

One hundred and twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of  
**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Wellesley, Massachusetts



**CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY**



**2018 Annual Reports**



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# 126th Annual Meeting

January 27, 2019

11:00am – 12:30pm

## Agenda

1. Singing of the hymn (page 2) ..... 11:00am
2. A question: *What is one thing you like about St. Andrew's and, on the crest of our 125th Anniversary, what is one thing we could improve at the church?* ..... 11:05am
3. Call to order and opening prayer ..... 11:15am
4. Reading of the warrant
5. Quorum and election of parliamentarian
6. Filing of annual reports by title ..... 11:20am
7. Report from the nominating committee,  
Nominations from the floor and election ..... 11:25am  
*David Boghosian, chair*
8. Financial reports. .... 11:35am  
Finance chair remarks *Alan Joachim*  
Treasurer's report *Arnout Eikeboom*  
Investment committee report *David Welch*  
Stewardship report *Allen Jones*  
Presentation of 2019 operating budget *Alan Joachim*
9. Rector's comments. .... 11:55pm
  - a. The 125th Anniversary celebrations
  - b. Search process for new Assistant Rector for Youth & Family
  - c. The new outreach grant opportunity
10. New business ..... 12:05pm
11. Closing prayer and blessing ..... 12:15pm
12. Adjournment. .... 12:20pm

Commissioned in celebration of the 25th anniversary of R. Harrison Kelton as Organist and Choirmaster  
of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts

for the Feast of St. Andrew

Descant

3. Sing of An-drew, bold a - pos - tle, who made the gos - pel known,  
1. Sing of An-drew, John's dis - ci - ple, led by faith through ways un - trod,  
2. Sing of An-drew, called by Je - sus, from the shores of Gal - i - lee,  
3. Sing of An-drew, bold a - pos - tle, sent to make the gos - pel known,  
faith - - ful to his Lord's ex - am - ple, made a cross his own.  
till the Bap - tist cried at Jor - dan, "There be - hold the Lamb of God."  
leav - ing boats and nets and kin - dred, trust - ing in that "Fol - - low me."  
faith - ful to his Lord's ex - am - ple, called to make a cross his own.  
So may we who prize his mem - ory hon - or Christ in our own day,  
Stirred by hear - ing this new teach - er, An - drew, freed from doubt and fear,  
When a lad's small meal fed thou - sands, when in - quir - ing Greeks found care,  
So may we who prize his mem - ory hon - or Christ in our own day,  
bear - ing wit - ness to our neigh - bors, liv - ing what we sing and pray.  
ran to tell his bro - ther Si - mon, "God's A - noint - - ed One is here!"  
when the Spi - rit came in bless - ing, An - drew faith - - ful - ly was there.  
bear - ing wit - ness to our neigh - bors, liv - ing what we sing and pray.

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# Staff Reports

## Report of the Rector



The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

*Saint Andrew's must be a missionary, to build up the spiritual life of the community in which it is placed and fill it more with the Spirit of Christ.*

THIS WAS THE CHARGE GIVEN to our parish by the Bishop of Massachusetts, at the first service held in our newly completed church on November 30, 1894, celebrating St. Andrew's Day. This year, as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our church, this annual report bears witness to the continued commitment of the people of St. Andrew's to that vision given to us by Bishop William Lawrence.

As we look back over the last 125 years, there is much to give thanks for as we consider our much-loved church sanctuary and its extensive facilities. All this is a legacy given to us by previous generations of parishioners, starting with the \$650 collected at the Easter service in 1892 for the building of the church. Since those early days when the fledgling congregation met in various locations, first in the upper story of a wheelwright shop that stood opposite Wellesley Town Hall and then in the Town Hall itself, generations of parishioners have maintained, improved, and added to our church building to make it what it is today.

But a church is much more than a building—it is primarily the people of the congregation. The word “church” comes from the Greek word *ekklesia* (hence the English word “ecclesial”) which means “assembly of people or congregation.” The expansion and improvement of our church building over the last 125 years is an outward sign of the vibrancy of the congregation at St. Andrew's. And that vibrancy continues today as we welcome new members and families attracted by the fullness of the spiritual life and activities at St. Andrew's.

I would like to thank the hundreds of you who are involved in the many ministries of our parish

reflected in this report. Without your faith and commitment of time and talent, St. Andrew's would be just a building rather than a living community.

We shall be celebrating our 125th anniversary this year with a parish party at the Wellesley Country Club on the evening of Saturday, November 2, and with a Festival Eucharist on Sunday, November 24. I hope you will save these two dates on your calendar.

