



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Grapevine

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From Harlon L. Dalton Priest-in-Charge

It is 6:30 p.m. on July 3rd and I am sitting in my office, eagerly awaiting the organ music that will fill the Cathedral this evening at 8:00. It is the closing concert of the American Guild of Organists regional convention, and we are blessed to host it. The featured artist is Nathan Laube. I met him a short while ago, and came away impressed by his gentleness and grace. I was also struck by the fact that he is utterly serene, which is especially impressive for a 24-year-old who is about to perform in front of a cathedral full of his peers.

This is the perfect time to let you know about a new ministry that Tom Beveridge has volunteered to spearhead. Until we come up with a better title, let's just call it "the ministry of the arts." As Tom observes there is an historic relationship between cathedrals and the arts that spans the centuries. Music, dance, theater, the visual arts, the decorative arts, poetry—these and more, cathedrals have sponsored, supported and inspired them all. Christ Church Cathedral has embraced that tradition in its storied past, and I truly hope that 100 years from now people will say that we continued to do so throughout the 21st century.

To that end, Tom and his fellow ministers of the arts will actively publicize artistic endeavors in our city and region, invite artists to take advantage of our wonderful spaces, (in both the Cathedral and the Cathedral House), and in general draw attention to the spiritual possibilities that inhere in creative endeavors. If this is of interest to you, please let Tom know, and join him in this most excellent adventure.

Tomorrow our nation celebrates Independence Day. One of the hallmarks of this proud land is our emphasis on national sovereignty and individual freedom. These are good things. Very good things. However, I want to encourage you to also value interdependence. We would do well, in my view, to recognize our dependence on one another in the civil sphere. However, I am more concerned about how we relate to one another as the Body of Christ. And so I take this opportunity to remind you that as children of the Most High we need one another. We are one another. We belong to one another. Because we all belong to God.

Happy Interdependence Day—today, tomorrow and every day of the year.

Blessings, Harlon+

Remembering George Cox

Everyone who had the privilege of knowing George Cox was deeply saddened by his death on May 24, 2013. He was a very special person—kind, unassuming, quiet, always with a wonderful smile and generously giving of his time and talents. Christ Church Cathedral was important to him and he remembered the Cathedral in his will: he provided an unrestricted bequest of \$200,000 and a bequest of \$100,000 for the continued outreach work of Church Street Eats. He had been a dedicated volunteer for Church Street Eats. Our deepest sympathy to his brother, Walter Cox, of Tulsa. George will be sorely missed.

Welcome to the Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp

The Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp has been named a Priest Associate at the Cathedral. He serves the Diocese of Connecticut as the Canon for Mission Leadership. Formerly a resident of Minnesota, he is also a former Roman Catholic priest. After taking a leave from active ministry, he launched a career as writer and communications strategist, founding and serving as principal of Hodapp Communications. A few years after joining the Episcopal Church, he investigated the possibility of becoming an Episcopal priest. Following graduate studies in Episcopal polity, history, governance and missiology, he was received as a priest in 2009. He was later called to serve as Canon Missioner for Mission in Minnesota. In Connecticut, his primary responsibility is to work with parishes in time of transition to help bring about missional transformation.

Healing Services

On the second Sunday of each month, a healing service is part of the liturgy at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

services. The laying on of hands takes place preceding the distribution of Holy Communion. The request for healing may be for oneself or as an intercession for another person.

Happy July Birthdays

Evan Ayiku
Barbara Belden
Zoe Casey
Euna Coleridge
Jean Gould
Lucy Groening
Yasmine Nelson-Berry
Reginald Paige
Susan Seymour Reinhart
Melissa Scinto
Thomas Smith
Tina Thomson
Paulette Ward
Alexander Wells
Thomas Woodward
William Yebram

Happy August Birthdays

James Bain
Yanisha Benjamin
Yondel Benjamin
John Brewer
Nehemiah Brown
Maggie Alston Claud
Matthew Dingee
Theodore Dunn
Harry Fine
Zachary Gargano
Sylvestus Nelson
Maia Paige
Sonia Ruddock
Delano Romano
Lisa Scarola
Ardyce Spence
Muriel Spooner
Anne Tranberg
Michel Victor
Natalie Wells
Patricia Wrice

Statement from the Bishops on the Supreme Court Decisions on DOMA and the Voting Rights Act of 1965

On June 27, Bishops Douglas, Curry and Ahrens of the Diocese of Connecticut issued the following statement:

We give thanks for the recognition of state and federal law enacted by the Supreme Court's decision to strike down provisions of the Defense of Marriage

Act. In Connecticut that means that all married couples will have the same status before the law. This is a move forward for equal justice for all and the civil rights of gay and lesbian people. We give thanks for the marriages of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, and the voice of the General Convention offering rites of blessing for their love.

At the same time, we grieve the decision of the Supreme Court regarding Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and will continue to strive for all citizens to have just access to the full right to vote and to be equitably represented in state and federal legislatures.

We commit ourselves to God's reconciling love and the ministry of listening to and caring for all God's children as we work for justice and peace.

Calendar for July

- 3 Closing Concert of the American Guild of Organists regional convention, 8 p.m.
- 16 Soup & Services, 5 p.m.
- 21 Annual Jazz Mass, 10 a.m.

Calendar for August

- 20 Soup & Services, 5 p.m.

Letters of Thanks from Iraq

In May, Deacon Donald Richey asked the Cathedral family to donate items for care packages to be sent to the sons of two Cathedral families who are in military service in Iraq. The response was generous and the following letters have been received.

Dear Cathedral Congregation,

I hope this e-mail finds all of you well. Your care package arrived on Tuesday and what a pleasant surprise it was. My mother had mentioned you were putting together a care package, but I wasn't expecting such a big box full of goodies. There were so many goodies in there that it was almost like Christmas, and there was enough for me to share with the rest of our guys. Snacks are definitely the right choice. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers and I ask that you also pray for the rest of the firefighters deployed with us. I truly appreciate it, and I know they would appreciate it also. Thank you again and I can't wait to see all of you again soon.

*God bless you all,
Andrew Nelson
(son of Sylvestus and Ann Nelson)*

Dear Rev. Donald Richey:

I hope this email finds you well. I would like to thank all the members of the Cathedral for putting together the care packages and cards. It was very thoughtful. Similar to the Cathedral, the guys I'm here with are like family. We share all of our packages. If it's one thing, food does not go to waste. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers as we look forward to a safe return back home.

*Sincerely,
Jason Barnett
(son of Joslin and Marcia Barnett)*

Jazz Mass on July 21

If you've been to our famous annual Dixieland Jazz Mass, all you need to know each summer is the time and date. This year it's Sunday, July 21, at the 10 a.m. liturgy. If you've never been, plan to attend—you won't regret it!

Once again Ross Tucker and the Hot Cat Jazz Band will provide the service music. The band will be participating in the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz that takes place that weekend in Bushnell Park. We can guarantee that one of the wonderful selections will be "When the Saints Come Marching In." There will be other gospel favorites as well. Come and bring a friend!



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