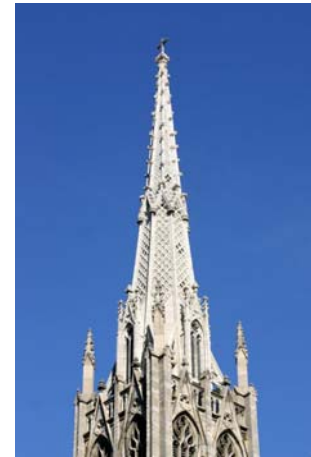


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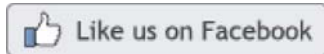


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**10/23 ENTER the CONVERSATION...**



"Strengthening Our Presence,  
Securing Our Future."

## October 16, 2016

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Friends,

I have been the Rector of Grace Church for 12 years now, and for a good portion of that time we have navigated our parish life around construction. When I arrived in 2004 the spire was encased in scaffolding, and one of the first things I did was climb to the top, where one of the stone carvers snapped a photo of me.



Here it is to give you a sense of just how big the cross is way up there.

What followed the spire was work on the chantry and Honor Room. Then we renovated the Sunday School rooms and Tuttle Hall kitchen. Next came the south transept, chancel aisles, the chancel itself, many stained glass windows, and finally the installation of the Bicentennial Organ. In addition to church projects, we've also lived through the school's renovation of Tuttle Hall, and their building of a new gymnasium underneath Huntington Close. It's been a lot. And now we are contemplating more.

Earlier this week at a meeting of the Vestry we were talking about the plans to raise the funds to restore

...about the restoration and continued growth of Grace Church. **Join a tour with the Rector, immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday, Oct 23.**

**[Read more here.](#)**

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



During the services on **Sunday, Nov 6th** we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. *To include a name on this year's list, please [send the name to Jennifer Metz](#) by Tuesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### HURRICANE MATTHEW RESPONSE

Those wishing to provide relief to people affected by Hurricane Matthew might

the interior ceiling of the church in the summer of 2017. One of our vestry members asked appropriately how we compared to other churches in the city. Are they under scaffolding as frequently as we are? Then he quipped, "Or does our Rector just have a penchant for construction?" I'll admit, I do enjoy seeing old things made new. I do like to imagine that what we are doing in our generation will contribute to the vitality of Grace Church for generations to come. But in terms of comparing our restoration pace with other churches in the city, I think we are doing a bit of catching up, and now running even with those who have the will and the way to be good stewards of their buildings.

Consider the recent and ongoing church projects around the city: Just two blocks away on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Church of the Ascension installed a new pipe organ, and had to accomplish considerable interior and exterior restoration in order to accommodate it. The Church of the Incarnation in Murray Hill made emergency repairs to its spire. St. Patrick's Cathedral (which is simply a newer, larger version of Grace Church) completed restorations that left no part of the massive building inside or out untouched. Only blocks away from St. Patrick's, both St. Thomas Fifth Avenue, and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church are wrapped in scaffolding. These old buildings are glorious, but time, gravity, weather, and the pounding of the city take their toll. If every generation does its part to keep them up, centuries from now they can still be centers of Christian worship, learning, and service.

Last month, on a routine visit to the dentist, I learned that I had some old fillings that required replacing and a cracked molar that needed to be capped. In truth, I suspected something was wrong with the molar because it hurt when I sipped a cool drink. Getting it fixed would be unpleasant, inconvenient, and expensive, so I put it off. But it had to be, so yesterday I spent a miserable three-hours in the dentist's chair getting it all done at once. Interior restoration, indeed! Now I have new fillings, and new molar, and no pain just a day later. Am I finished with dental work forever? Hardly. But the "slight, momentary affliction" (2 Corinthians 4:17) was worth it. I pray the same will be true of all our efforts to be good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

See you in church.

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

consider a donation to [Episcopal Relief and Development](#).

Rector

Please pray for...



*Those who suffer*

- Judy Abernathy
- Bea Washington
- Pam Glenn
- The Fahy family
- Josephine Ferraiuolo
- Howard Small
- Trish Lawrence

*and those who have died.*

**TOMORROW, SAT, OCT 15**  
**THE HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT**  
***A FEW MORE HELPERS ARE NEEDED!***



See those smiles?

Sign up [HERE!](#)

**This Sunday**

**October 16th**

**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

**4 p.m. Evensong**

Benjamin Britten's REJOICE IN THE LAMB

The Choir of Men & Boys

**6 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**RACE, GENDER & THE TEMPEST – THE SUNDAY**

**FORUM @10AM.** To ravish: it can mean rape, or it can mean to enrapture. Combine this duality with issues of race and gender, and you have THE TEMPEST. Let us storm this great play together. With Catharine R. Stimpson, NYU. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served. *During our fall series "Shakespeare and Christianity," leading scholars discuss how Shakespeare's relationship to Christianity is relevant to us now, in 2016, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.*

**THE VARIETY OF MINISTRIES AT GRACE**

**(NEWCOMERS' CLASS)** – On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 11am service, leaders from various ministries at Grace will come to the Newcomers Class and share about their ministry. We will have a light lunch and hear from leaders from our many Outreach Ministries, fellowship groups, faith formation and enrichment, and worship & music. **This class is for newcomers, as well as members of Grace who would like to learn more!** Held in the Reception Room about 12:30 pm. [RSVP to Jennifer Metz](#) to help us plan.

