



Grace Notes

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Submit your articles or schedules by the 20th of the month prior to issue.

Bishop to Visit and Worship at Grace

Sunday,
September 12
at 10 a.m.

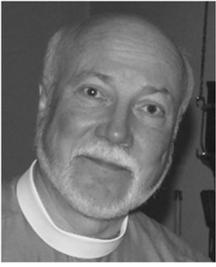


Join us as we welcome Bishop Gayle Harris at the Triennial visit to Grace. A chance to worship with the bishop, followed by a meet and greet refreshment hour for Q & A

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Bring your
backpack to church
on September 12
for a Blessing



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 to noon.
Rector by appointment

**Bishop Harris is Coming for a Visit
September 12, at the 10 AM Service**

In the Episcopal Church, diocesan bishops are required to visit congregations in their diocese at least once every three years. The bishop, in our understanding, is the symbol of “sacramental unity connecting the past with the present and ensuring unity within the Church. The diocesan bishops have direct oversight of the congregations throughout the diocese and provide strategic actions and policies.”

(Diocese of Utah, Bishop 2020 Nominating/Search material)

Bishop Harris has been a bishop here in Massachusetts for eighteen years. When she was elected, it marked the first time in the Episcopal Church that a woman (Bishop Gayle Harris) succeeded another woman bishop (Bishop Barbara Harris).

Bishop Harris has been a priest for almost forty years Having served parishes in Newark, Washington (D.C.) and Rochester (New York) prior to her consecration as bishop.

Bishop Harris has long-standing close ties to the Diocese of Jerusalem leading at least seven diocesan pilgrimages to the Holy Land over the years, and even participating in the installation of the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem (this diocese includes both the West Bank and Israel).

Bishop Harris loves dogs, especially Cavalier King Charles spaniels. Her beloved *Piccola* died recently so she has a new spaniel named *Topaz*.

Please save the date, and plan to welcome Bishop Harris. To prepare further, be sure to download [The Bishop is coming for a visit](#) booklet from our website.

Young at Heart Lunch Get-together, September 22 (Note the date)



A lively discussion and fellowship for the over 60-set, this luncheon get together meets once a month at noon. To streamline planning, please let Fr. John know you are coming by Sunday prior. Everyone is kindly asked to bring a lunch. Dessert will be supplied by host of the month and a homemade soup will be offered by your favorite secretary. We will meet in

the church hall where we can be safely distanced while enjoying the blessings of our friendships over a light meal and discussion.

Worship Schedule

Please take note of service times for the first two Sundays in September
September 5- 9 a.m. September 12- 10 a.m. (Bishop visit)

Bishop's Triennial Visit; Sunday, September 12 at 10 AM



The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris will kick off our Homecoming Fall Services on September 12. We will only have one service on the 12th, but we will have a Q/A with the Bishop, and lemonade and cookies out front after the service. Check out this excellent booklet, [Bishop's Visitation for Children](#), from the Diocese website. As an adult, I found information in the booklet that I did not know and discovered it was very interesting. Perhaps this will help you come up with some good questions for the bishop when she visits.

Singers Sought for Service to Welcome Bishop

The bishop will be making a visit to Grace on Sunday September 12. It would be wonderful to greet her with the offertory choral anthem, House of Grace, that we are all familiar with and sing "welcome home, this is a house of grace!"



Music Director Paula King will make sure music and lyrics are given to those who do not yet have a copy prior to the rehearsal. An online practice via Zoom will be held on Wednesday, September 1 at 7pm for singers to warm up and to familiarize themselves with the music. A live practice at Grace will be held on Wednesday, September 8 from 7pm - 8pm. The choir will wear masks and sit at a distance from one another while singing.

Please contact Paula at wedceremony@gracechurch.org if you can be a part of this special event and to RSVP the rehearsal dates. We would love to have you sing a very special welcome that day! Some of you have already signed up, and Grace Church is grateful for your commitment to the Grace community.

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year representing the presence of the Lord. All are welcome to make an offering in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church offices. Suggested donation \$6.00. Checks made payable to St. Faith's Altar Guild can be placed in the alms basket, or slipped under the office door.

Blessing of the Backpacks, September 12



This 10 a.m. service will include the Blessing of the Backpacks. If you are someone, from preschool to graduate level, returning to school this fall whether as a student, administrator, or teacher, bring your backpack, briefcase, or book bag with you. We will have a special blessing, for you and your gear, to remind you that you carry God with you, everywhere you go.



