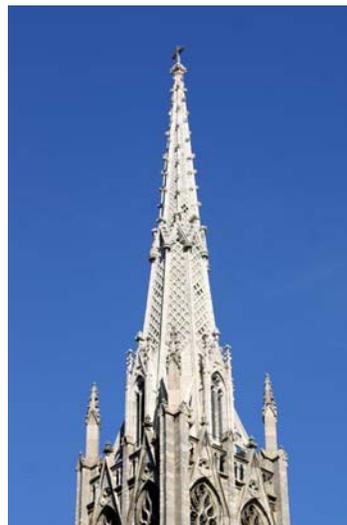


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MORALITY & ETHICS in ancient Corinth



Prof. Nicholas Birns continues the discussion.

October 4, 2015

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

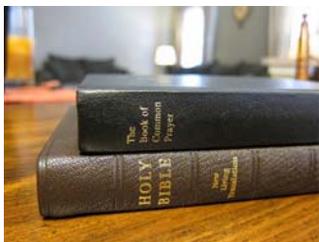
At a recent dinner party I was seated next to a man who was telling me all about a business he'd recently bought. It's a company that employs 38 people in a struggling upstate town. The man is making a go of it; after all, he certainly did not embark on the venture to lose money. But he also discerns a deep sense of ministry in providing a workplace for the people he employs and how the company treats them. He definitely connects the dots between what he professes in church, and what he does in the world. But then he made a comment I did not expect: that if he could turn back the clock and redo his career, he would pursue the ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church.

My first response was to let him know that many people these days follow God's call to the ordained ministry later in life as a second career. Indeed, even now Grace Church is sponsoring people through the ordination process who have already had successful careers as educators, lawyers, and bankers. So it's never too late to start.

Then I thought of something else to say: that Christian ministry needs to happen every bit as much in the world as it does in the church. More so, in fact. The truth is, the man next to me at dinner was doing the work of the Lord in a difficult setting. No, he is not preaching sermons or presiding at the Eucharist, but because of him, 38 people have jobs, their families have food on the table, and a town has an industry. Some other owner might take far less

The Sunday Forum @10 am.

Oct 4th Last Chance!



Donate a BCP or Bible during the **ECW Book Drive**. Details at right.

Know a Qualified Teacher?

THE GO PROJECT IS

HIRING! Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to be part of a dynamic network of private/public school teachers working in an innovative small classroom environment to serve some of the City's most underserved public school students. GO students participate in a Saturday academic program from 9 am–12:30 pm focusing on ELA and math in a small class setting with a high adult to student ratio. GO has a number of Teacher roles available, please visit the website [HERE](#).

interest in the employees and their town, and merely attempt to flip the company for a quick profit.

So the man is doing the work of the Lord in the world, and he can also do the work of the Lord in the church. I told him that at countless meetings at Grace Church, I have looked around the table and given thanks that not everyone was a priest. The church needs lawyers to help us navigate the choppy waters of the secular city. We need bankers to help us manage resources, architects to help us be good stewards of the building, educators to help commend the faith, and counselors to help bind up the brokenhearted.

I recalled my dinner-time conversation at last week's Sunday Forum. We have been looking at Paul's letters to the Corinthians, and the question arose then, as it does now: Does life in Christ necessarily mean a new vocation and setting for ministry? Sometimes it does. More often, the calling of Jesus is for us to drill down where we are, and be ambassadors of Christ among the most difficult crowd of all: the people we know, the people who see us every day. *Make use of your present condition now more than ever*, is what Paul advised (1 Cor. 7:21). Look around you. How is God calling you to serve?

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

October 4, 2015

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

A PARISH STUDY: PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE CORINTHIANS – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.

