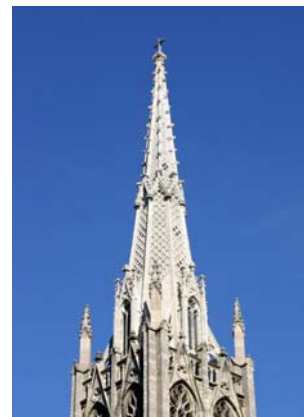


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in New York City



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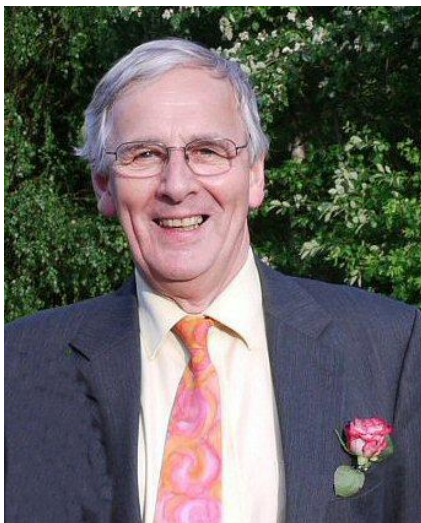
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Welcome Back, Dr. Rose!



January 24, 2016

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

Many years ago the Episcopal Church often made the headlines. What an Episcopal rector said in the pulpit on Sunday might well be covered on the front page of the New York Times on Monday. In the

1890s, when the congregation of Grace Church thought the music had not kept pace with society, and that it was time for a vested choir of men and boys, this was big news. Those days are long gone.

Nevertheless, a week ago I was surprised to see the word "Episcopal" featured in various headlines online and in print. Why are we in the news? Well, in the global family known as the Anglican Communion, we have been given a "time out," or sent to our room. If this were a hockey game, you might say that we have been sent to the penalty box. Specifically, at a gathering in Canterbury of the Anglican Primates (leaders of national churches, of which our Presiding Bishop is one), a hot topic of discussion was the nature of marriage. The traditional view that most of the Anglican Communion and most other Christian bodies maintain is that the sacrament of marriage can only occur between a man and a woman. But at last summer's General Convention the Episcopal Church expanded this teaching to include same-sex couples. Now we are in disagreement with other members of the Communion, and the question of whether we can even stay together as a family of churches has been raised.

Along with all of his other "duties" at Grace Church this week (see "this Sunday" at right), Dr. Barry Rose, OBE, will offer the Weekend Organ Meditation at 4 p.m. on **Saturday, Jan 23rd** in the Church!

What does it mean to join the "Jesus movement?"

Conversation
with the Rector.
The Sunday Forum @10.
Details under "This Sunday"...

JOIN US! The Next Habitat for Humanity/Grace Church Build Days...



Grace Church is overjoyed to be **partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house** in Laurelton, Queens, for a family in need. Click [here](#) to learn more, and to sign up. *(Note: We regret that our planned build day on Sat 1/23 is cancelled due to blizzard warnings.)*

The disagreement has been brewing in the Communion for a long time, even before the 2003 consecration of Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire (Bishop Robinson is openly gay). But it finally came to a vote last week, and now the Episcopal Church USA cannot "*represent the Anglican Communion to other churches and should not be involved in standing committees for a period of three years.*" During this time we also may not vote on matters of doctrine or how the Anglican Communion organizes itself.

Over the past week a number of parishioners have asked me what I think about being sidelined in the Anglican Communion. The truth is, I really don't know. It is too early to say. I appreciate that the Episcopal Church allows the blessings of same-sex unions, and we have done so at Grace Church. I also appreciate being a part of the Anglican Communion. Now that we are sidelined, is our daily reality going to change? Not at all, and I can't imagine that in three years we will reverse the decisions we have made. All we can do is be faithful to the calling of God as we discern it in our own contexts, and strive to walk humbly in love and charity with our global partners. I suspect we have hardly heard the last of these matters.

In the meantime, let it snow!

