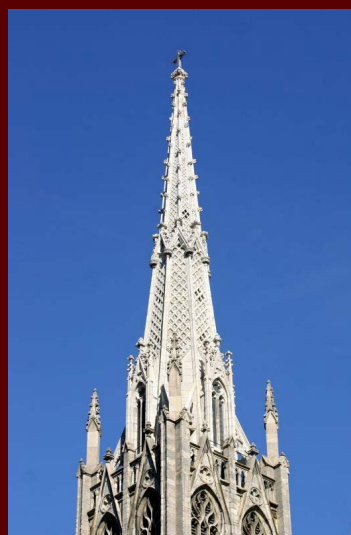


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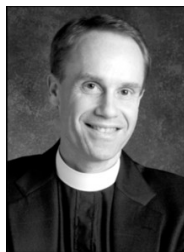
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The Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche,
Bishop of New York,
about the **Al Ahli
Hospital in Gaza:**
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Notes from the

August 2014

Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all and happy August. When I wrote to you a month ago in July I hoped that by now I would have good news regarding our clergy staffing for the fall. I am pleased to report that I do have good news, but it's not the type of news I expected it would be.

If you recall, we were looking to fill the shoes of the Rev. Sarah Wood, who was the full-time chaplain at Grace Church School, and part-time Assistant Rector at Grace Church. Knowing that the demands of both the school and the church were growing, we decided to put together a shared, full-time position that would be in addition to the new full-time chaplain at the school. The new model would bring a second priest onto the larger campus. The second priest would be the Assistant Rector at the church and Associate Chaplain at the school, working part-time on each side.

After a lengthy search the school has hired a new chaplain. He is the Rev. Mark Hummell, who is currently the chaplain for the NYU campus in Abu Dhabi. Previously, Mark was the Associate Rector of Church of the Ascension on 5th Avenue, and the program director of Episcopal Charities. So with the chaplain piece of the puzzle in place we set about to

Music Office...

GRATITUDE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO PHILLIP LAMB our 2013-14 Organ Scholar who will be finishing his appointment at Grace Church at the end of August. During his time with us Phillip completed his Master of Music degree at the Manhattan School of Music and in September will start a new joint appointment as Assistant Organist at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church and Saint Mary's Abbey (RC) in Morristown, New Jersey. God bless you Phillip as you prepare to take up your new duties.

IN SEPTEMBER WE WELCOME GEORGE FERGUS as the new Organ Scholar for 2014-15. Grace Church in New York and the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music are excited to enter into a new collaboration for the annual Organ Scholar appointment at Grace Church in New York. This appointment will be made for one academic season with the provision that it may be renewed for a second season. The internship will provide an exceptional opportunity for a graduate student at the Institute of Sacred Music to participate in the life of the parish on a weekly basis during the academic year and a more in depth daily experience for the summer term that follows. As part of an intensive, on-site learning experience, the intern will share in service playing and choral conducting responsibilities while at the same time learning about all aspects of the musical life of the Grace Church community. *Read more about George Fergus [HERE](#).*

find a person who would fill the shared position. One candidate emerged who seemed to be just the right fit. We offered her the job, and alas, she turned us down! Can you believe it? Well, it was back to the drawing board, but I quickly realized that a more creative and adventuresome way was presenting itself.

First, one of the program pieces we were going to ask of the new priest was to oversee the college ministry, Canterbury Downtown, that meets here on Sunday evenings. The Rev. Mary Cat Young, the current chaplain, will be on maternity leave this fall. Mark Hummell is going to take this on, and his connections with NYU make him a perfect fit.

Secondly, much of the teaching that we were going to ask of the new priest we can cover with people who are already on staff. Stephen Holton, Melissa Spindler, and I will be teaching courses in the religion department of Grace Church School. This will be an excellent opportunity to increase the ties between church and school. I look forward to the opportunity! What is more, Melissa will be taking on the Wednesday morning Women's Bible study.

Thirdly, General Seminary has been rethinking the shape of the three-years of study that are required of students to graduate and be prepared to take on parish ministry. In a nutshell, the plan is to retool the third year for seminarians, and embed them as "Pastoral Residents" who will serve on the staff of local parishes. The seminary's plan is not set to go live until September of 2015, but I have offered Grace Church as a pioneer parish to help blaze the trail a year in advance, and work out the kinks of the new program. Thus, we expect to have on staff beginning in September a Pastoral Resident who will be a member of our clergy team. The Pastoral Resident will be much more present than seminarians we have known in the traditional mode. She will have an office on the second floor of the parish house, a Grace Church email address, and responsibility for certain program pieces of our week - most likely Wednesday evenings. I say "she" because that was one of the conditions I gave to the seminary; we need to have female representation on our clergy staff to reflect fully what we know of God's image.

