



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 30, 2026

Dr. Barry Rose, OBE, to Lead Grace Choirs in NYC!

After leading the Grace Church Choirs last Sunday - including "Here, O my Lord" which he composed in 1998 for Director of Music Vince Edward's choirs in Fairfield, CT - renowned British choral conductor Dr. Barry Rose has taken it on the road!

Dr. Rose will rehearse our choristers and a small group of adults when they participate in a four-choirs festival in New York City tomorrow, January 31. At the invitation of Richard Tanner (Director of Music for St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York), our choir - along with choirs from St. Luke's, East Greenwich and St. Paul's, Fairfield CT - will sing Choral Evensong at St. Thomas tomorrow at 3pm. The service will be livestreamed; [click here to watch the Four Choirs' Festal Evensong for the Eve of Candlemas](#).



As an added bonus, the guest choirs will be joined by the world-renowned St. Thomas' Choir of Men and Boys for the Evensong! During our visit, our choristers will get a tour of the St. Thomas Choir School, and will enjoy lunch there with the choristers from St. Thomas.

Dr. Rose has served as Organist and/or Choirmaster at Guildford Cathedral; St. Paul's Cathedral, London; and St. Alban's Abbey and Cathedral. We are grateful to Dr. Rose (who will be 92 years young in May!) for coming across the pond to work with us again!



Grace Church Annual Meeting - February 15

The 197th Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place in The Pavilion immediately following the 10am service on Sunday, February 15 (during Coffee Hour). We'll gather to hear reports from parish leaders and to elect vestry members.

The Vestry Nominating Committee (comprised of Pat Trosclair, Joel Goloskie, Erika Hernandez, Margrete Jean-Louis, and Adrienne Southgate) will present the following slate for the Vestry:

- For a second, three-year term – **Laurie DiBattista, Pat Trosclair.**
- To complete the remaining two years of Clinton Crocker's first term – **Ed Morgan.**
- To complete the remaining two years of Nick Halar's second term – **Willa Bodman.**
- For a first, three-year term – **Lee Chafee, John-Albert Moseley.**
- For Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate – to be appointed by the Vestry. *(Remember that any member in good standing is eligible to be a Convention Delegate, so please consider taking on this interesting and important service - with a very limited time commitment!)*

Visit the table in the Pavilion to pick up your printed copy of the 2025 Annual Report.

Refreshments will be provided by the church, so our bakers can take the week off!

Are You Ready for Your Close-Up?

Does your family need a picture for the Grace Church Parish Directory? Are you a new member and haven't yet been added to the directory? Have your kids grown up and you need a new photo that shows what they look like now?



Grace Church member Doug Ditmars will be taking family photos during Coffee Hour starting **this Sunday**, and will be back February 8 and February 15 (before or after the annual meeting). We'll aim to add all photos in time to produce a new, updated parish directory for members to pick up on Sunday, February 22. If you can't make it for any of those times, please email a photo of your family to the parish office at admin@gracepvd.org.

Many thanks to Doug for providing this convenient way to add more photos to our directory!



A Time of Concern for Our Friends at Pete & Andy's

Recently, many trials have impacted our friends and neighbors served by Pete & Andy's Food Pantry. As its director the Rev. Maryalice Sullivan shared recently with our own Jennifer Kezirian West, the increased activity we've seen all over the country by Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers has reached Rhode Island, creating an environment filled with fear and anxiety.

In addition, the extreme cold this month and sheer volume of snow from the recent storm have created one more barrier to many who are living paycheck to paycheck and

can't afford to miss work. Buses are running late because the streets are slippery and, when roads aren't passable, buses have to take unexpected detours.

All of these trials affect the ability of some families to keep their heads above water.

Can you help?

Please gather nonperishable foods (cereal, canned goods, peanut butter, oil, spices, boxed rice and pasta, and the like - no glass containers, please!) and bring them with you on Sunday to drop in the offering baskets at the back of the church. If you can afford to donate a gift card or two for Walmart or Price Rite, that gift would offer a family the opportunity to purchase what they need to fill out their shopping list. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Our friends are especially grateful for the many boxes of cereal Grace Church has been donating over the past several weeks! For families with school kids, these are a HUGE help!

Uptick in Spam Emails, Texts

Have you been getting strange emails or text messages that claim to be from "Canon Jonathan Huyck" or some other person from Grace Church?



Please remember that no staff person from Grace Church will email or text you with a request to wire money or purchase gift cards, nor will we send you a link to something without prior notice.

- Pay attention to the phone number sending the text message: if it's not one you recognize, call the parish office (401-331-3225) to see if it's authentic.
- And look carefully at the email address for any emails you receive from a Grace staff person. If the email address doesn't have "@gracepvd.org" or "@gracechurchprovidence.org" at the end, it's spam. Delete the message and block the sender.

Let's all stay safe out there!



Weekly "Commuter's Bible Study" - Fridays

Have you ever noticed something in the scripture readings on Sunday morning and wished you could talk to someone about your observation? You're in luck!

Our Friday-morning Bible study does exactly that. Join us each week at 7am and delve into the readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

No observation too weird, no question too silly. And no commitment needed; drop in as you can - bring your coffee and join us for the conversation!

Shawl Ministry at Grace

The Shawl Ministry Team soon will decide on their next projects - join us to share your ideas!

All knitters and crocheters - those who are members of Grace Church and those who aren't - are invited to join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. New members are always welcome!



Worship with Us!

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10am 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.

Livestreamed Worship: Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).)



Click the video box to join this live-streamed service on YouTube.

Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service

Collect for This Sunday: *Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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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