

## The Desert Convocation: Building a Community of Conversation

Our purpose is to gather the people of St. Paul's and the surrounding communities with teachers, thinkers, preachers, artists, or Musicians who can inspire us as we build our faith and our community



### **Dr. Diana Butler Bass: December 1-3 2012**

Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of eight books including *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*. Her other books include *A People's History of Christianity: the Other Side of the Story* and the best-selling **Christianity for the Rest of Us**.

Dr. Bass will preach at 10:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### **The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson: January 6-22, 2013**

V. Gene Robinson was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003. He was consecrated a Bishop on All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2003, and was invested as the Ninth Bishop of New Hampshire on March 7, 2004. A variety of activities are planned. Bp. Robinson will preach and preside. He will have an evening presentation and possibly a film screening.



### **Alice Parker: February 22-24, 2013**

Composer, conductor and teacher Alice Parker was born in Boston, MA in 1925. She graduated from Smith College with a major in music performance and composition, then receiving her master's degree from the Juilliard School where she studied choral conducting with Robert Shaw. Her life-work has been in choral and vocal music, combining composing, conducting and teaching in a creative balance.

Ms. Parker will offer a workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and offer a Sermon in Song on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



### **The Very Rev. Dr. Jane Shaw: February 28-March 8, 2013**

Dean Shaw was installed as the eighth Dean of Grace Cathedral on November 6, 2010. She is responsible for the overall vision and mission of the Cathedral, overseeing the spiritual life of the Cathedral and giving leadership to the Cathedral community. Dr. Shaw joined Grace Cathedral from the University of Oxford where she was Dean of Divinity and Fellow of New College, Oxford, and taught history and theology at the university for sixteen years.

Dean Shaw will be the preacher on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will make a presentation during the week.