

THE WEEKLY EPISTLE
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2012
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

I write today with bittersweet news about exciting developments in the lives of two key staff members of Grace Church. The news is bitter because it means that they will be leaving their positions here, taking their many gifts and abilities with them. But it is sweet because the adventures they are embarking upon are exactly right at this time in their lives and vocations. So here goes:

The Rev. Ted Pardoe, Assistant Rector of Grace Church, has been called to be Rector of St. Barnabas Church in Greenwich, CT. St. Barnabas is a major parish in the Diocese of Connecticut, so it is a real credit to Ted that this calling has come his way. (You can visit their website at www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org.) Over the years Ted has worn many hats at Grace Church. In the 1990's as a lay person he was a member of the vestry and a warden. Following his ordination in 2009 Ted returned as a member of the clergy staff, and in addition to a full compliment of priestly duties he has coordinated the baptism families, and worked with the acolytes, the adult education committee, and the website committee. Ted and his wife Helen (who were married here at Grace Church) will be moving into the rectory of St. Barnabas. His final Sunday with us will be June 3.

Maura Hooper, our Director of Youth and Family Ministry since 2009, has been accepted to the Yale School of Drama. Maura will be studying towards a Master of Fine Arts in acting beginning in September of 2012. The Acting Department at the Yale School of Drama receives some 900 applications per year, and chooses only 16 for admittance so it is a huge credit to Maura that she is able to begin this new venture. At Grace Church Maura has supervised the Sunday School, coordinated the 20's/30's ministry, and overseen the Christmas Pageant, the Easter Eve Walk, and Vacation Bible School. In addition she has been the prime mover behind various fun parish events such as the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and the Harvest Hoe Down. We are really going to miss Maura, but rejoice at the extraordinary opportunity that is now hers. Maura's final Sunday with us will be June 10.

Going forward, I will be working with the wardens the vestry to assess our clergy staff needs. In addition, I will be assembling a search advisory committee to be looking for our next Director of Youth and Family Ministry, with the goal of having someone on board and ready to go in time for the fall season.

Stay tuned for more information on the ways that we will celebrate both Maura's and Ted's ministries among us. See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector



Schedule of Services

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Adult Choir

4:00 pm

Choral Evensong

Selections from HANDEL'S MESSIAH Part II and Part III
The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

The Power of Grace - Capital Campaign

THE POWER OF
GRACE



Grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, lived in faith.

During the first half of 2012 we are involved in a capital campaign to raise faith and funds towards the completion of the current phase of interior restoration and the installation of the new pipe organ.

Read *Frequently Asked Questions* (about the interior restoration) and *The Power of Grace* (about the campaign) by clicking on the image of the brochure at left.

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org.

Announcements

SUNDAY APRIL 15

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED their time, talent, and treasure to the observance of a meaningful Holy Week and the celebration of a glorious Easter. Altar guild members, acolytes, Easter Eve Walk assistants, Easter Day breakfast volunteers, lay readers, musicians, ushers, flower arrangers and all who contributed to the flower fund - THANK YOU! A special thanks to Ellen McElduff for recently stepping up to the hospitality and flower ministries, and for planning, supervising, and creating a magnificent display of Easter flowers in our newly unveiled sanctuary. We also give thanks to Karen Dautresme who is stepping down after 8 years of devoted service to the flower ministry. Karen's efforts will be long remembered and appreciated.

EASTER FLOWER CORRECTION Easter flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jocelyn Lake Thrush, Donald Bell Thrush, Anne M. Foote, Rosann Foote Smith, and in thanksgiving for Grace Church, Grace Church School and Dustin, Lucy and Max Foote.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS - In recent months we have asked everyone to pray about making a Power

of Grace capital campaign gift to help pay for the restored chancel and sanctuary, as well as the new organ coming this summer. Now we want to give you a tool to assist your prayers. A beautiful 21-day devotional booklet is available today, April 15, in Tuttle Hall. One is there with your name on it, and if you pick it up today, you will save the church the cost of mailing it.

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN AN ISLAMIC COUNTRY with Dr. Catharine R. Stimpson, University Professor and Dean Emerita, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU. Dr. Stimpson will be speaking of her recent experience of living as a Christian in an Islamic country while serving as a faculty member at NYU's campus in Abu Dhabi. Together, at the Forum, we will explore the lessons, and the personal experience, of belonging to a minority faith (Christianity) in an Islamic country, the core teachings of that minority faith, and the necessities of dialogues/polylogues among our faiths. *Join us next week (4/22) for an update on the state of the global Anglican Communion with the Rev. Ted Pardoe.*

ECW PARISH-WIDE MEETING 12:30 PM in the Reception Room on Sunday, April 15. ALL women of Grace Church are welcome! Come and hear about our wonderful upcoming events. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PARTS II AND III 4 PM. Choral Evensong by The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir. Sunday April 15th at 4 p.m.

COMING SOON

APR 19 - NEWCOMER RECEPTION - All newcomers to Grace Church in the past year are invited to a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, April 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come to meet some other members and catch the spirit of Grace Church. Child care is available. *To help us with planning, RSVP by Monday, April 16 to jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org. Please include the number in your party and whether you require childcare.*

APR 27 - THE ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT - The Choir of Men and Boys with The Girls' Choir. Works by Buxtehude, Purcell and Vivaldi. No ticket required. Friday April 27th at 7 p.m.

MAY 10 - LAW DAY CHORAL EVENSONG - ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL - The Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York, invites you to celebrate the presentation of the Servant of Justice Award to Cecil Wray, Esq. and to honor all members of the Bar and Bench in recognition of their vocation. Thursday, May 10 at 6 pm at St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton Street. Reception follows in the New York County Lawyers' Association. *RSVP by May 8 to the Rev. Richard Sloan at 212-316-7427 or rsloan@dioceseny.org.*

PARISH LIFE

THE POWER OF GRACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE

- April 22: Gratitude Sunday
- April 29: Ministry Awareness Sunday
- April 30 - May 2: Advance Gifts Cocktail Parties
- May 10: Parish-wide celebration on Huntington Close
- May 12: Prayer Vigil
- May 13: Commitment Sunday

The goal of the campaign is to raise faith and funds towards the restoration of the church interior and installation of the new organ. More information will follow in this space.

HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE? JOIN THE POWER OF GRACE VOLUNTEER TEAM! We need lots of hands to help with mailings and other tasks associated with the campaign this Spring. If you have been thinking about how you might pitch in, here is a great opportunity to give a small amount of time to a project, yet make a big impact! Even an hour or two of your time would be most gratefully received. Contact Brian Hagan at bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000 x119.

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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