Together, we'll examine the historical context of the letters, the issues and the relevancy for us today. **Forum attendees are encouraged to read designated passages in advance of each session.** All are welcome. 10/4 Prof. Nicholas Birns, Associate Professor of Literary Studies at the New School's Eugene Lang College, will be continuing the discussion of morality and ethics in the Corinthian community. **Please read 1 Corinthians, Ch 5–11 before class.** (10/11 No class.) *More info on the series, including class dates and readings, [HERE](#).*

NEW PRAYER BOOKS AND BIBLES FOR GRACE –THE ECW BOOK DRIVE! (OCT 4 – LAST DAY!) The ECW has offered to help replace many of the well-worn and loved books in our pews by sponsoring a book drive. For just \$25 per book, you can help! You may sponsor a book "in thanksgiving for" or "in memory of" a loved one. **Members of the ECW will be available at coffee hour after the 9 and 11 am services on Oct 4 to take orders** and answer questions. You may also [contact Cathy Minuse](#) for information and order forms.

NEWCOMERS' CLASSES – Do you have questions about Christianity and the Episcopal Church? Would you like to learn more about becoming a member of Grace Church? Meet the Clergy and fellow parishioners for a lively discussion and Q&A about parish life at Grace Church on Sundays, Sept 20, 27 and Oct 4, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room. You may join at any time. *Newcomer classes are held 3 times per year. For details on these and other events, watch this space.*

YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL – On Sunday, Oct 4, at 4:30 pm, Grace youth in grades 8–12 are invited to meet our new Assistant Rector for Youth and Family Ministry, the Rev. Chase Danford, at Sundaes and Cones (95 E.

10th St. at 3rd Ave). Socialize, enjoy some unique frozen flavors, and brainstorm about how Grace Church teens can serve those in need in our city and around the world. *Walk-ins welcome, but if you know you're coming, [RSVP to Chase](#).*

Coming Soon

OCT 6 – LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP SYRIAN

REFUGEES – The Diocese of New York is hosting a meeting with representatives of the International Rescue Committee to discuss how congregations and individuals can help refugees from Syria and around the world who are being resettled in the NYC area. Tuesday, Oct 6, from 5:30–7 pm, at Diocesan House on the grounds of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Please [register HERE](#). Or, for more information contact [the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

OCT 11, OCT 18 – 20s and 30s-*ish* – A new name and new energy: We're re-launching our ministry to parishioners in their 20's, 30's, and early 40's – 20's and 30's-*ish* – with three upcoming events. **SUNDAY BRUNCH:** On Sunday, Oct. 11, after the 11 am liturgy and coffee hour, join us for brunch at a nearby restaurant. **SERMON TALK-BACK AND SOCIAL HOUR:** On Sunday, Oct 18, come to the 6 pm service and afterwards join us at a nearby location for a social hour and time to discuss the sermon. *RSVP to Chase, or contact him for more details [HERE](#). And look for more social, spiritual, and service opportunities in coming weeks!*

OCT 17, 18 – OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK – Grace Church is pleased to participate in this year's Open House New York Weekend, a citywide showcase of distinctive examples of architecture, engineering, and design. **On Saturday, Oct 17 at 10 am we will host CBB Lighting Design and Walter B. Melvin architects for a seminar and demonstration of our lighting capabilities in the sanctuary.** Tours of the church will also be offered by

our Open Door volunteers from 12–4 pm during usual visiting hours. Visit www.ohny.org.

OCT 18 – REJOICE IN THE LAMB BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN
– Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, Oct 18 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB.

OCT 20 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY FALL RECEPTION (*Potential new volunteers welcome!*) Open Door is a team of friendly volunteers who provide a welcoming presence to weekend visitors, answering questions about our beautiful building, our community and its history. Please join us on Tuesday, Oct 20th, 7–8:30 pm in the Reception Room. We'll enjoy fellowship and be happy to welcome anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering. Commitment is just 2 hours per month, and no experience is necessary! *E-mail [Singleton Cox](mailto:Singleton.Cox) with your RSVP, or just to find out more.*

OCT 25 – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Sunday Oct 25th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30–4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of spooky fun and games, featuring mask-making, craft projects, and cupcake decorating. Lend a hand by helping at one of the tables, making a donation, or contributing non-candy snacks. Drop off packaged snacks to the parish office now through Friday, October 23; baked goods can be brought to Tuttle Kitchen on Sunday morning, Oct. 25 or right before the party. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to volunteer. Please contact [The Rev. Chase Danford](mailto:The.Rev.Chase.Danford) with questions.

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