**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. Tours of the church will also be offered by our Open Door volunteers from 12–4 pm on Sunday afternoon during usual visiting hours. Visit [www.ohny.org](http://www.ohny.org).

**REJOICE IN THE LAMB BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN** – Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and

Boys on Sunday, Oct 16 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB.

**NEW SOCIAL HOUR AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE** – Please join clergy and fellow parishioners for conversation and a bite or beverage after the 6 pm service at Milk and Hops (779 Broadway, visible from the chantry door!). This low-key venue works both for those who are only staying for quick refreshments and those who want to stay a bit longer.

**HENRY HOLIDAY'S STAINED GLASS ART IN GUILDED AGE NYC** – lecture and tour today at the Church of the Holy Trinity. The English artist Henry Holiday arrived in NYC in 1881 at a time when "American Glass" designs by La Farge, Tiffany and others were being touted as "much beyond all contemporary competition." Even so, Holiday found great success in New York City – including work for Grace Church which spanned forty years and produced windows such as "The Raising of Lazarus" on the south wall of the nave, and a complete cycle of windows at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Join architect, historian and author, George Bryant, for an illustrated presentation on Mr. Holiday's NYC stained glass windows. *Sunday, Oct 16, 2:30–4:30 PM at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 E. 88th St, NYC. Bring your binoculars.*

### *Coming Soon*

**OCT 23 – STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENCE, SECURING OUR FUTURE** – Anyone who wishes to learn more about the next phase of restoring the interior of Grace Church is invited to **join a tour with the Rector immediately following the 11 am Sunday service.** Meet in the front pews of the nave.

**OCT 23 – KING LEAR AND CORIOLANUS: THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** We will



examine some of Shakespeare's ironic intimations of the absence – impossibility – of Christian faith in the world of *Coriolanus*, the last of his plays set in pre-Christian, pagan Rome. How does this element of dramatic irony inform Shakespeare's handling of the intense political controversy at the heart of the play? With Roy Tsao, Brooklyn College. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served. *During our fall series "Shakespeare and Christianity," leading scholars discuss how Shakespeare's relationship to Christianity is relevant to us now, in 2016, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.*

#### **OCT 25 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY FALL**

**RECEPTION (Inquirers welcome!)** Open Door is a team of friendly volunteers who **provide a welcoming presence to weekend visitors**, answering questions about our beautiful building and church community. Please join us on Tuesday, Oct 25th, 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. If you would like to sit with a current volunteer to try Open Door, please [E-mail Singleton Cox with your RSVP](#), or just to find out more.

#### **OCT 26 – NEW 20'S AND 30'S–ISH'SMALL GROUP' –**

Young adults are invited to a new opportunity for spiritual formation and fellowship in a small group setting. Activities during this time will include reflection on the Sunday scripture readings, short presentations by the clergy, and engagement in various other spiritual practices, such as Christian meditation, lectio divina, and Compline. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:15–8:30 pm, following the 6 pm Eucharist. (The next is Wednesday, Nov. 30.) Held in the Reception Room; light refreshments will be provided. Questions? [Email the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

**OCT 30 – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** Sunday Oct 30th 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 28; baked goods can be brought to Tuttle Kitchen on Sunday morning, Oct. 30 or right before the party. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to volunteer. [Please contact The Rev. Chase Danford](#) with questions.

**NOV 3 – PULLING OUT THE STOPS – Save-the-Date** for our first Newcomer Event of the fall! Anyone new to Grace Church may join us on Thursday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm for light refreshments and a demonstration of the five thousand pipe Bicentennial Organ led by The Rev. J. Donald Waring and Dr. Patrick Allen. [RSVP to James Romanik](#).

**NOV 5, 6 –GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR** Bring your Christmas gift lists as we have fabulous artists and craftspeople selling their wares on both days. On Saturday night is the Festive Opening Reception in Tuttle Hall with Bob Martini and Mary Connally hosting the refreshments table! On Sunday, homemade baked goods will be available for sale in addition to all the hand-crafted goods from our vendors. Sunday's modest \$2 admission fee will be donated to the food pantry at Church of the Village. **Please come and be a part of the fun! Sat., Nov 5, from 5–7 pm and Sun., Nov 6 from 10 am–4 pm.**

**NOV 6 – POST-HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION –** On Sunday, Nov 6 we will be collecting Halloween candy for the benefit of the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI), a ministry to mariners since 1834. Your donation will be part of the SCI's Christmas at Sea project, which distributes gift bags to seafarers, toiling in maritime commerce, who are far from home

at the holidays. Here is a great opportunity to share excess Halloween candy or to pick some up at the post-Halloween sales! Please drop your donation in the food drive baskets near the door of the Church or Chantry.

**NOV 13 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE**

**MISSION** – On Sunday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We need 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. To sign up, e-mail Lillie Chance at [lilichance@gmail.com](mailto:lilichance@gmail.com) or [click HERE](#).





Please help [the GO Project](#) raise funds to directly support year-round programming for struggling NYC public school students. [Tickets HERE.](#)

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