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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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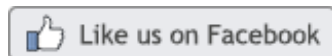
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## FINDING SABBATH

This Sunday  
at 10 a.m.



**Pete Hogden** was the facilities manager of

## May 7, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we launched the public phase of our [capital campaign](#) that will fund restoration of the nave and north transept ceiling. After the 11 am service we enjoyed a lovely reception organized by Lisa Chai, Dana Foote, and Ellen

McElduff. We debuted the campaign video that film crews shot over the Easter weekend. We also heard the extraordinary progress that we've made towards our stretch goal of \$3 million. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners we have reached out to in the quiet phase of the campaign, we were at \$2.1 million on Sunday, and close to \$2.3 million today. It is terrific news, but we cannot rest simply because the finish line is coming into view. Fund raising professionals - as well as anyone who has ever run a foot race - will attest that the final leg of the journey is often the most difficult.

What does it mean that we have launched the public phase? It means that in the coming weeks we will provide opportunities for everyone to participate in the campaign. Grace Church consists of approximately 270 giving households. So far we've received a combination of 60 outright gifts and pledges (commitments that can be paid off over a three-year period). We have a number of "asks" being considered, and many more still to make. If you are a giver of record and haven't yet been contacted, please stay tuned for an invitation to one of a variety of campaign events that are in the planning stages. Our hope is to hear from everyone by the end of June.

More good news: the work on the ceiling that we've already started has happened on time and on budget. Workers have

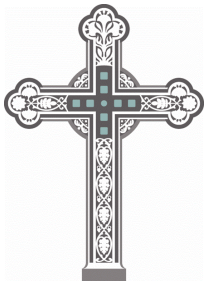
Grace Church and Grace Church School from 2002 until his unexpected passing last week at the age of 54.

Donations to the **Pete Hogden Memorial Education Fund** will support the future education expenses of Pete's three children.

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And please remember the Hogden family in your prayers.

*Please pray for...*



*those who suffer*

James F. Hurley III  
Tracey  
Kristin Whitehurst  
David Morgan  
Linda & Tom Hall  
Josephine  
Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

*and those who have died.*

been crawling around in the attic above the nave and north transept working on the top side of the ceiling, consolidating the plaster and securing it more firmly to the wood frame. Last Wednesday morning I had the pleasure of climbing up there with some others. Here are some photos from the attic, showing the 170-year old timber construction. The dark lines between the timbers is the new bond cementing the plaster to the wood lathe. To reach the site we climbed some very spindly ladders and went through the bell tower, thus we knew our trip had to be less than an hour, since you most definitely would not want to be there when the bells were set to ring at 10 am! I had never before seen the bells. It's fascinating up there. Here are some photos.



Great things are happening at Grace Church as we strive to secure this house of the Lord. To view the campaign video, click [here](#) .

See you in church.

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

# This Sunday

May 7th

## 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Parish Choir

## 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

## 4 p.m. Evensong

### EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART III

The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir

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

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

### FINDING SABBATH – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10

AM. Sabbath rest can feel like a difficult thing to do at times. At the recent ECW retreat, the women of Grace Church discussed the importance of Sabbath rest and how to make it happen in the midst of busy, 21st century NYC life. Come hear reflections from their day, and about the wisdom that they gained. You, too, may find a way to incorporate Sabbath rest into your life. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

**20'S AND 30'S-*ish* SUNDAY BRUNCH-** Young adult parishioners and guests are invited to brunch after the 11 o'clock service and coffee hour on Sunday, May 7. We'll meet in the Rectory Garden by the 802 Broadway gate at 12:45 and walk to a nearby restaurant. Plan to bring \$15-20 in cash. *RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#).*

**EVENSONG WITH EXCERPTS FROM PART III OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH @4 PM** – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring

excerpts from Part III (the Easter Portion) of *Handel's* MESSIAH.

**YOUTH GROUP** – The Grace youth group for 7th–12th graders will meet today at 2:15 pm in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. The group will break for Mother's Day on May 14, and resume on May 21 *at the new meeting time of 4 pm*. See announcement below about signing up for the Heifer Farm trip in July. *Email Father Chase [here](#) for more information.*

## *Coming Soon*

**MAY 10 – INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST** – Join the adult Confirmation class at 6pm in the Chantry as they lead an Instructed Eucharist. Here is an opportunity to learn more about the Holy Eucharist in the midst of worship. Verbal explanations of the parts of the service will be offered throughout, in place of a sermon.

**MAY 12, 13 – THE CHORAL SOCIETY'S SPRING CONCERTS** take place in the Church on Friday, May 12 at 8 pm and Saturday, May 13 at 3 pm. Featuring two monuments of 20<sup>th</sup> century choral music: the powerful antiwar cantata *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Samuel Barber's stunning *Prayers of Kierkegaard*. Galvanizing music for uncertain times. John Maclay, Music Director; with Tami Petty and Andrew Garland, soloists, and full orchestra. Tickets (\$30) required and available at the [website](#).

**MAY 14 – ANGELS, SERVANTS & DISRUPTORS: THE MODERN DAY DEACON – THE SUNDAY FORUM @ 10 AM.** Come find out about the oldest ordained ministry, learn how the concept of being a deacon belongs to all baptized members of the Church, and explore how we can all be a bridge between the church and our world. Richard Paul Limato, member of Grace Church and newly ordained Episcopal Deacon, will share his experience preparing for ordination and the servant ministry that makes this

sacred order a unique and important one for the modern day Church.

**MAY 14 –NEWCOMERS' CLASS** – Newcomers to Grace Church are warmly invited! Held on the second Sunday of each month in the Reception Room at 12:30 pm, each class will discuss how to become a member of Grace Church, as well as a variety of special topics (this month: **Spiritual Practices**). We suggest that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, meet other newcomers, and grow in your faith.

**MAY 14 – 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 14, 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, visit [here](#).

**MAY 20–21 – NY LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY'S SACRED SITES OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND** – Each spring congregations throughout the State participate so neighbors can experience first-hand the wonderful architecture and history embodied in New York's Sacred Sites – while also learning about the religious and social programming provided within. Grace Church will again participate with guided tours provided by our Open Door volunteers on Sat and Sunday, May 20–21. For more information, please visit: [www.nylandmarks.org](http://www.nylandmarks.org).

**MAY 21 – A CONVERSATION WITH THE BISHOP – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** – Join the 2017 adult and youth Confirmation classes in a discussion with the Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York. This will be an opportunity for Confirmation

candidates to ask the bishop questions, but everyone is invited to listen in on the conversation.

**JUNE 4 – FAREWELL TO THE REV. ALISSA ANDERSON**, our Pastoral Resident for the past year. Join us at coffee hour after the 11 am service to wish her well.

**JULY 7–9 YOUTH TRIP TO HEIFER FARM** – Youth completing grades 6–12 are invited to join a trip to Heifer International's educational farm in Rutland, MA. The 270-acre farm is filled with gardens and livestock, including goats, pigs, yaks and more. Through interactive programs and activities, participants come to understand the complications surrounding hunger and poverty and to see their connection in creating change. We will conclude with an outdoor Eucharist on the beautiful farm grounds. Friday morning, July 7 to Sunday afternoon, July 9. *RSVP by Sunday, June 4 to Fr. Chase [here](#) or 212-254-2000 ext 113.*

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