



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: The Engravings of Andrew Raftery



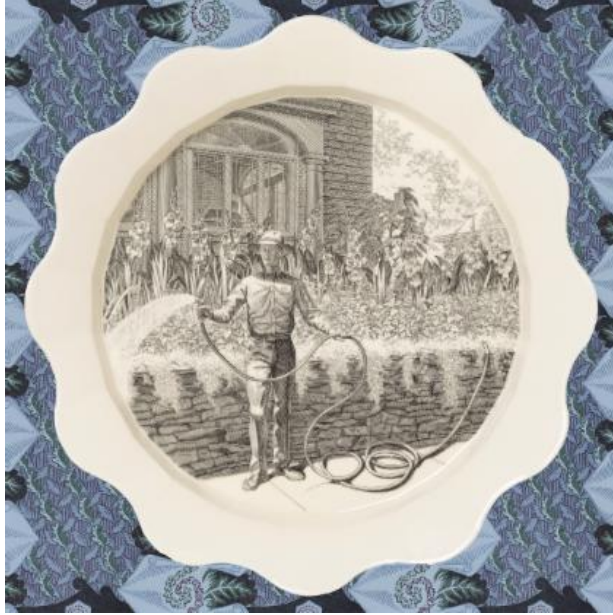
Andrew Raftery: contemporary artist, master engraver and printmaker, RISD professor, gardener, Grace Church studio tenant, and volunteer curator of Grace Church's collection of historical prints by Edna W. Lawrence (1898-1987).

Within his studio space right above the Chafee Room here at Grace, artist Andrew Raftery creates meticulous engraved masterpieces that pair contemporary narratives with time-honored technique.

A professor of printmaking at RISD since 1991, Andrew is [an accomplished artist](#) whose works can be found among collections of the British Museum in London, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the New York Public Library, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, to name a few.

Andrew will celebrate the culmination of an eight-year artistic journey next month with a major exhibition at the [Ryan Lee Gallery](#) in New York City. The exhibition and its subject portfolio are titled: Autobiography of a Garden on Twelve Engraved Plates; and features "ceramics, paintings, and installation based on the annual garden that he designs, plants, and tends in Providence, Rhode Island". Andrew even created a hand-printed letterpress wallpaper to accompany the engraved plates. The exhibition will run September 10 - November 5, with an opening Sept. 10 from 4-6PM.

Please find below a letter from Andrew, and addressed to *all of you*:



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Andrew Raftery
*Autobiography of a Garden
on Twelve Engraved Plates*

September 10 - November 5, 2016

Opening: September 10, 4-6PM

Andrew Raftery, JULY: Fertilizing, 2016.

Dear Grace Church Community,

I have asked Chris to share this invitation to my upcoming exhibition in New York. I have been working on this project for eight years and am very excited that it is almost finished. Twelve engravings show me during the months of the year in the garden I make at my mother's house in Providence. The prints are transferred to ceramic plates I made at RISD.

Ever since I moved into the office above the Chaffee room in 2003, Grace Church has been my haven, a place where I can find the peace to concentrate and work.

Hundreds of people - artists, my students, gallerists, curators, collectors, journalists and interested friends - have visited me in my studio over the years. They always comment on the beauty of the building, the perfect light and the historic importance of the church. If they happen to hear Vince playing the organ, they are truly enchanted! They recognize it as the perfect place to make art.

I am very grateful to be at Grace. Your vibrant community is inspiring and I am so happy to witness your stewardship of the past in the maintenance of the historic buildings and your vision of the future with the new construction. Congratulations!

I look forward to continued work in your midst.

Many thanks,
Andrew



When speaking with Andrew, it quickly becomes clear that he has a special place in his heart for Grace Church, and after nearly 14 years creating artwork out of this studio he has established a strong sense of place here.