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Future build days: Wed, Feb 10 (1-5pm), Sat, Feb 20 (9:15am-5pm).

DON'T WALK BY. SIGN UP!

DON'T WALK BY is an annual outreach in New York City in which volunteers walk through the streets of Manhattan on a search and rescue mission for the homeless. This year's team from Grace Church will participate on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 1:30 to 8 pm. Please join the team! More info [here](#).

You may register [here](#) (select "Street Engagement Volunteer" click "register" and fill out the form. For name of team put "Mike Watson," and name of church "Grace Episcopal Manhattan.") If you have any questions, contact Mike [here](#) or at 646-234-5799.

*Registration deadline
2/15/16.*

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

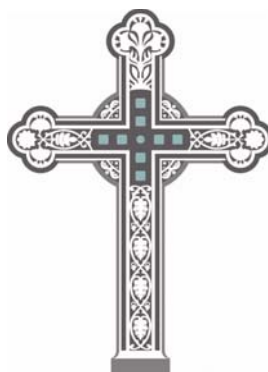
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

WE WELCOME DR. BARRY ROSE. Our great friend [Dr. Rose](#) will be conducting the choirs at 9 and 11 am. Under his direction – THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – will take place at 4 pm today in the Church (see details below).

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM – The Rev. J. Donald Waring will continue the Epiphany series of presentations based on the Presiding Bishop's challenge to be part of "the Jesus movement." What does the Presiding Bishop mean, and what implications might this have on the lives of all members of the church – lay people and clergy alike? Join us at 10 am in the Reception Room for coffee and discussion.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES 4 PM – This special annual event celebrates music for the soprano chorister's voice. At the concert Novice Choristers will be "whited" (awarded their surplice) and promoted to Junior Chorister. Works by Attwood, Archer, Bach, Copland, Rose, Yon and others.

Please pray for...

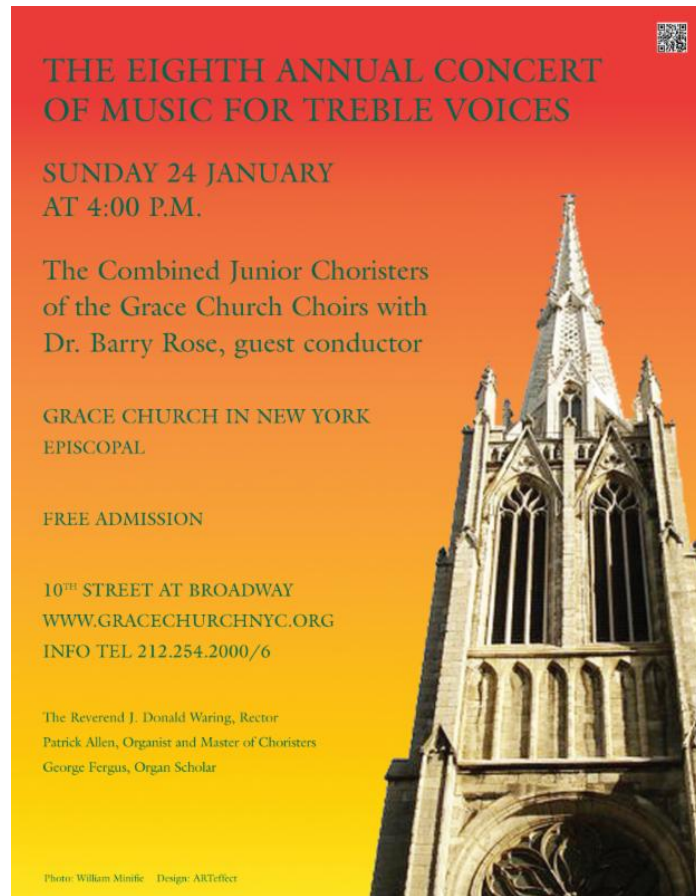
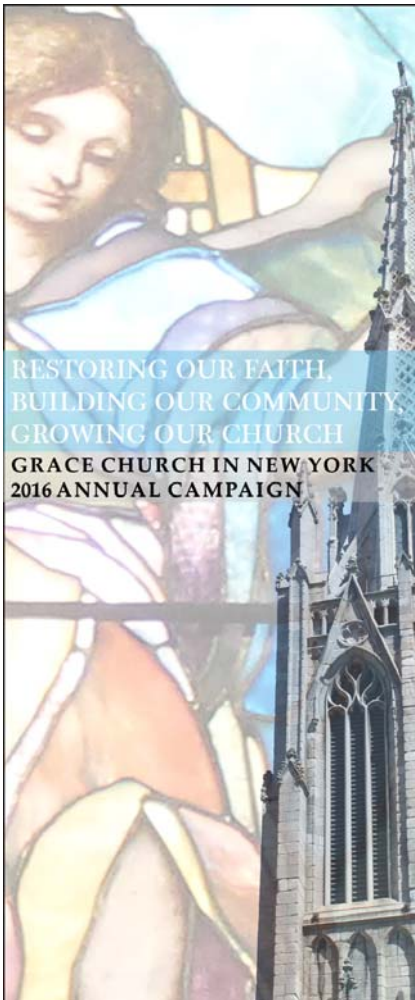


