

**The Weekly Epistle**  
**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 29, 2012**  
**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**



Dear Friends,

What a week it has been for our Novice and Junior Choristers. All week long these 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been working extremely hard with Dr. Allen, and guest conductor Dr. Barry Rose. In the 1980's Dr. Rose was Organist & Choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral, London (yes, that's the building with the big dome that dominates the London skyline). It was there that he conducted the choir for services that were seen by millions across the globe - including the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. Dr. Rose brings a lifetime of musical leadership and life lessons, and he has been sharing it all - including his British wit and wisdom - with our young choristers in this one intensive week.

On Sunday at 4 pm they will present the fruits of their labors at a special concert in the church, and I heartily encourage you to attend. The music will be delightful, and between pieces Dr. Rose will include commentary on the music itself, and most likely a story or two from his many years of helping singers perfect their praises of God. A reception follows in Tuttle Hall. Let's have a big Grace Church turnout to support our Novice and Junior choristers, and thank Dr. Rose for an extraordinary week.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

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**Schedule of Services**

**9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

**11:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

**6:00 pm**

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

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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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 so close to our goal! As of last week, 199 households have pledged for a total of \$904,681. This compares favorably to last year at this time, when 170 had pledged for \$790,705. The news is encouraging, but we need everyone to participate if we are to reach our \$1 million goal. If you have not made your pledge, please don't delay.

*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).*

## Announcements

### SUNDAY JANUARY 29

**WE WELCOME DR. BARRY ROSE** as guest conductor of the choir at 11 am. Dr. Rose is an old friend to Grace Church and has been working with the Choirs all week. This afternoon at 4 pm he will conduct our Novice and Junior Boy and Girl Choristers for the Fourth Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices and the Whiting of Novices.

**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 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.

**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.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST TODAY AT 11 AM** - Normally we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the 11 am service on the first Sunday of each month and on major festivals. Of late we have been offering an additional Eucharist on those few months of the year when there is a fifth Sunday, such as today.

**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.

**A FILM CREW**, under the direction of parishioner Cal Skaggs, will be present at our many events and services today to capture footage of life at Grace Church. The goal is to produce a short, documentary film that we will use in connection with the upcoming capital campaign.

**2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES LAST CALL** - Envelopes may be picked up (in the Reception Room

this week, Tuttle Hall on Sunday) until Sunday, Jan. 29th. If you are unable to claim your envelopes by then, please contact Brian Hagan at [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2000 x119.

## COMING SOON

### **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. A pizza lunch will be provided for children in the Nursery while the meeting takes place.

**FEB 6 - OUTREACH MONDAY MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER** One Monday each month (generally the first), the Outreach Committee seeks to build a community of people concerned about serving the poor in New York City and beyond. We'll begin with a brief prayer service followed by a light supper and sharing of ideas. Please use the Parish House entrance and arrive by 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Bring a dish to share, and something for our food pantry collection, if you can. RSVP to [outreach@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:outreach@gracechurchnyc.org).

**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.

**FEB 8, 15, 22, 29 BOOK DISCUSSION** - On Wednesday evenings at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist), The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood will offer a discussion on Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. The four-week program will begin with an introduction to the author, the book, and to one another. The second session will focus on Part One of the book. Then, the second and third parts of the book will be discussed in the following weeks, respectively. The time promises to include the divine gifts of theological reflection and gracious relationship. All are welcome!

**FEB 11, 12 - YOU'RE INVITED TO GRACE AND THE ARTS** - Many Grace Church artists and artisans will be exhibiting their finest work, accompanied by live music and delicious food. On Saturday, Feb. 11th from 6-8 pm join us for a festive wine and cheese reception and preview! The \$10 admission gets you in to Sunday's event too! On Sunday the fair continues from 1-5 pm. The \$2 admission can be applied toward purchases of home baked goodies at the refreshments table. The fair is organized by the ECW to celebrate the creativity of our parish and raise funds for "Saving Grace." Please join us in support and fellowship!

## 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. You can also 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.

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

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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

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