gil Studios to discuss the processes underlying the design and restoration of these intricate and beautiful historic windows.

RESTORATION TOUR WITH KEVIN DALY, ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATOR - OCTOBER 16

Join Kevin Daly of Walter Melvin Architects at 1:30 for a restoration focused tour, looking at both the current work as well as the recently restored areas which include the chantry and south transept of the church.

CALLING ALL NEWCOMERS & INQUIRERS! - OCTOBER 16 & 23

After the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 16 & 23 there will be a meeting for newcomers/inquirers. After folks get a beverage and other treat in Tuttle Hall, we will sit down in the Reception Room and consider the range of inquiries. For more information, or just to check in, contact the Rev. Ted Pardoe at tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG - OCTOBER 16

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, October 16th at 4 pm in the Chantry. The Evening Canticles will be Harold Friedell's Service in F and the Preces and Responses are as set by William Byrd.

ATTENTION ALL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN! - OCTOBER 27

The inaugural meeting of the Grace Church Chapter of the ECW of New York will be held on Thursday, October 27th at 6:30 pm in Tuttle Hall along with a "No Pressure Potluck." (Bring something sweet or savory to share.) Prepare for a fun evening of planning how we can grow into the life of the church through women's fellowship and ministries. RSVP to elanafundos@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INTERVIEWS - NOVEMBER 8

Time to start thinking about this year's pageant! Interviews will be held on Tuesday, November 8th from 2-6pm in the Music Room. Children 5 and older are welcome to participate. Only those interested in singing a solo, duet, or in a trio need to sign up for an interview. Contact Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org to schedule an appointment for your child.

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

<http://gracechurchnyc.org/online-sermons/>