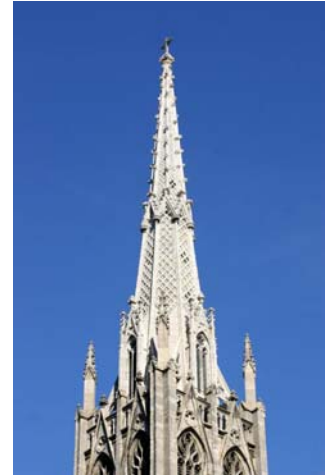


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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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UK GUEST CHOIRS in JULY, AUG & SEPT!

A terrific line up of guest choirs will offer their music here at Grace Church during the months of July,

July 2016

Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all and happy July. During the summer months Grace Church always shifts into a blessedly slower gear. Nevertheless, much is going on behind the scenes in terms of planning that we trust will bear much fruit in the year to come.

First, on Saturday, July 16 we will finally break ground on the Habitat for Humanity house that will be a total renovation in Queens. The address of the house is 190-17 109th Road, Queens, NY 11412. This day has been a year in the making, and the project will take approximately nine months to complete. For those who wish to participate in the actual work day itself you can sign up through our website, [HERE](#). If you wish to join a carpool from the church you can meet in front of the Broadway doors at 8:00 am. If you wish to be on hand for the groundbreaking only, it should take place at 9:15 am at the address above. Or, come on out at noon to help with lunch. How to find it? Earlier this spring I was at a Habitat build somewhere deep in the maze of streets that is Queens. I had no idea how to find my way home. Luckily, there is an app on my phone called Google Maps. Who knew? I typed in the church address and the little person inside talked me street-by-street right back to the rectory. Try it!

Second, the search for an Associate Rector is ongoing. Back in April, when Stephen Holton announced his new call to

August and
September.

*On **Wed., July 20**, the **choir from Saint Dunstan's College, London**, will offer a program at noon. Free Admission. (Replaces Bach at Noon.)

*On **Sunday, Aug. 28 at 6 pm**, the **Charter Choir of Homerton College, Cambridge, UK**, under the direction of Daniel Trocme-Latter will sing at the service of Holy Eucharist. They will offer a prelude of choral music prior to the service so come early!

*On **Sunday, Sept. 4 at 6 pm**, the **Somerville College Choir, Oxford, UK**, under the direction of Nicholas Machin will sing at the service of Holy Eucharist.

Summertime Notes...

be Rector of Christ Church, New Haven, I never would have imagined that his position would still remain open in early July. But it is. The advisory committee and I have interviewed some great candidates, but for various reasons we have yet to sign on the dotted line with anyone. I remain optimistic that we will be able to make a call by the end of this month, but I am learning to be mindful of the words spoken through the prophet Isaiah (55:8): *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.* Alas, there is no such app on anyone's phone that will take us directly to the next Associate Rector of Grace Church.

Third, the Development Committee has begun working with our consultant, Maurice Seaton, from the Episcopal Church Foundation. Our task is to lay the groundwork for a feasibility study this fall. The purpose of the feasibility study will be to measure our capacity for a capital campaign. The time is coming to embark on the next phase of restoring the interior of Grace Church, not only for aesthetic, but also for safety reasons. The plan is to secure, strengthen, and refinish the entire high ceilings of the nave and north transept, including all the ornamental plaster. If you look up you can see the clear lines between what we have done, and what we have left undone. We would also like to repay a portion of the endowment that we borrowed to accomplish the last phase of restoration. If the feasibility study this fall shows a green light, we would commence with a capital campaign early in 2017, and accomplish the work next summer.

There you have a snap shot of the work behind the scenes that is taking place at Grace Church during these lazy, hazy days of summer. If all goes well, one year from today a family will be living in "The House that Grace Built" and calling it their own, a new Associate Rector will have joined the staff and no longer be thought of as new, and the nave will be full of scaffolding.

Say your prayers, stay tuned, and enjoy the summer. See you in church.

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

This Sunday, July 10th
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



WORSHIP SERVICES

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During July, classes are held at 11am only. In August, Sunday school goes on recess, returning after Labor Day.

BACH AT NOON SUMMER

12:20 p.m., in the Church – These 30-minute meditations celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach are played on the Bicentennial Organ **each Wednesday through Sept 7**, subject to special services. To check the schedule, visit the Music pages of the website [HERE](#).

SUMMER FRIDAYS

The parish office closes at 1 pm and the Church closes at 3 pm

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: Soloist, AJ Stetson, baritone

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

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

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

Coming Soon – Events

JULY 16 – COME AND BUILD WITH US! In partnership with Habitat for Humanity NYC, Grace is building a safe and secure home in Queens Village for a family in need. Join us for the kick-off celebration, where we will begin the work on "The House that Grace Built!" *For more information or to sign up for a build day, please visit [HERE](#).*

JULY 22–24 – YOUTH TRIP TO HEIFER FARM – Youth completing grades 6–12 are invited to join a two-night trip to Heifer International's service learning farm in Rutland, MA. Through farm chores, interactive activities, and simulated cultural immersion, participants come to understand the complications surrounding hunger and poverty and to see their connection in creating change that brings possibility and hope to millions around the world. We will conclude with an outdoor Eucharist on the beautiful farm grounds. Cost per student is \$200. Scholarships are available. Students will be chaperoned by the Rev. Chase Danford and other Youth and Family Ministry

on Fridays from now through Labor Day weekend.

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Those who suffer

Cecelia Romero Likes
Patrick Hornung
Bill Nave
Josephine Ferraiuolo
Howard Small
Trish Lawrence

and those who have died

The Dallas Police
Officers

leaders. Friday, July 22 to Sunday, July 24. *There are still spots available! Please [contact Fr. Chase asap here](#) or at 212-254-2000 ext 113 to register.*

SEPT – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM is now on recess for the summer. Please plan to join us for the fall season, entitled "Shakespeare & Christianity." As this year marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, thus continues a year of worldwide celebrations and an upsurge of academic interest in Shakespeare's relationship to religion, in particular Christianity, as seen in the work of author David Scott Kastan. Our seven-week series will showcase a number of leading scholars in the field, who will join us to discuss how Shakespeare's relationship to Christianity is relevant to us today. Starts after Labor Day. Details will be announced.

The next Epistle E-news will arrive in your inbox in early August.

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