

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

13 August 2017

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.*

## Sunday, August 13:

### Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
- 12:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)
- 1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)

### Monday, August 14

- 6:45 pm AA Group (Choir Room)

### Tuesday, August 15

- 6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Hymn Sing (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, August 16

- 7:30 pm Al-Anon Group (Choir Room)

## Thursday, August 17

- 6:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

## Friday, August 18

- 6:30 pm NA Group (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Couples Group (Choir Room)

## Saturday, August 19

- 10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

## Sunday, August 20:

### Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
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**Welcome to Grace Church!** Visitors and guests are invited to sign a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. If you are new to Grace, welcome! Attractive magnetic name tags are available for you to wear when you are at church. These are a huge help in helping us learn each other's names and in building community. If you don't yet have a name tag, fill out a Grace Contact Form (in the rear of Guild Hall), and on the Welcome Table, also at the back of Guild Hall. Name tags are not only for newcomers...we all wear them, including kids! *If you have a pacemaker, you should not wear a magnetic tag; we have an alternative tag for you.* Questions? Contact our Parish Administrator, Christian DeRuiter, in the Parish Office at 718-624-1850. **Children's Activity Materials and Bulletins** are available on the Children's Table in Guild Hall. Children are always welcome at worship. **Hearing assistance devices are available.** If you would like one, please ask an usher. **If needed, a Chairlift to the Guild Hall is available;** please ask an usher for assistance.

## TODAY AT GRACE

**Sunday Parking:** Please note that Sunday parking for Grace parishioners is available at **44 State Street Garage (at the end of Willow Place)**. The hours are only on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm unless a holy day (such as Good Friday, Christmas Eve) is scheduled for another day of the week. Please drop off your car at the garage, bring the ticket to an usher for stamping, and give the stamped ticket to the valet.

## NEWS AT GRACE

In Memoriam  
Ann Walker Gaffney  
14 December 1937 - 2 August 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

We announce with great sadness the death of Ann Walker Gaffney, long time and devoted member of Grace. Ann died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, August 2, following a long illness.

Her memorial service will be held here at Grace Church, *11 am on Saturday, September 9*, with reception to follow in Guild Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund: [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Ann, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with her daughter, Elizabeth; her son, Walker, with her grandchildren, and with all her family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let Light perpetual shine upon her.

Faithfully yours in the Risen Christ,

The Reverend Anne F.C. Richards  
Interim Rector

**Rally Day is September 10:**

Heads up, All. We will celebrate Rally Day this year on Sunday, September 10, at 11 am. This will be an all-parish service, at 11 am, with Holy Baptism, and the Parish Fall BBQ immediately following the service on Grace Court.

If you would like to be baptized, or have a child whom you would like to have baptized, please contact our Parish Administrator, Christian DeRuiter at [parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org](mailto:parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) or 718-624-1850, ext. 10, or go to our web site, [www.gracebrooklyn.org/worship](http://www.gracebrooklyn.org/worship) and scroll down to "Holy Baptism" for the form. The form must be filled out completely, with all Godparents' information (including full addresses) provided. Please mail the completed form to Christian's attention at the church parish office (254 Hicks St., Brooklyn NY 11201) or put it in the collection plate. *The deadline for forms for the Rally Day baptism is Monday, August 28. All forms must have arrived here at Grace by that date in order for the baptisms to happen.* Questions? Email or call Christian at [parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org](mailto:parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) or 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

**There will be a rehearsal for the baptism on Sunday, September 10 at 10:15 am in the church. everyone who is part of the baptisms must be present -- children, parents, Godparents, grandparents, dogs and cats, visitors, friends. The rehearsal will be about 40 minutes long.**

Thank you and see you soon,

Anne+

**Annual Parish Fall Barbecue, September 10:**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The day of our Annual Parish Fall BBQ is fast approaching - on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10, on Grace Court. As always, we would love to have your donations of salads and/or desserts, and we need half a dozen volunteers to help with the grilling of hamburgers and hot dogs. Please help make this event a fun one!

**So that the entire Grace Church community can be together that day, we are having only one service, at 11 am.**

To volunteer your grilling time, or to let us know what type of salad or dessert you will bring, please sign up in the rear of Guild Hall, or email Martha Bakos Dietz at [mbdietz94@gmail.com](mailto:mbdietz94@gmail.com) or call 917-880-5653, or email Emily Horcher at [ejhorcher@gmail.com](mailto:ejhorcher@gmail.com) or call 718-625-1586.

**We're open for worship!** Our parish office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The sanctuary is always available during these hours for private worship. Many of us need a few moments of prayer and contemplation from time to time. Ring the doorbell to the office at the Hicks Street entrance and Christian will gladly welcome you into the sanctuary.

**Grace Church School Applications:** Parish families interested in applying for admission to Grace Church School for the 2018-2019 school year may request an application online at [www.gracechurchschool.org](http://www.gracechurchschool.org), beginning at 9 am on *Wednesday, September 6, 2017*.

Completed applications are due **September 29, 2017**. Tours will be assigned once completed applications are received. Please indicate that you are applying under Special Consideration status as a Grace Church Parish Member. Special consideration eligibility does not guarantee admission to the school. For further information about special consideration eligibility, please speak with Anne.

