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### in New York City



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### Anglicanism Part II



The Sunday Forum  
@10 am on Apr 17

## April 17, 2016

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

Today I write with news that is bittersweet. Stephen Holton, our Associate Rector, has accepted the calling to be the next Rector of Christ Church, New Haven, CT. On the one hand, this is wonderful news! Christ Church is a major parish in the Diocese

of Connecticut, with a rich liturgical life and a vigorous ministry of outreach to the community. We should be justifiably proud that one of our own is going off to take on such an important position. On the other hand, we will miss Stephen's presence among us and the many ways he has enriched our parish life.

Stephen began his ministry as Associate Rector of Grace Church in September of 2012. Since then he has inspired us with his teaching, preaching, and liturgical leadership. He has comforted us with pastoral care, and most especially strengthened our outreach ministry. The current collaboration between Grace Church and Habitat for Humanity is a fine example of how Stephen has been able to mobilize lay leadership to accomplish much good in the world. During the past four years I have been blessed to know that wherever I've asked Stephen to be involved across the wide spectrum of our ministries, he would bring eagerness and ability to the task at hand.

Stephen's final Sunday with us will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. But the Sunday before, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, will be the day when we celebrate his ministry with a special reception in Tuttle Hall immediately following the 11 am service. At that time

*(Details at right, below)*

**April 23 & May 21**



**Join us for a  
build day!  
Details under  
"Coming Soon."**

(Click image)

**Seeking Summer  
Interns!**

**9th – 12th Grade**



Attention 9th–12th graders! Help Shape Academic Futures! Become a GO Getters Intern! Are you passionate about educational equity? Are you committed to having in depth, change-making conversations with your peers? Do you want to spend a summer giving back to your community? If you replied yes, apply NOW for the GO Getters Summer

I would like to present Stephen with a cash "purse" from the parish as an expression of our gratitude and good wishes. Details on how to contribute will be forthcoming in a conventional mailing that is leaving the building today.

In the meantime I will be assembling a search committee to advise in the selection of a new Associate Rector. Our goal will be to have a seasoned, full-time priest on board this summer and ready to engage fully in our parish programs come the fall.

Please make a point of congratulating Stephen on his new calling. You can read more about Christ Church, New Haven by visiting their website [here](#).

See you in church.

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

**This Sunday**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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 Choir of Men and Boys

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

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**ANGLICANISM IN THE PRESENT: ARE WE IN CRISIS?**

**PART 2 – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** *The Very Rev. Michael Battle, Ph.D., Professor of Church and Society at the General Theological Seminary, will provide a global perspective on the work and status of the Anglican Communion. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.*

Internship [HERE!](#)  
**Deadline Monday, May 16.** Questions? Contact Olivia Nunez [HERE.](#)

**Please pray for...**



***those who suffer***

- Fred and Linda Mann
- Anne Mason
- Jack McDaniel
- Julia Harvey
- June Mann Averyt
- William Susman
- Bill Nave
- Greg Gillies
- Josephine Ferraiuolo
- Howard Small
- Trish Lawrence
- Paul Tillotson

***and those who have died***

- Claudine Mann

**NEWCOMERS' CLASSES @12:45** – 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. You may join at any time. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, April 10, 17, 24, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** Current and new acolytes are encouraged to attend a training/refresher from 12:30–1 pm on Sunday, April 17. *Please let Fr. Chase know if you can attend, click [HERE.](#)*

**SPECIAL CONCERT @3PM – "MUSIC FOR A GREAT SPACE" BY THE TAFT SCHOOL** Today we welcome Collegium Musicum, Cantus Exelsus, and the Woodward Brass Ensemble performing "Music for a Great Space". The performance will include American spirituals and hymnody, fiddle and folk selections, and world music from over the centuries chosen to accentuate the beautiful acoustical qualities of great spaces. *Among the performers today are several young alumni of the Grace Church Choirs!* A reception in Huntington Close will follow the concert. Both events are free and open to the public.