Many longtime parishioners might recall another prominent local artist, who was likewise on the faculty at RISD (for 53 years), and who likewise adored Grace Church. Edna W. Lawrence (1898-1987) was a gifted parishioner who created wonderful illustrations of various artistic and/or architectural details within and outside the church, which she later donated to Grace. Her sketch at left of a woodcarving detail from the chancel is one of

many in the collection that convey the beauty of Grace through a patchwork of exquisite details. It is with great devotion that Andrew stewards this collection for Grace Church, and we are grateful for that stewardship. - by [Chris Barker](#), Parish Administrator.

This Week at Grace

Worship Services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

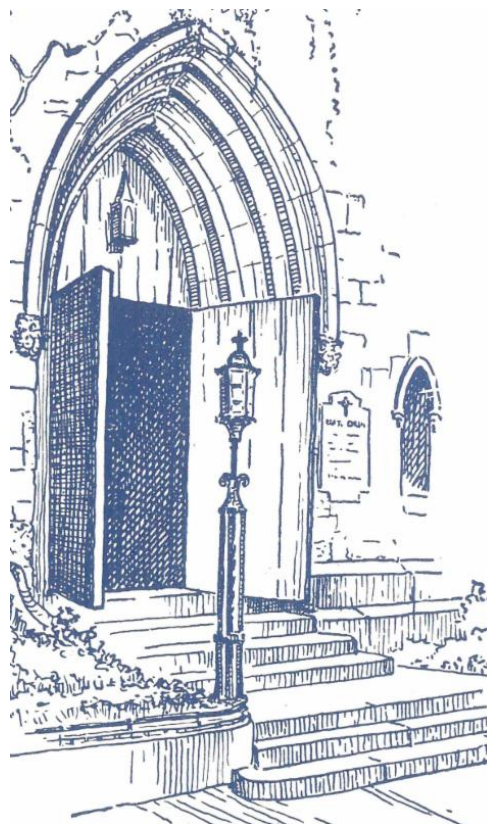
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Nursery: Please note that the nursery will not be available this Sunday, August 28. The nursery will return September 4.

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. 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.

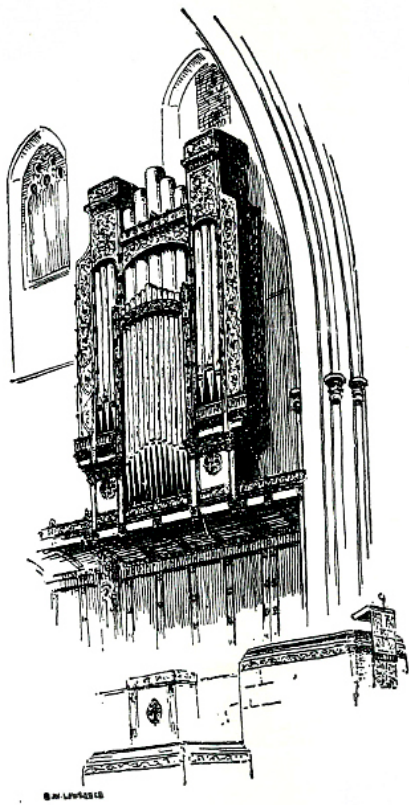
Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

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.



Music at Grace

The Fall music program at Grace gets underway Sunday, September 11 with the return of the full adult choir, and please join us in welcoming the Grace Church Choristers! We also look forward to the return of our informal half-hour concerts Thursdays at Noon, which for the



Fall will run from September 14 through November 18. Late next week we'll be mailing out the full music program schedule through Spring 2017; so please keep an eye out in your mailbox.

It is with great excitement that I announce the formation of a new professional chamber choir -- made up of talented singers from all over Rhode Island -- which will be our ensemble-in-residence here at Grace Church. The group will be called Collegium Ancora, which chosen for a several reasons. Collegium means "a group whose members pursue shared goals", and ancora is Latin for hope and anchor, both of which elements of the Rhode Island state seal.