In addition to these celebrations, a major focus for the year will be seeking to inspire and invite newer and younger members of the congregation to become involved in the ministries of the parish. As we celebrate the 125th anniversary, we are not just giving thanks for the past, but are also looking to the future. We want to continue to deepen the spiritual lives of all our congregation and want St. Andrew's to be a witness to Christ's love both today and for many generations to come.

I would like to thank our church wardens, Michael Vanin and David Hamlin, with whom I have had the privilege of working over the last year. It has been very good to welcome David who has served the first year of his term of office. He has brought great wisdom and insight, as well as deep commitment to St. Andrew's

But this year, I particularly want to thank Michael Vanin, for agreeing to step back into the role of warden for an extra year, after Nancy Hancock moved from Wellesley with her new job. Michael is a person of enormous energy and with a commitment to follow-through that has been a great gift of leadership to St. Andrew's. Michael's return has also allowed David to have an overlap with an experienced warden during the first year of his term. Our aim has always been to have overlapping warden terms.

I would also like to thank on our behalf the members of the vestry who serve as the heads of our different ministries for their commitment and leadership during the past year, and especially to those vestry members whose terms will be finished

at the vestry meeting: Alan Joachim (finance), Peter Lull (communications), Suzanne Nystrom (membership), and Jenny Sawyer (fellowship).

As we celebrate our 125th anniversary this year, I believe that we are richly blessed by God in our lay leadership and the widespread involvement of so many of you in the life of the parish. I feel a sense of hope and excitement as we continue our spiritu-

al journey together into a deeper relationship with God and our neighbor.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

## Report of the Associate Rector for Adult Formation and Membership



The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

2018 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF pilgrimages large and small. Our May pilgrimage to Italy brought 21 members of the church to Rome, Assisi, and Florence. We explored the ancient church's faith, buildings, paintings, frescos, and statues and found our own faith expanding. In the fall, 72 of us registered for the 5K Wellesley Turkey Trot and, despite Thanksgiving morning's bitter cold, 52 of us pounded down Wellesley's streets raising money for cancer research and food security. (We won the "Biggest Team" trophy.) We are especially thankful to an anonymous donor who made sure each member of our St. Andrew's team had a red hat or headband, complete with our church logo, to keep us warm as we ran. In April, we continued our religious field trips, taking members to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum for a guided tour of a special Fra Angelico exhibit. We have also continued to expand participation in our traditional education classes, Faith & Practice classes, Taizé-style liturgies, and Lenten programs and potlucks. In Lent, we deepened the daily practice of our Christian faith with our Lenten Meditation Guide, which was financed by the contribution of an anonymous donor. I am thankful to be serving our creative and curious church community.

### Adult Formation and Learning

With our monthly Bible Circles and Adrian's monthly Men's Bible Study, we continue to have an average of 30 parishioners studying scripture monthly. In 2018, the Gospel of John and selections from Paul's letters were our topics. Our 9am Christian learning series, which meets approximately 28 times per year, has continued to increase in the number and diversity of its members. Classes averaged 27 members per class, and we had over 90 people attend a Christian learning series class. Weekly Lenten dinners and programs were well attended with an average participation of 42 parishioners for each of our evening gatherings. Our Lenten theme was "Forgiveness" and included presentations by a psychiatrist, a local rabbi, and a priest. Our Advent Taizé-style service had an attendance of 75 people and our Holy Week Taizé-style service had an attendance of 35 people. Our third Blue Christmas Service, with an attendance of 14, was solemn and meaningful. Our Inquirers' Class had four members this year. We also staffed an "Ashes to Go" station by the train station on Ash Wednesday. Cat did a wonderful job as editor of our second Lenten Meditation Guide. We distributed 350 booklets. The guide's popularity resulted in our adding a line item for the cost of the guide into our 2019 budget. Our Book Circle is going strong under the excellent leadership of Betsy Millane.



Our 2018 pilgrimage to Italy was a work-in-progress all year. A six-member team helped plan our itinerary, and we held four classes, including two language classes, for our pilgrims. In January 2019, we will hold a trip dinner to complete our modern pilgrimage. Special thanks goes to Pam Henrikson, Peter Fergusson, Will Nystrom, Mary Scanlon, and Penn Young, members of our Italian pilgrimage planning team. The pilgrimage was so popular that Adrian and I are already planning a church pilgrimage for 2021. (Stay tuned for details in 2019.)

