

THE EPISTLE

AUGUST 2012

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

I write today with exciting news on two fronts: the appointment of our new Associate Rector, and the arrival date for the new organ.

First, I am pleased to announce that the Rev. Stephen C. Holton has accepted the call to join Sarah Wood and me on the clergy staff. Stephen's title will be Associate Rector of Grace Church, and his first Sunday with us will be September 2. Stephen comes to us from Christ Church, New Haven, CT, where he has served since 2009, first as the Seminarian and then as Curate. Also at Christ Church Stephen has been the Assistant Director of St. Hilda's House, a 16-person young adult volunteer Episcopal Service Corps program. Stephen is a 2011 graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and earned his B.A. in Music from Emory University in Atlanta. Prior to seminary Stephen was an active member of St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta, and a leader in the outreach ministries of what is one of the largest Episcopal parishes in the country. He also has twelve years of leadership experience in non profit management and fund raising. It was not only Stephen's background that convinced the committee and me that he is just the right fit for our staffing needs at this time, but also the combination of ease and energy he brought to our conversation about the possibilities for Grace Church.

Many thanks to the Advisory Committee who assisted me in making this appointment: Peter Benet, Justin Brownhill, Sarah Cogan, Martha Demartini, Currie Estreich, Charlie Johnston, Bonnie Recca, Jennifer San Cartier, Erik Sorensen, and David Verchere. In all, I received nearly 50 applications, and eventually gave the committee ten for a thorough review. Of the ten we invited five for personal interviews. Following the interviews the committee gave Stephen the highest ranking, and this pleased me immensely because he was my first choice as well.



The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

In the month to come Stephen will be orchestrating a move from New Haven to New York City, which includes winding down his ministry there, finding an apartment here, and settling in for the exciting fall season ahead of us.

The second piece of news involves the arrival of the pipe organ. Initially the plan had called for the initial installation to take place beginning in July, but various delays have pushed us back about a month. We now have a firm date: The first truckload will be arriving on Sunday evening, August 26th. Workers will unload the truck and bring all the components through the front doors of the church when pedestrian traffic is lighter than normal. Then on Monday morning they be ready for a full week of work. The second truckload will arrive on Sunday evening, September 9. More truckloads will follow and installation and voicing will continue throughout the fall and even into early 2013. We have the assurance, however, that the church will be usable for all Sunday services and completely clear for scheduled weddings. Also, we will be able to use portions of the new organ long before it is fully installed. It's finally about to happen, and what a journey it has been to bring this great instrument to Grace Church!

As for me, while I am excited about the fall, I am not wishing the summer away. I hope you will be able to enjoy a peaceful, restful August. See you in September.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

Schedule of Services

AUGUST 5 + The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Catherine Young, Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Catherine Young, Music: Joshua Parrillo, Baritone

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Catherine Young, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

AUGUST 12 + The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: Karen Goldfeder, Mezzo-Soprano

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

AUGUST 19 + The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: Bob Lukomski, Tenor

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

AUGUST 26 + The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood, Music: Katharine Dain, Soprano

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

SEPTEMBER 2 + The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

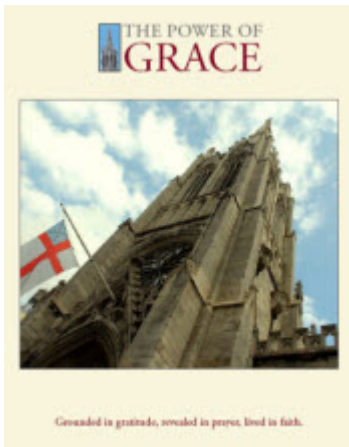
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Music: Jessie Hinkle, Mezzo-Soprano

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists



We are getting ever closer to our goal of \$2.5 million. You can still make your pledge if you haven't done so. You can find pledge cards in the narthex, the Parish House hallway or in your mail at home. You may also make your pledge [online](#). While you are online, be sure to watch *The Power of Grace* documentary [video](#) for inspiration! We are well on our way, but Grace Church needs every one of you! Please feel free to contact Director of Development [Brian Hagan](#) with any questions.

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 above.

Announcements

SUNDAY AUGUST 5

THE REV. MARY CATHERINE YOUNG will serve as guest preacher at all three services today. Our friend "Mary Cat" is chaplain for Canterbury Downtown, a campus ministry of the Diocese of New York for students at NYU, the New School, Cooper Union and surrounding campuses in lower Manhattan. Find out more at canterburynyc.org. She is also the Diocesan Liaison for Young Adult Ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is on recess for the month of August. If you would like information about Sunday School or would like to volunteer to help this Fall, please contact Melissa Spindler at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org. Nursery care continues as usual.

COMING SOON

SEPT 6 - ECW PARISH-WIDE MEETING on Thursday, Sept 6, at 6:30 in Tuttle Hall. Come and kick off the Fall season with the ECW! "No Pressure" pot luck - bring something sweet or savory to share. Many upcoming Fall events to discuss. For more info contact Elana at elanafoundos@gmail.com.

SEPT 9 - WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/THE 118TH SEASON OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES - The combined Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' Choir will sing at the 11 am service.

SEPT 9 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - On September 9th we launch another season of adult education classes offering spiritual nourishment and in-depth discussion on a variety of issues relevant to the church and its members today. Topics will include a presentation by the author David Holmes on his forthcoming book, *The Faiths of the Postwar Presidents*. Watch this space for further details on dates and topics.

SEPT 13, 20, 27 - "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CLINT EASTWOOD" - an ECW-sponsored film and lecture series featuring three films of Clint Eastwood! Each one is followed by a talk with Nicholas Birns, Associate Professor at Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts and his colleague, Drucilla Cornell, Professor of Political Science, Comparative Literature and Women's Studies at Rutgers University. This event is open to parishioners and friends aged 18 and over. Wine and popcorn will be served. A modest fee per person will cover costs, details to follow. Three Thursdays in September - 9/13, 20 and 27 at 6:30 in Tuttle Hall.

SEPT 16 - 2ND ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY! Join us at the 11 am service, and during coffee hour, as we recognize and celebrate the many good souls who give generously of their time and talents to help make possible all that we do at Grace Church.

*The next Epistle will arrive in your inbox during the week prior to Sunday,
September 9 - "Welcome Back Sunday."*

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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