While Collegium Ancora will focus on sacred a cappella music, the group will have quite a diverse repertoire. Tickets are not required in advance, though a \$10 per person donation is suggested at the door. Please mark your calendars for the 2016-17 concert season of Collegium Ancora:

Sunday, November 20 at 5PM - Debut Concert:

Blessing, Living and Loving - Music of Handel, Byrd, Tallis, Britten, Thompson, and Copland

Sunday, February 12 at 5 PM - A Little Night Music - featuring Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music, as well as music of Barber, Brahms, Stanford and Sondheim - yes, Sondheim!

Sunday, April 30 at 5 PM - Music of Glory and Praise, with the Choir and Choristers of Grace Church - Vivaldi's Gloria sung by the combined choirs; and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate sung by Collegium, with Chamber Ensemble.

For more information, [contact Vince Edwards](#), or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.

Outreach Ministry - Back to School Supply Drive

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn!

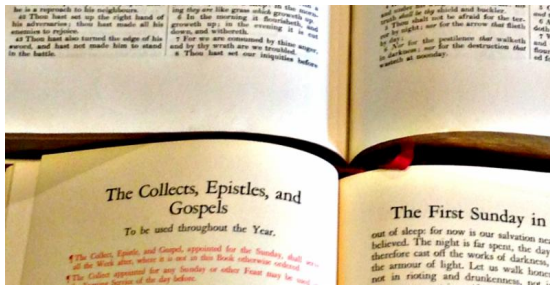
Please Support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's Back to School Supply Drive for [Children's Friend](#).

The following items are needed:
construction paper, children's books (ages 3-5), 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 11th, and can be left in the collection box at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

August 28, 2016 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

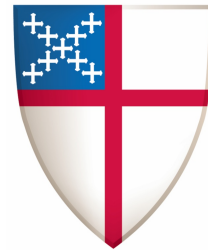
Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

From The Episcopal Church

Highlights for August 28, 2016 from the Episcopal Digital Network:

Episcopal delegates to March 2017 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Applications are now being accepted for a provincial delegate and up to 20 churchwide delegates to represent the Episcopal Church at the 61st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in New York City, NY, March 13-24, 2017.

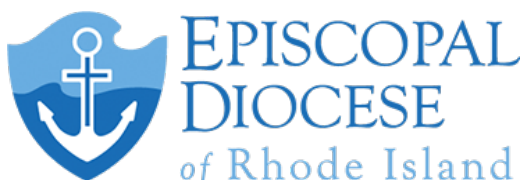


Applications are open to an adult or youth (ages 14-19), woman or man, who can speak to the Priority or Review Theme and are willing to participate in advocacy at UNCSW. Youth must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Applicants should have a relevant role at the parish, diocesan and/or provincial level, be accountable to a diocesan or provincial authority, and have a process for reporting back to the local community after participating in UNCSW. [Please click here to apply](#) before September 16.

To read the full Sunday Bulletin insert, [please click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the latest churchwide and worldwide news from the [Episcopal News Service](#).

YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI



The Commission on Ministry will again offer the Yes! curriculum beginning on September 21 through November 9, 2016. The 7 session course will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell, and will be held at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI. This

program is in direct response to lay people who are seeking ways to discern and understand

their God given purpose. Cost for the entire series is \$100. [Please click here](#) for a listing of all 7 session times.

[Please click here to Register Online](#)

For more information, contact Canon Betsy Fornal, 401-274-4500, ext. 225, [or by e-mail](#).

Thank You, Lavonne!



As we prepare to welcome The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck back from Sabbatical on Sunday, September 4, let us express our deep gratitude to The Reverend Lavonne Seifert for her able leadership, [inspiring sermons](#), and caring ministry during this preceding period as Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church in Providence. Of course, Lavonne will remain integral to our parish clergy as she transitions back to the Associate Rector position, and we are truly blessed to have her here.

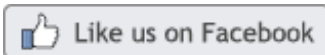


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Sincerely,



Your Grace Church Clergy & Staff
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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other; to downtown Providence, and beyond.