Finally, it is likely that we will also have a traditional, second-year seminarian, a "Pastoral Intern," working with us beginning in September, much in the mode that we have known seminarians in the past. If all goes well, this person may then have the opportunity

Summertime @Grace



Worship services continue uninterrupted year round on Sundays at 9am, 11am and 6pm, Wednesdays at 6pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
In August, Sunday school goes on recess.

BACH AT NOON SUMMER SERIES.

Organ works of J.S. Bach offered in 30 minute meditations, Wednesdays (only) through Sept 3, 12:20-12:50 pm, in the Church, subject to special events.

THE PARISH OFFICE closes at 1 pm and the Church closes at 3 pm on Fridays from now through Labor Day weekend.

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SUMMERTIME "HELP WANTED!" If you plan to be in town for church this summer, and would like to do a very good deed, how about signing up to supply goodies for a Sunday coffee hour? Your goodies (bite-sized, savory or sweet) will be very much appreciated by all who seek fellowship

to be the Pastoral Resident next year.

I am really excited by all of these developments, even if they do represent a jigsaw puzzle that is of greater complexity than I had originally expected. With our close proximity to General Seminary, the Episcopal Church Center, and Grace Church School, we should be a laboratory - a place and people willing to take on experimental models, a teaching parish that equips clergy and lay people to take on larger and larger roles in ministry.

I plan to talk more in depth about our new staffing at the opening Sunday Forum on September 7. I look forward to seeing you then - but let's not rush this month. For me, August means vacation! Blessings to you all for the remainder of the summer.

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday, August 3rd

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: Hymns with Organ

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: Tami Petty, *Soprano*

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist,
in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

Service info is updated weekly on the [website](#).

COMING SOON

AUG 24 - PIMMS WITH THE PREACHER Sunday, Aug 24, 7 pm-- join Father Stephen Holton for Pimms Cups, ginger beer, and fellowship following the 6 o'clock service. In Huntington Close.

AUG 25 & SEPT 22 - FAMILIES' SUMMER BBQs! - Don't feel like cooking? Drop by with the kids for burgers and hot dogs (and salads and drinks). Every fourth Monday this

after services! To sign up, e-mail [Ellen McElduff](mailto:Ellen_McElduff) or [Dana Foote](mailto:Dana_Foote).

summer from 5:30 – 7 pm in Seymour Close. Rain or shine – the kids can run around Tuttle Hall even if the weather is bad. Suggested Donation: \$20/family – or bring a salad, dessert or beverage to share! RSVPs are always greatly appreciated to Melissa at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org.

AUG 31 – LEMONADE ON THE LAWN Sunday, Aug 31, 7 pm-- join Father Stephen Holton for lemonade and fellowship following the 6 o'clock service. In Huntington Close.

SEPT 7 – WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/THE 120TH SEASON OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES – The Combined Grace Church Choirs (Choir of Men and Boys, Girls' Choir, Parish Choir and Adult Choir) will sing at the 11 am service. Join us for a festive fellowship hour afterwards! (After the 6 pm service, stay for fellowship and refreshments in Huntington Close.)

SEPT 7 – THE SUNDAY FORUM RESUMES AT 10 AM, with an informal talk with the Rector, previewing the year ahead at Grace. This fall our theme "In Search of the Sacred" will explore locating the sacred through both traditional and nontraditional means. Speakers will include The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler, speaking about his challenging Lenten exile in Islamabad earlier this year; the Rev. Jake Dell, Advertising and Marketing Senior Manager, Episcopal Church Office of Communication, addressing the self-described "spiritual but not religious" who yearn for transcendence but have not connected with the church; and Michael Crosbie, PhD, FAIA, editor-in-chief of *Faith & Form, the Interfaith Journal on Religion, Art, and Architecture*, exploring the nature of sacred spaces and the sacramental role of those who occupy them. Join us each Sunday for coffee, lively discussion and spiritual enrichment in the Reception Room at 10 am! Dates and details to follow soon.

SEPT 7 – WEEKEND ORGAN MEDITATIONS RESUME on the Bicentennial Organ at 4 pm. These 45-minute meditations of diverse music take place every Saturday and Sunday through Memorial Day Weekend. The meditations are subject to special observances and services that might take place in the church. To check the schedule, visit <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org/>.

SEPT 9 – BACH AT NOON RESUMES on the Bicentennial Organ at 12:20 pm. These 30-minute meditations celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach take place Tuesday through Friday through Memorial Day Weekend. The offerings are subject to special observances and services that might take place in the church. To check the schedule, visit <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org/>.

SEPT 18 – ECW "Kick Off" PARISH WIDE MEETING on
Thursday, Sept 18, 6:30–8:30 pm. "No Pressure" Pot Luck!"
* Upcoming events * Many speakers * Christmas Fair and
Cookbook updates. Come for fun and fellowship!

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