



# GRACE ABOUNDS



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**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 31, 2025**

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## **Welcome, Dr. Barry Rose!**

Barry Michael Rose OBE FRAM FRSCM HonFRCO, is a choir trainer and organist, best known for founding the choir and the pattern of daily sung worship at the new Guildford Cathedral in 1961, as well as directing the music at the 1981 wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales and Diana, Princess of Wales at St Paul's Cathedral in London. Dr. Rose was also the Director of Music at St. Alban's Abbey.

In 1996, he was invited to be the guest conductor for *Sing Praises: A Three Choirs Festival*, founded by John Abdenour, Brian Carson, and Vince Edwards. The festival has continued every year, save for 2021 due to Covid. The festival has included various choirs and their directors over the years, and St. Paul's, Fairfield, CT has been involved in every one of them. Grace's Director of Music, Vince Edwards, has participated in many of the festivals with four different choirs: St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. Bartholomew's, New York City; St. Paul's on the Green, Norwalk, CT; and finally, Grace Church in Providence.

The Grace Choristers and Choir were privileged to have Dr. Rose conduct their final Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral in the summer of 2023.

**See the flyer below for more information on this year's festival which takes place tomorrow here at Grace!**

# A THREE-CHOIRS FESTIVAL

## CHORAL EVENSONG



*Dr. Rose receiving his OBE (Order of the British Empire) from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II*

*Led by Dr. Barry Rose, OBE  
Formerly of Guildford Cathedral,  
St. Paul's Cathedral, London;  
and St. Alban's Abbey*

*Featuring the choirs of Grace Church, Providence;  
St. Luke's, East Greenwich; and St. Paul's, Fairfield, CT.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 4 PM**  
**Grace Church ~ 300 Westminster Street ~ Providence**

*All are welcome! A reception follows in The Pavilion at Grace.*



## Organ Campaign - Update

Since the pipe organ was removed from the church in the fall, it may seem like there's no organ news to report, but there is much activity behind the scenes!

While we won't see the organ itself for another year and a half, the Capital Campaign Committee, chaired by parishioner Doug Allen, has been working since the fall to map out a strategy to raise the funds needed to bring the organ project to fruition. As many of you know, we received an

anonymous gift last year that allowed us to green light the project, and this year we will be turning to the parish at large to help fund the balance of the project.

We are about to begin the “silent phase” of the campaign in advance of a public launch in the spring. So, one way or another, you can expect to hear from the campaign committee over the coming months to ask for your support for this exciting new chapter in the music ministry of Grace Church.

If you have any questions, feel free contact Doug or me anytime.

In Christ,  
Jonathan+

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## **Our Mural Restoration - More to See!**

Our restoration artists have been hard at work this week, continuing to clean and uncover our wonderful chancel arch mural.

Two important things are happening now: cleaning dirt and varnish away; and reattaching peeling paint! One of the last steps will be touching up the paint where it's missing or discolored. In this photo, an angel swinging a thurible at the feet of Christ in Majesty starts to glow with newly revealed color! Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks!



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## **Shawl Ministry - Join Us!**

Grace Church's Shawl Ministry invites you to join us in the Pavilion every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We knit and crochet together each week to make shawls, blankets, hats, scarves and mittens to donate to the community. Come and bring your ideas for new projects for the new year!



For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com)!

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## **Sunday Worship:**

# **The Feast of the**

# Presentation: Candlemas

February 2, 2024

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

~ [Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube](#) ~



**Livestreamed Worship:** When available, this service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

**Order of Service:** To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **The Feast of the Presentation: Candlemas**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Readings:** For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

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

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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.*

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