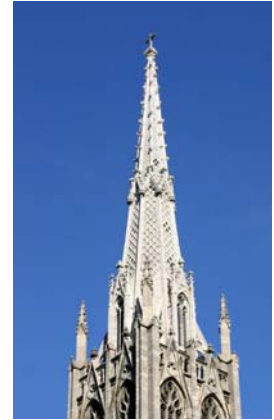


# The Epistle *E-news*

## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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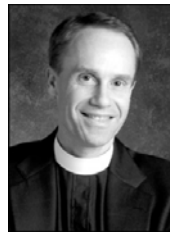
## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ARTS & MUSIC!

**Saturday, Feb 23rd**  
**HURRICANE SANDY BENEFIT**  
**VIVALDI GLORIA**  
**Offered by the Adult Choir**

Come and listen to Vivaldi's beautiful GLORIA on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 4 pm in the Church to help our neighbors with so much need after the damage of Super Storm Sandy. Please come to enjoy the music and to make a difference!

## Sunday, February 24, 2013

The Second Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

I didn't see that one coming. I refer not to the resignation of the Pope, but rather to the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. For obvious reasons the news has been alight in recent weeks concerning Pope Benedict XVI's decision to step down as head of the Roman Catholic Church. No Pope has done so for 600 years. Who will take his place? Does Cardinal Dolan of New York have a chance? Strangely, I have received several calls from reporters asking my opinion of this thing that has come to pass. In response the first thing I've asked is if they realize that Grace is an Episcopal, not Roman Catholic church. Some have actually done their homework and what they are looking for is the ecumenical reaction. Unfortunately, what I've had to say is not much more than, "Well, I didn't see that one coming." But it makes sense, I suppose. It's a big job and the man is 85-years old.

With one reporter I tried to broaden the conversation and ask if he'd heard that the Episcopal Church recently installed a new Bishop of New York in a big service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Sadly, not a word about it appeared in *The New York Times* the next day. The reporter feigned interest, but it was clear he was not. I asked if he'd heard that we'd just appointed a new Archbishop of Canterbury who would preside over the worldwide Anglican Communion. He said, "The Archbishop of Canterbury is like your Pope, isn't he?" I replied, "In a way, but Rowan Williams has not had the same type of authority over Anglicans that Benedict has had over Roman

Details on how to help, click [HERE](#).



**AFTERWARDS**, plan to attend the **GRACE AND THE ARTS** (event description below) **WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION** in Tuttle Hall.

Enjoy a perfect night out - classical music, wine, fellowship and good works too!

## 27 Artists and Artisans will display their work!

YOU ARE INVITED TO



**GRACE AND THE ARTS FAIR**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 6 - 8PM**  
WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION \$10. DONATION

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 12:30 - 5PM**  
\$2. DONATION AT THE DOOR

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS WILL HAVE THEIR WORK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Our own talented parishioners will be participating, as well as friends of Grace, such as the [Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club](#)!

In addition to paintings and fine arts, our artisans will be selling wonderful handmade accessories,

Catholics." "Who's Rowan Williams?" asked the reporter. "He's the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury," I said. The reporter had no idea. Can you blame him? Seriously now, how many of you, right this minute, without the internet's help, can name the Prime Minister of Canada? Pierre Trudeau, you say? No, it's time to consult the internet.

The fact is, we are simply not as newsworthy as the Roman Catholics. But we do have a new Archbishop of Canterbury as of this month. His name is Justin Welby, and he has been the Bishop of Durham, England, for just over a year. Few people saw this one coming. The front runners most often mentioned were the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of York. Archbishop Welby brings an intriguing international, corporate, and personal background to the See of Canterbury. Our prayer every Sunday will be that his ministry will not only unify the contentious factions of the Anglican Communion, but empower us anew to be the Body of Christ in the years ahead. Who knows, perhaps he will even hit it off with the new Pope. You can read more about Justin Welby by clicking [here](#).

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)  
Rector

## This Sunday, February 24, 2013

### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

### 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood  
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

**THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM - TRYING CHRISTIANS: Challengers of Complacent Faith (Sundays in Lent)** Classes will focus on the lives of Christians who are simultaneously inspiring and infuriating; unifying and divisive; charismatic and corrosive. As we each adopt Lenten disciplines of self-reflection, a meditation on these figures reminds us to guard against complacency in our own religious lives. *Held in Tuttle Hall; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion.*

**TODAY 2/24: The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong**, the eighth bishop of Newark, is a contemporary teacher and

pottery, cards, sashes, scarves, wine gift bags, purses and much more!

**Also included at the event - a Silent Auction to benefit "Saving Grace!"** This mounted photograph of Grace Church, generously



donated by local artist Ciaran Tully, will be

available for silent bidding. Come and place your bid!

