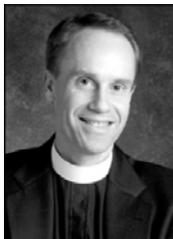


**The Weekly Epistle**  
**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 22, 2012**  
**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**



Dear Friends,

What follows are a few items of Grace Church interest that I hope you will take advantage of either online or in person:

- The Sunday Forum this week and next promises to be dynamic and timely. We have been considering Christian-Muslim relations, and this week Dr. Lucinda Mosher will be with us. She will be joined next week by Dr. Hussein Rashid. You can read more about these facilitators and the sessions below. Join us in Tuttle Hall at 10 am January 22 and 29.
- In response to the feasibility study that many of you participated in last fall, we have prepared a brochure called "Restoring Grace Church: Frequently Asked Questions." The brochure will be mailed to all parish households, but if you want a sneak preview, click [HERE](#).
- This morning I found myself standing on the sill of the Te Deum window amidst some enormous blocks of limestone tracery that are being fitted into place. David Verchere was with me filming what will be some digital shorts about the complex work taking place and our race against time to get it done in time for Holy Week and Easter. We'll let you know when the videos are posted.

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

**11:00 am**

**Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

**6:00 pm**

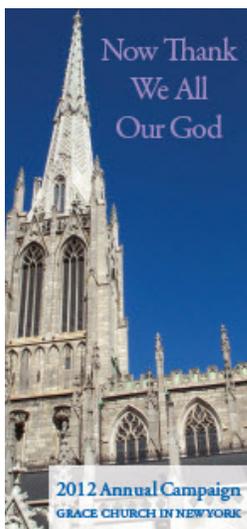
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry**

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

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## 2012 Annual Campaign

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And let us also thank everyone so far who has made a financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2012. In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church for our own and future generations, please make your commitment to a financial gift for the coming year.

UPDATE: We are approaching our goal of \$1 million! As of last week, 199 households have pledged for a total of \$904,681. This compares favorably to last year at this time, when 169 had pledged for \$790,105. The news is encouraging, but we still have a ways to go. If you have not made your pledge, please don't delay. Help us reach our \$1 million goal.

*To read the 2012 Annual Campaign brochure and/or make your pledge now, click the image of the brochure at left.*

*If you have any questions about pledging, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org).*

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## Announcements

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### SUNDAY JANUARY 22

**THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** - "Christian-Muslim Engagement in Positive Terms" is a two-part series led by Dr. Lucinda Mosher ([www.lucindamosher.net](http://www.lucindamosher.net)), Faculty Associate in Interfaith Studies at Hartford Seminary with Dr. Hussein Rashid ([www.husseinrashid.com](http://www.husseinrashid.com)), Professor of Religious Studies, Hofstra University. In the first session today, Dr. Mosher will introduce attendees to her work as an educator who promotes warm-hearted understanding between Muslims and Christians, and will address questions which commonly arise such as the meaning of "shari'ah" and the difference between Sunni and Shi'ah Islam. In the second session on January 29th, Dr Mosher and Dr Hussein Rashid, a Muslim academic who has taught at Virginia Theological Seminary and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, will address some of the issues arising in Christian-Muslim relations.

**4TH SUNDAY 9-12 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Kids ages 9-12 are invited to join us on Sunday, January 22nd during the 11am service for this class held in the McKittrick Room, located just off Tuttle Hall. Parents may pick their children up in Tuttle Hall during coffee hour.

**20s30s 4TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** - Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to participate in a casual dinner following the 6pm service every 4th Sunday. Join us on Sunday, January 22nd for dinner at Jackson Diner, University Place and 11th St at 7:15 pm. RSVP to Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

### COMING SOON

**JAN 29 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** "Christian-Muslim Engagement in Positive Terms" continues with Dr. Lucinda Mosher and Dr. Hussein Rashid.

**JAN 29 - FAMILY COMMUNION CLASS** - Children and their parents are invited to attend a class led by The Rev. Linda Bartholomew on Sunday January 29th at 10:15 am in the Chantry. The class is an opportunity for kids to discuss and ask questions about the sacrament of Communion. All families are welcome! RSVP to Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org) by Saturday, January 28th.

**JAN 29 - FOURTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES** by The Junior Choristers of the Grace Church Choirs under the direction of Dr. Barry Rose. This concert will feature music for the young soprano voice including works by Bach, Copland, Dyson, Hancock, Ridout and Rose. Sixteen Novice Choristers will be "whited" at this program and become our newest class of Junior Choristers. Sunday, January 29th at 4 p.m.

**FEB 5, 12, 19 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**

presented in a three-part lecture series led by The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Owens, Professor of Old Testament at the General Theological Seminary. The simple little prayer that is usually called the Lord's Prayer (the "Our Father") has been loved and recited by Christians from the first century in both private devotion and corporate worship. According to Matthew and Luke it was taught by Jesus himself, and Anglicans know it from the Book of Common Prayer as an element both in Morning and Evening Prayer and in the liturgy of Eucharist. From the Middle Ages onward, the Lord's Prayer has been one of the core features of Christian catechisms, used to teach new Christians the basics of the Faith. Our class will look at, among other things, the two different ways Jesus teaches the prayer in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and we will study its individual phrases, to show the great themes of faith and human existence that each suggests.

**FEB 5 - THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb. 5 immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. A delicious lunch (\$5 per person suggested donation) will be served.

**THE VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a third of three two-year terms as Junior Warden: SARAH COGAN. For a second three-year term: JACK BROWNING, DOUG SKRYPEK. For a first three-year term: BRETT PERTUZ, JAMES FAWCETT (both Brett and James were appointed to fill unexpired terms, and now are eligible for election to their own terms). Many thanks to the Committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

## **PARISH LIFE**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** about the interior restoration of Grace Church is the subject of a brochure that will be mailed to all parish households next week. You can see the brochure [HERE](#). The answers are in response to questions that were asked as part of the feasibility study that the Vestry commissioned last fall.

**PROGRESS OF THE NEW ORGAN** in the Shop of Taylor and Boody Organ builders, in Staunton, Virginia can be viewed [HERE](#). Photographs as well as other information about the design and construction of the organ are available. Check out the most recent photographs which show the upper portion of the South Case being fitted with the façade pipes and the new console beginning to take shape.

**LOOKING TO BE MORE INVOLVED AT GRACE?** - Why not volunteer to take part in our worship services? It takes many good souls to carry out all of the duties involved in our worship each week, and we are eternally grateful to our many parishioners who pitch in. We are especially in need of acolytes (Sun. 11am), altar guild members (Wed. 6pm, Sun. 9 & 11am) and ushers (Sun. 9am & 11am). However there are also opportunities if you enjoy the Sun. 6pm service. Even if you have never done so before, please consider serving in these rich and rewarding ministries. You can do as little or as much as will fit your schedule. To find out more (no pressure!), please contact Jennifer Metz at [jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2000 x100.

**THANK YOU! HOPE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED** (an emergency feeding ministry at The Church of the Village on West 13th St.) gratefully received two overflowing barrels of greatly needed food donations from the people of Grace Church last week. They were delivered by our terrific Outreach volunteers. Many thanks to all!

## **DID YOU MISS A SERMON?**

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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

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