those who suffer

Sekou and Stacy Andrews
 Elsie Lewis
 Gabriel Teodorescu
 Dan Mahony
 Elizabeth & Sam Brown
 Flor Hernandez
 Bill Nave
 Greg Gillies
 Josephine Ferraiuolo
 Howard Small
 Trish Lawrence
 Paul Tillotson

and those who have died.

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life...



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES TODAY – and help the church go green and save on postage! After the 9 and 11 am services, you may find them in Tuttle Hall. After the 6 pm service, and during the week, they may be found in the Reception Room.

Coming Soon

JAN 31 – THE SUNDAY FORUM – The Rev. Gretchen Ratterree, Pastoral Resident of Grace Church, will continue the Epiphany series of presentations based on the Presiding Bishop's challenge to be part of "the Jesus movement." Join us at 10 am in the Reception Room.

JAN 31 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Jan 31st, immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace

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Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. Lunch will be served (\$5 per person suggested donation).

THE VESTRY HAS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT and is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a second two-year term as a Churchwarden: LEE CHAMBERLIN. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member: JUSTIN BROWNHILL, ELANA FOUNDOS, ANASTASIA ROTHEROE. For a first three-year term as Vestry member: OWEN BOGER. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

FEB 7 – THE SUNDAY FORUM series in Epiphany continues with speaker Dr. Mark Larrimore, Associate Professor of Religion, The New School, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts.

FEB 7 – SHROVE SUNDAY! Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Fun activities for all ages included. Share a meal with friends before Lent begins. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service. \$15 per person requested donation at the door. Volunteer help is most appreciated! To find out how you can help, please [contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

FEB 7 – HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS THIS WINTER – Each week we collect canned goods for local food pantries, but cash can help food pantries leverage even more food support. At the Shrove Sunday Pancake brunch, Grace Church youth will be collecting for "Souperbowl of Caring," a national movement that raised over \$8 million in cash and food items for pantries last year. Pick your winning team, throw cash or a check in your team's soup pot, and help support our partner

food pantry, Hope for Our Neighbors in Need at Church of the Village (13th St and 7th Ave). All monies raised will go directly to feed hungry New Yorkers. (Can't be at the pancake brunch? You can [make your gift here](#).)

FEB 10, 20 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAYS – JOIN US! Details at upper left.

FEB 14, 21 – NEWCOMERS' CLASSES –Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it's like to be a member of Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, Feb 14 and 21, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room. *Additional Newcomer classes will be held in April.*

FEB 14 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE MISSION – On Sunday, Feb 14th we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We are seeking volunteers to prepare pot roasts and cupcakes at home and to serve the meal at the Mission. We have a super easy and delicious pot roast recipe for you! Please join us in this rewarding volunteer opportunity which is so appreciated by folks at the mission. You may [sign up online here](#) or e-mail Lillie Chance at lilichance@gmail.com with questions.

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