Details: size 24" x 52", a c-print, mounted on Dibond, which is an aluminum composite.

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theologian whose works have wide popular appeal and yet have sometimes provoked controversy. We'll explore Spong's location, context, and theological aims and examine his appeal to a target audience of seekers who are searching for God and meaning in the midst of modern & postmodern skepticism. Led by the Rev. Stephen Holton. **NEXT WEEK 3/3** Rebecca Myers and Melissa Spindler will speak about the Rev. Dr. James Cone, founder of Black Liberation Theology.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GRACE AND THE ARTS FAIR 12:30-5PM** - local artists and artisans, including Grace Church parishioners, will be exhibiting their finest work, accompanied by live music and refreshments today in Tuttle Hall. The fair is organized by the ECW to celebrate the creativity of our parish. Please join us in support and fellowship!

**JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: FROM SIN TO FORGIVENESS 7PM (Sundays in Lent)**

Classes begin after the 6 pm service (about 6.45) in the Chantry and aim to be finished by 7.45. We will reflect on our spiritual journeys from sin and brokenness to forgiveness and healing. This series is centered on the Eucharistic lections and uses outside readings, film, lectures, and discussion/reflection groups. We begin with light refreshment and will end by 8:30 pm. Topics: **Sin, Self & Freedom: Jesus as Martyr (Feb 24)**; Judgment: A Biblical Perspective (Mar 3); Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son (Mar 10); and Grace: Accepting God's Love (Mar 17). Make these classes a part of your Lenten journey; join for one or all of them. Led by the clergy of Grace Church and special guest speakers.

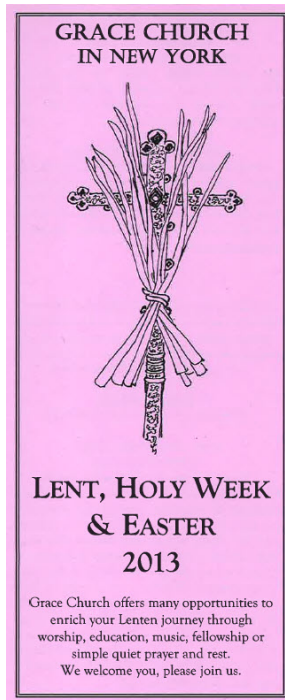


**FAMILY FAITH FORUM**  
**FEBRUARY 25 – 7-8:30pm**  
**Our Childhood Spirituality**

This month's meeting will have us remembering our own experiences of spirituality and religion as children as a way to better understand how we might nourish the spirituality of our children. We will meet at the church this month. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. *RSVP to Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchmyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchmyc.org) by noon, Monday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**COMING SOON**





Find copies around the Church and Parish House or **click on the image** above. (Highlights under **COMING SOON** below.)

**FEB 27 (WEDNESDAYS IN LENT) FILM STUDY: THE DECALOGUE** The Reverends Sarah Wood and Stephen Holton will lead a study on five of the ten films Krzysztof Kieslowski directed for Polish public television in the late 1980s entitled *The Decalogue*. We will consider the characters established within the cinematic medium discover theological threads: temptation, examination repentance, forgiveness, and grace, and finally acknowledge the ways in which our own lives express these habits. Class will begin at 6:45 pm (on Feb 27, March 6, 13 & 20, directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) and conclude by 8:15 pm, in the Music Room.

**MAR 1 - 20s/30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS** - Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship with others in their 20s and 30s at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. Various locations. *RSVP and learn the location by 5 pm each THURSDAY to Melissa Spindler at [spindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:spindler@gracechurchnyc.org).*

**MAR 2 - STATEN ISLAND WORK DAY** Like to swing a hammer or knock out a wall? Put on a pair of work boots and help our neighbors on Staten Island as they continue to rebuild after Superstorm Sandy. A team from Grace Church will return to Staten Island on Saturday, March 2, from 9:30am until 5 pm. Activities include sheet rocking, drywall/paneling demolition, lighter clean-up, and sorting donations. Email [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org) to sign up or with questions.

**MAR 4 - OUTREACH MONDAY POTLUCK SUPPER** - Please join us from 6:30-8 pm for prayer, to share a fellowship meal, and to find out about upcoming Outreach projects. Bring a dish or a beverage to share and a non-perishable item for our Grace Church food donation baskets. This month enter through the 802 door of the Parish House and proceed to the Church where we will begin with Evening Prayer for Mission followed by a meal in the Reception Room.

**MAR 24 - EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART II** On Palm Sunday at 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from the Easter Portion of Handel's MESSIAH.

**APRIL - CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS** will begin in early April. Classes will meet weekly and be led by the clergy in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for youth classes (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) contact Melissa Spindler at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org). To sign up for adult

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