**August Hymn Sings:** Plan now to attend our annual August Hymn Sings every Tuesday evening, ending Tuesday, August 29. We will meet in the air conditioned Choir Room, starting at 7:00 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. We have loads of fun singing everything from Gregorian chant and old favorites to Country Western Christian! When was the last time you sang *I Want to Be a Cowboy for Jesus* or *Telephone to Jesus*? Led by our Organist and Choirmaster Paul Olson, we will have other presenters, including Grace choir member Patricia Woodward and Plymouth Church member, Jacque Jones. Over the years, this has become a popular summer activity not only for Grace Church Brooklyn Heights members, but for friends all throughout Brooklyn. Bring friends and enjoy with us the diversity of religious hymnody. If you have questions or hymn requests, please email Paul at [paulrichardolson@aol.com](mailto:paulrichardolson@aol.com).

**Announcing the 2017-2018 Children's Choir Schedule at Grace Church:** Rehearsals for the 2017-2018 year will start Monday, September 11 starting at 3:30-4:15 pm in the Choir Room. The Children's Choral program is open to children ages 4-8. Children get basic tools in singing, to learn to enjoy singing, to learn about the church, the church year and to learn a wide range of fun music. Children sing at the 9:15 am family service as well occasionally at the 11:00 service. Children are encouraged to bring a friend. There is always a special treat or snack following the rehearsal. Parental participation is also encouraged. We want to encourage more participation with our children in our worship services.

A schedule for the year will be given out and emailed to families at the first rehearsal. For further information, please contact Paul Olson at 718-624-1850, ext. 20, or by email at [paulrichardolson@aol.com](mailto:paulrichardolson@aol.com).

I look forward to working with your children another year,  
Paul

### Fall Bible Study Resumes, September 19:

Beginning on *Tuesday, September 19, 2017* from 10:30 am to Noon in the Choir Room, Grace Church is offering a five-week seminar on the Minor Prophets. The seminar will be led by the Rev. Dr. Christian D. von Dehsen, a Lutheran pastor and biblical scholar, and will offer opportunities to explore the messages of the 12 Minor Prophets through study and lively discussion. The schedule for the seminar is:

September 19: Introduction to the historical context and a focus on the prophet Amos

September 26: A focus on the prophets Hosea, Jonah, and Nahum

October 3: A focus on the prophets Obadiah, Joel, and Micah

October 10: A focus on the prophets Zephaniah, Habakkuk, and Haggai

October 17: A focus on the prophets Zechariah and Malachi

**Rector Search — Bishop's Approval Received for First Round of Interviews:** In the past week, things have moved quite speedily on the Rector Search front. Last week we reported that following a robust response to our posting, and careful consideration of all applicants, the Committee had selected, and submitted to the Bishop, a list of twelve applicants with whom to conduct the first round of interviews. The Bishop responded very quickly, and the Committee is now in the process of scheduling telephone interviews with each of the approved candidates. Following these calls, the Committee's next task will be to select from this group six or seven candidates for in-depth, in-person interviews.

The Committee is grateful for the prayers and support of the clergy, the Wardens, the Vestry and the entire parish throughout this important process of transition.

For further information, please contact the Search Co-Chairs, Vivian Harrison and Barbara Becker at [search.cochairs@gracebrooklyn.org](mailto:search.cochairs@gracebrooklyn.org).

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## GRACE CHURCH - A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

*"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."*

**Do you have a prayer concern?** In addition to offering Healing Prayer during our services, Grace provides two other ways to have people or situations prayed for: (1) For confidential or emergency prayer concerns, please email Anne Silver at [asilver@gts.edu](mailto:asilver@gts.edu). (2) For ongoing, non-confidential prayer concerns, fill in the 3-ring binder in the rear of Guild Hall, and your concerns will be printed below and prayed for by members of the congregation. Names on the "Ongoing Prayer Needs" list will generally be removed after one month unless you indicate that the need is long-term. There is also space in the 3-ring binder to indicate if a name should be removed from the prayer list.

**Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Aotearoa, New Zealand, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Remo, Lagos, Nigeria, The Rt. Rev. Michael Fape.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's, Brooklyn; St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn; Rising Stars; St. Augustine's, Brooklyn; St. Barnabas', Brooklyn; St. Bartholomew's, Brooklyn; St. Gabriel's, Brooklyn.

**Parish Prayer Concerns:** Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Patrick Owen Burns, Sr.; Bill Newbury; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison.

**Please pray for the ongoing needs of:** Marian Pryce; Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Eric Huato, Alejandra, Julio; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Julian Douglass; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Ron Ford; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Lori Pogharian Smith; Malcolm; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Chuck Jabaley; Mary Inwood; Jessy, Jade & Brian; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Juliana O'Brien; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Hope Boyd; Andrew Campbell; Mary Beth Bauries; Emily & Brian; Patty; John O'Brien; Julia Bates; Helen & Ralph Hills.

**For those who have died,** including Jaye Triolo McAllister. *Rest eternal grant to them, O God.*

**Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child:** Brianna and Bryan. *If you are expecting a child or awaiting an adoption, and would like to be remembered in prayer, contact the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, extension 10.*

**Preparing for Marriage:** Evann Borgman and Tom Payne; Hilary Boller and Ben Aneff.

**Preparing for Baptism:** John B. Gaertner, Kai John Redick, Knox David Redick and Lawson Claire Short.

**Upcoming Baptismal Dates:** September 10 (Rally Day) and November 5 (All Saints Sunday) at 11:00 am. To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.