**TEEN STUDY BREAK @4:30PM** – The Rev. Chase Danford invites youth in grades 7–12 for conversation, snacks, and fellowship from 4:30–5:45 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room.

***Coming Soon***

**(SATURDAY) APR 16 – MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE – THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) OF GRACE CHURCH INVITE YOU TO A QUIET DAY** led by Grace Church Pastoral Resident, Gretchen Ratterree. (Men are invited too!) We will explore our potential as God's creation through prayer, meditations, and art.

Saturday, April 16 from 10 am to 2 pm. We'll begin in the Reception Room in the Parish House at 10 am for coffee and snacks provided by the ECW. We ask everyone to bring their own bagged lunch. Childcare is available upon request: [contact Sara Queen HERE](#).

**APR 23, MAY 21 – COME AND BUILD WITH US!** Grace Church is overjoyed to be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house in Laurelton, Queens for a family in need. Our next build dates are April 23 and May 21. To register and sign up, click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact the Rev. Stephen Holton [HERE](#).

**APR 24 – HOW WE GOT HERE: ANGER AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE 2016 CAMPAIGN – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** Grace Church parishioners and political commentators Margaret Hoover and John Avlon will lead a spirited discussion on the bruising 2016 presidential campaign.

**APR 24 – PLEASE JOIN THE ECW AT COFFEE HOUR** after the 11 am service for cake and kind words in honor of Elana Foundos and her five devoted years of service as President of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Church!

**APR 29 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR CONCERT** with the Combined Choirs of Grace Church – Men and Boys, Girls, Adult and Parish Choirs – takes place on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Music by E.C. Bairstow, Malcolm Boyle, S.S. Wesley, Louis Vierne and others.

**APR 30 – 20's and 30's-ish FIELD DAY** – Join young adult Episcopalians from around the city in Central Park for a picnic (bring your own lunch), outdoor Eucharist, and some good old fashioned field games. Saturday, April 30, 11:30 am to 3 pm at Norman's Landscape. [RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

**MAY 1 – RECONCILIATION: PAKISTANI CHRISTIANS' RADICAL RESPONSE TO PERSECUTION – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** *The Rev. Canon Titus Presler, Th.D., D.D. Principal-in-exile, Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan, and Former Academic Dean, General Seminary.* The Easter Sunday 2016 suicide bomb blast by the Taliban in Lahore, Pakistan, that killed over 75 people was aimed at Christians celebrating in a park after their Easter services. Two weeks before the bombing the Church of Pakistan had organized a conference in Lahore on Christian–Muslim reconciliation, and after the bombing Moderator Bishop Sammy Azariah of the Church of Pakistan said, "We have been energized to move forward in our journey of reconciliation." Titus Presler, who has spoken at Grace before about Pakistan church issues, will explore the missional imperative of reconciliation in today's world and how a persecuted church struggles to fulfill it. He will also relate the theme to the recent Zambia meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council.

**MAY 8 – THE RT. REV. ANDREW ST. JOHN,** former Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Australia and recently retired Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration in New York City will be our guest preacher at the 11 am service. Bishop St. John will also lead the Sunday Forum. See above.

**MAY 8 – EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY** – This Mother's Day, celebrate Episcopal Charities Sunday, and help reduce the impact of hunger on your neighbors in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Hundreds of thousands of people will directly benefit, many of them children and the elderly. On Sunday, May 8, you'll find an envelope inside your service bulletin, which we hope you will consider using to make a donation to this worthy cause. For more information, click [HERE](#).

**MAY 13, 14 – THE CHORAL SOCIETY & ORCHESTRA  
SPRING CONCERTS** at Grace Church – Friday, May 13 at  
8 pm and Saturday, May 14 at 3 pm. Felix  
Mendelssohn's Elijah, one of the greatest oratorios of  
all time! Tickets on sale [HERE](#) (click CONCERTS).

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