Mark Your Calendar
Annual Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 3

B-SAFE Wrap-Up

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to our small but experienced group of volunteers who trekked to St. Mary's in Dorchester on Monday and Wednesday and then served up pizza and make-your-own sundaes on Friday – Cathy Noble, Helen Rintala, Father John, John Stanley, Jeannine Parsons, Sarah Malneritch and Julia Daley!

Thank you to those who helped prepare sloppy joe lunches, cut up fruit, bagged cookies, made turkey/cheese sandwiches and bagged veggie straws - Cathy Noble, Helen Rintala, Jeannine Parsons, Tracey Johnson, Fran Mannino, Sarah Malneritch and her friend Barbara and Phil Swain!



Thank you to Eric Bedard for the donation of basketballs to the B-SAFE program – they were very excited about the gift that will benefit so many of the kids during their playtime.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and financially supported the program. We could not have participated in this (our 15th year) without your financial support!

The key words for this year's participation were flexibility and adaptability. We zigged and zagged many times over the course of the week from timing issues, lunch servings (inside or outside – number of tables, etc.) to number of kids/staff expected. We were asked Thursday night if we could provide the kids snacks before the movie on Friday! We had to adjust from Holy Spirit's roomy kitchen to St. Mary's cramped one with no counterspace. Not only were we bumping into each other in the kitchen but the bathroom was right off the kitchen so kids/staff were also constantly coming through. But it all worked out. Our small but mighty group of volunteers are hardworking and wonderful including our friends from Holy Spirit. The kids enjoyed the movie (Space Jam: A New Legacy) at Patriots Place, their pizza and make your own sundaes, and their activities at Grace. They arrived at Grace on Friday a little sooner than originally expected and stayed longer than the schedule indicated that we received earlier in the week but they loved the activities we quickly planned for them. The little kids (and some big ones too) loved the tractor rides provided by Father John, miniature golf on the side lawn, basketball play in the back parking lot and lots of bubbles. The week definitely ended on a high note with the sun shining upon us!



Congratulations to our B-SAFE Raffle Winners!

Julia Daly	- Happy Eats	Deb Morton	- Brookside
Dave Escher	- Marshalls	Deb Morton	- Blooming Brands
Paula King	- Make Your Own Sundae	Linda Purpura	- Book Lovers
Sarah Malneritch	- CVS	Linda Purpura	- Chateau

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets in support of this year's B-SAFE program!

Grace Notes Deadline, September 19



Your input helps keep our parish members connected. Ministry members are invited to submit articles to the parish office for the newsletter. With some parish members not as active as others, they do still enjoy staying connected to the church. This newsletter is a vital link to that connection. Please email articles, schedules, announcements to the church office at Grace.Norwood@Verizon.net.

Help Books Achieve their Greatest Purpose



The books you place in the book donation bin behind Grace Church are sorted by priority and need, then donated to literacy-focused or community-based non-profit organizations, including libraries and schools; as well as resold online at prices that would make Amazon and eBay blush.



Healing Ministry at Grace Church in the Time of COVID-19

During this period of safe distancing due to the Corona Virus, Healing Prayers are being offered by phone. You can call any of our Healing Ministers any time: Cathy Noble (781-344-1237), Deb Morton (781-769-4044), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).

Property Repairs

David Button

Have you driven by the Church Lately? If you have mentally thought “no”, you may have missed:

- The Rectory and Church has been repainted a deep shade of brown. All buildings need a repaint periodically, even churches.
- A new roof on the rectory. Shingles were starting to come off, indicating the need for a new roof.
- The gutters around the church were capped. Water was flowing over, not through the gutters as they were clogged with leaves. There was even a young tree that it put its roots down a downspout. And, speaking of downspouts:
- The downspouts were fixed where needed. One wasn't even connected to the gutter, others were of two different sizes, outlets were in the wrong place for some. All have been fixed.

Wait for the next edition of Grace Notes where those of you who have driven by the church but have not entered in the while will see what we have done inside the church. Some of it is breathtaking, so stay tuned.

