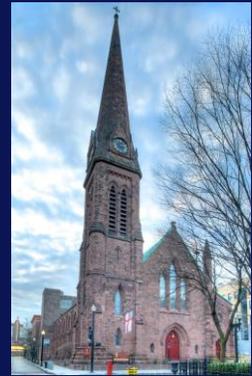


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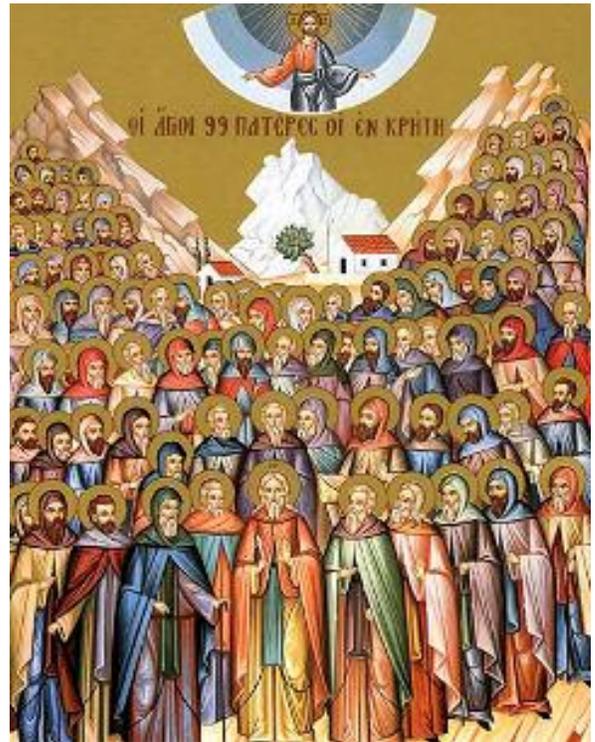
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 28, 2022

## Spotlight: All Souls', All Saints', and the Difference

You've probably heard of All Saints' Day, and you know about Halloween, of course. But what about All Souls' Day, and All Hallows' Eve, and All Faithful Departed? What's the difference? Well, November 1 is All Saints' Day, one of the principal feasts of the Episcopal Church, when the church remembers the saints, known and unknown. It is also one of the four holy days denoted as especially appropriate for baptisms. (The others are the First Sunday after Epiphany, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost.) The origins of All Saints' Day aren't completely clear. A feast for all martyrs was observed as early as the fourth century on May 13. And Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in Rome to all saints on November 1, while Pope Gregory IV officially declared its general observance in 837. In medieval England this feast was known as All Hallows (hallow was an old English term for saint), and the day before was All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween.

It is believed that the traditions we associate with Halloween originate with Celtic harvest festivals, in particular the festival of Samhain, which celebrated the harvest and when the dead were said to return to their homes because the veil between the physical and spiritual worlds was thought to be thinnest at that time. Bonfires were lit to frighten away evil spirits. There is an Episcopal service for All Hallows' Eve that includes prayers and readings such as "The Witch of Endor," which it may surprise you to learn is a story from the Bible (1 Samuel 28: 3-25), not Tolkien. November 2 is the commemoration of All Faithful Departed, sometimes called All Souls' Day. It is a day when faithful Christians who have died are remembered. While in the New Testament "saints" refers to the entire Christian community, it has come to mean people of "heroic sanctity" whose holy deeds are remembered by Christians. Beginning in the tenth century, the church began to remember all departed Christians on November 2. Many remember their loved ones who have died on this day. Together these three days are sometimes called Allhallowtide.



*Courtesy of Trinity Wall Street's "Episcopal Explained" article: Faith Education: All Saints', All Souls', and the Faithful Departed*

## Road Detours this Sunday

Due to the "Monster Dash 5K Road Race" scheduled for this Sunday, October 30, RIPTA has alerted the public that there will be several detours in downtown Providence. In order to get to church for Sunday morning services, please plan a little extra time for your commute if you are driving to church!



To view detour details, [please click here!](#)

## No Nursery this coming Sunday

**On Sunday, October 30 we won't be able to offer the Nursery due to both of our Nursery staff being away this weekend. Regular Nursery availability will resume on Sunday, November 6.**

**We appreciate your understanding.**



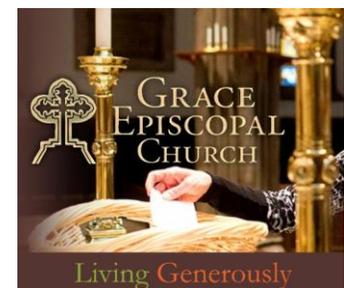
## Transition in the Parish Office

Our parish administrator since 2016, Chris Barker, has accepted a new position working for a non-profit closer to his home on Aquidneck Island. We thank Chris for his years of faithful and excellent service to Grace! Chris's last day in the office was today (October 28), and we have begun interviewing for our new administrator. Blessings to Chris as well as our new administrator – whoever he or she may be!



