



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 3, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: A Youthful Evensong at Grace

The Royal School of Church Music in America hosts summer courses throughout the country where hundreds of singers come together to rehearse and perform. The Newport Course is held at Salve Regina University from July

30 to August 6 this year. Our Director of Music Vince Edwards assists the course by planning and leading the music for sung Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer (Compline). Adrienne Southgate and Sue O'Brien, both members of the Grace Church Choir, will be attending the course this year as well.



Each summer course invites a different conductor to lead the choir. The conductor of the Newport Course this year is Sarah MacDonald, Director of Chapel Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge University, and Director of the Ely Cathedral Girls Choir, both in England.

We encourage you to attend a special Choral Evensong this Friday, August 4 at 5:00pm here at Grace Church here in Providence. The service is open to the public, and it is a wonderful opportunity to hear a large and enthusiastic choir of children and adults sing great music from the Anglican tradition. Those who attended last year's RSCM Evensong at Grace (pictured here at right) will attest: it is truly not to be missed. Please join us, and by all means, and bring a friend!



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

RSCM Choral Evensong at Grace:

Friday, August 4, 5:00pm

Sunday School: Please join us this Sunday for the final session of our 4-week summertime Sunday School series. Children ages 3-12 are invited to process to the Chafee Room following the opening Collect.

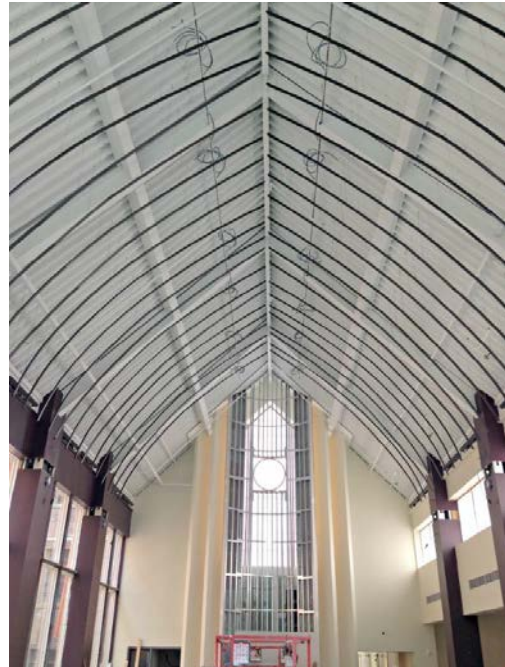
Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available on the top level only of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.



Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn! Please support the Outreach Ministry's 2017 Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend. Needed items include: construction paper, children's books, writing paper, glue sticks/craft glue, crayons, popsicle sticks, pencils, small backpacks, washable markers, glitter, tempera paints, watercolor paint sets, paint brushes, preschool size scissors, etc. Donations will be collected each Sunday through September 10th, and can be left in the collection box at the back of the church.



Worship Wherever You Roam - Part III

On this past Sunday, your parish administrator and his family had occasion to worship amid the stunning seaside beauty of [St. Ann's Episcopal Church](#) in Kennebunkport, ME. Serving as Guest Preacher for this outdoor service was former U.S. Senator and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations The Rev. John Danforth.



Some among you may recall that Danforth presided over [the 1999 funeral](#) of his U.S. Senate (Class of 1976) classmate Sen. John Chafee, right here at Grace Church.

If you do find yourself traveling this summer and have occasion to worship where you roam, we invite you to share your experience with us by contacting news@gracepvd.org.

A Call for Volunteers

Grace Church seeks one individual with elegant penmanship and an interest hand-writing entries into the Grace Church *Book of Remembrance*.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please e-mail volunteer@gracepvd.org at your earliest convenience.

Sing with the Summer Choir

Summer Choir is in session: Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please do [email Vince Edwards](mailto:vince.edwards@gracechurch.org), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).



August 6, 2017 - Feast of the Transfiguration

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):



[Exodus 34:29-35 ~ Psalm 99:5-9 ~ 2 Peter 1:13-21 ~ Luke 9:28-36](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of the Transfiguration](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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