Yours,
Cookie

September Sunday Readings

- 9/5 [Isaiah 35:4-7a](#)
[Psalms 146](#)
[James 2:1-10, \[11-13\], 14-17](#)
[Mark 7:24-37](#)
- 9/12 [Proverbs 1:20-33](#)
[Psalms 19](#)
[James 3:1-12](#)
[Mark 8:27-38](#)
- 9/19 [Proverbs 31:10-31](#)
[Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22](#)
[James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)
[Mark 9:30-37](#)
- 9/26 [Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29](#)
[Psalms 19:7-14](#)
[James 5:13-20](#)
[Mark 9:38-50](#)



In Prayer

Creator God, remind us that even as one season fades, another begins; you are always doing something new and bringing life out of death.

Please keep in your prayers...

- Those whose lives are devoid of peace and security due to the virus, fear, or unemployment.
- Our nation, that our better angels guide us to wise and good choices.
- Teachers, parents, and students of all ages, and for the new school year, be it virtual or in person; may minds be opened, skills honed, and new friends made.
- Our parish, as we negotiate the twists and turns of in-person Eucharists done in COVID-safe ways. May our worship buoy our service to our Lord through all the good works at Grace Church.
- The soul of Douglas Hawes Rennie, father to parish member Katherine Wharton.
- Those of our parish who are ill: A.J., Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Jem Dearbin, Carolyn Escher, Iris Falcone, Arlene Gemba, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Aidan Hooper, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Madeleine King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Madeleine Merifield, Carol Misner, Kevin Most, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Emily & Doug Rennie, Carol Ringler, Manny Sanchez, Quincy Sousa, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Warren, Stan Wharton, John Whitcomb, Pauline Wilhite and Ann, Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Prayer Line.



Anniversaries

- 9/3 Brian & Lisa McTeague
- 9/6 Joe & Robyn Currier
- 9/10 Doris & Andy Howard
- 9/26 Michael & Lauren Falcone

Birthdays

- 9/06 Jeremy Orozco
- 9/11 Samuel Gurney
- 9/12 Michael LeBlanc
- 9/12 Linda Purpura
- 9/13 David Folsom
- 9/15 Cathy Noble
- 9/15 Cami Rae Daly
- 9/15 Sarah Stanley
- 9/21 Sarah Malneritch
- 9/23 Andrew Cogliano
- 9/25 Jeannine Parsons
- 9/26 Maureen Drew
- 9/27 Lucy Perkins
- 9/29 Iris Falcone
- 9/29 John Falcone
- 9/29 Daniel Sangalang

Our help — past, present and future

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation, shaken to its very roots, jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that “*though the earth should change*” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “*our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*” (v. 3). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 PENT 14 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	31 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4
5 Pantry Sunday PENT 15 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	6 Labor Day 7:00 AM AA Meeting	7 7:00 AM AA Meeting	8 7:00 AM AA Meeting	9 7:00 AM AA Meeting	10 7:00 AM AA Meeting	11 Patriot Day 9:00 AM Food Pantry
12 PENT 16 Bishop Harris Visit to Grace Church 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist; Blessing of the Backpacks	13 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	14 7:00 AM AA Meeting	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting	16 7:00 AM AA Meeting	17 7:00 AM AA Meeting	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry
19 PENT 17 Grace Notes Deadline Guest Minister: Fr. Graham Resume Regular Schedule 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	20 7:00 AM AA Meeting	21 7:00 AM AA Meeting	22 First Day of Autumn 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Senior Lunch	23 7:00 AM AA Meeting	24 7:00 AM AA Meeting	25 9:00 AM Food Pantry
26 PENT 18 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Stewardship Dinner Planning Meeting 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Tree/Wreath Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting	2 9:00 AM Food Pantry

The Cookie Walk Resumes



This year's Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM, or until sold out. The event will be a bit different this year because of the ongoing pandemic. Rather than shoppers perusing plates of cookies and filling their own boxes, a group of volunteers will package the cookies ahead of time. We will have boxes of a variety of cookies, paying special attention to nut-free choices, as well as single cookie flavors.

Start planning your cookie baking and let Dorothy Sabourin (SewLoft259@aol.com or 774-571-9621) know what you'll provide. Also let her know if you need to have someone pick up your baked cookies. Otherwise, please deliver them to the church kitchen Friday, December 10, afternoon or early Saturday morning. As in the past, homemade sauces and fruit spreads are also welcome. Thank you!

In the unlikely (hopefully!) event we need to cancel again because of the pandemic, we will make that decision no later than Thanksgiving. Again, thank you all for your support of this delicious fundraiser.

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The Rev. R. John Brockmann, Rector
Paula King, Music Director
Patricia Begin, Parish Secretary
Roy McHoul, Sexton

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