## Stewardship 2023: Providential Giving

If you're on our mailing list, you should have received this year's stewardship mailing by now. If you haven't, feel free to email [admin@gracepvd.org](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org) and we'll be happy to send you one! There are also pledge cards in the pews this month. Thank you for giving to Grace!



Did you know: Setting up recurring electronic pledge contributions is easy and convenient [right from our website here](#). You can also establish recurring contributions right from your smartphone using the **Vanco Mobile App**. [*Vanco Mobile has replaced the preceding GivePlus Mobile App, though any account created with GivePlus remains active in Vanco Mobile. [We're here to help!](#)*].



Over the next several weeks, leading up to the culmination of our stewardship campaign with the Ingathering of Pledges on The Feast of Christ the King **(Sunday, November 20)**, several Grace parishioners will share with us their stories of faith and gratitude and how this guides their perspective on stewardship.

Please either mail your completed pledge card, place it in the offering basket on any Sunday, or bring it with you to place on the Low Altar during the Ingathering on Sunday, November 20. For those giving electronically: please do still fill out a pledge card. And thank you very much for supporting Grace Church.

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Outreach Ministry at Grace Church invites all parishioners to kindly consider bringing non-perishable food items to the church in the lead-up to Thanksgiving, and indeed throughout the holiday season. Our donated food will be distributed to families in need through St Peter's and St Andrew's Episcopal Church. All healthy non-perishables are welcome, though particularly sought-after items include: canned vegetables and fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, and especially peanut butter.



**Please bring your food donations to Grace Church  
no later than Sunday, November 20.**

A receptacle will be placed in the back of the church. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful, but not crucial. Let us strive to gather ample supplies for this year's drive, as the need is truly great.

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## Thursdays @ Noon Concerts Brown University Chamber Music Ensembles *November 3, 2022*



Next Thursday we welcome students participating in Chamber Music Ensembles in the Music Department at Brown University. These groups generally consist of 3-5 musicians and are coached by highly-trained professional musicians, some of whom are Teaching Associates in the Applied Music Program at Brown. They will play music of J.S. Bach and Cesar Franck.

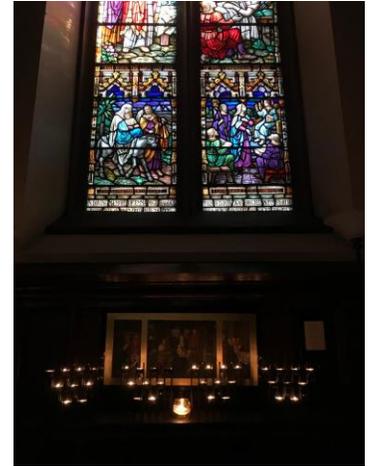
Our free, weekly, 30-minute concert series serves as a form of outreach to the greater metropolitan area of Providence by providing diverse programs of music, free of charge for the enjoyment of the community and any visitors to the city.

**To view the complete schedule of performances for September - December,  
[please click here!](#)**

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## Submission of Names for All Souls' Day Eucharist

On Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 PM we will offer a Choral Requiem Eucharist for The Feast of All Souls, featuring a special commemoration of the Faithful Departed. A list of names of parishioners, family, friends, and loved ones who have departed this life will be read aloud and serve as the centerpiece of the service. **To submit a name to be included for commemoration, please email it (along with any special pronunciation) to [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) by October 31.**



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## Photos for All Souls' & All Saints' Days

It is a tradition at Grace Church that photos of departed loved ones are placed on the High Altar for the Feast of All Saints (**Sunday, November 6**). We have extended that tradition to include our All Souls' Day Eucharist (Wednesday, November 2). **All are welcome to bring a framed photo of a loved one to place on the High Altar for either or both services.**



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## Upcoming Joint Evensong with St. Luke's, East Greenwich



On Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 PM the combined choirs and choristers of Grace Church and St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich sing a service of Choral Evensong as part of our observance of the Feast of All Saints. They will sing music of Sir C.H.H. Parry, Richard Ayleward, Basil Harwood, Alan Gray, and others. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

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# Sunday Morning Worship: The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2022



**Every Sunday Morning**, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM Eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

~ Sunday Morning Links ~

**YouTube:** [Click here!](#)

**Facebook:** [Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

**To view the Order of Service for The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost,**  
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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**At the moment, Providence has mercifully dropped to the "LOW" level,  
so masks are optional inside the building.**

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,  
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

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## October 30, 2022 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)



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