### **Adult Formation and Learning Advisory Committee**

Our adult learning and formation committee and I shape the mission of Christian education for adults at St. Andrew's. Your feedback and interests guide the topics we choose, so please share your interests and questions with me or a member of our committee. I am thankful for the service and creativity of all our members who served in 2018: Peter Fergusson, Margarethe Kulke, Ansley Martin, Shannon Monaghan, Will Nystrom, Jenny Sawyer, Mary Scanlon, Paul Shellito, and warden David Hamlin. Special thanks go to Margarethe Kulke, who co-leads our Bible Circles, and to our excellent chair, Peter Fergusson.

### **Wellesley College Ministry**

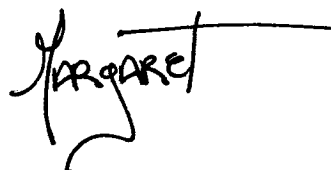
In 2018, our Wellesley College students sang in our adult choir, taught church school, and served as chalice bearers, lectors, and acolytes. Our weekly blog to students had a roster of 19. We continue to sponsor a Wellesley graduate, Anna Page, for ordination. A 2017 graduate, she is currently attending Duke Divinity School. Cat and I had the opportunity to lead a "Sophia's Table" dinner on *Building an Icon* in the spring, and I led a program on *Claiming Forgiveness* at Wellesley this fall. The Wellesley College ministry continues to benefit from a diocesan grant we secured through the Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole, Protestant Chaplain at Wellesley College. St. Andrew's ministry with Wellesley women brings energy and enthusiasm into our congregation's life and worship.

### **Membership Committee**

It has been a pleasure to work with chair Suzanne Nystrom and the other members of our membership committee. We continued to share our updated "Welcome Booklet" with seekers, continued our shepherding program, and held a party (at the Rector's home) for newcomers who became active members in 2016. Please see our chair's report for more details. I'm thankful to be the clergy liaison for this committee. My main responsibilities lie in contacting newcomers by email or phone so that they have a clergy welcome, and meeting newcomers who have questions. Suzanne Nystrom and I have both kept track of the seekers, newcomers, and newly matriculated active members, helping to ensure that everyone is welcomed and that everyone finds a place at St. Andrew's.

I am especially thankful for the wisdom and hard work of Peter Fergusson, our adult formation and learning committee chair, and Suzanne Nystrom, our membership committee chair. Their creative and faithful leadership inspires our committee members and helps us all to build a thriving and vital parish. Finally, I want to thank our rector, Adrian Robbins-Cole, for his strong ongoing support of our adult formation and learning committee and our membership committee. It is wonderful to be a part of his clergy team at St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,



The Reverend Margaret K. Schwarzer

## Report of the Assistant Rector for Youth and Family



The Rev. Catherine (Cat) Healy

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

I WRITE THESE WORDS DURING my last few weeks with you, before I depart to become the rector of the Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer in Chicago, IL. It has been a joy to share in

ministry with so many of you during my three and a half years here, and so I submit this report with a heart full of gratitude for all that the Holy Spirit is doing in this place, and in particular for the staff and volunteers who give so much of their time to our youngest members.

Our church school continues to thrive, and remains instrumental in attracting new families to the parish. We continue to use the Weaving God's Promises curriculum for grades K-5, with great success. In spring 2018, the church school committee undertook a full curriculum review for Rite-13 (grades 6-7). They compared religious education materials from several different publishers and ultimately decided that St. Andrew's will continue to use the Rite-13 curriculum for this age group, supplemented by lessons from Weaving God's Promises for Youth, the middle-school counterpart to our elementary-school curriculum.

The church school was active in outreach in 2018, raising funds for the Salvation Army Pearl Street Cupboard & Café during Lent and collecting gifts for the families of Family Promise Metrowest during Advent.

We are blessed with a diverse team of 37 church school teachers, including young adults, parents, and grandparents. Thanks are due to all who served as church school teachers for grades K-5 in 2018: D.D. Alexander, Veronica Bacon, Emma Barry, Jon Barry, Matt Benfer, Michelle Hughes Benfer, Jackie Borden, Seth Borden, Karin Breedis, Megan Burns, Elke Cardella, Cari Dineen, Marie Dunell, Heidi Emerson, Caleb Farny, Erica Gelser, Pamela Grossetti, Sarah Harris, Amelia Houghton, Ingrid Houghton, Caroline Hudson, Toni Jolley, Mike Mahlenkamp, Steve Mahoney, Kethural

Manokaran, Karen McAdams, Amanda Nugent, Julia Pekowitz, Tim Raeke, Carrie Reepmeyer, Laura Rodormer, Katherine Roer, Martha Sears, Shelley Stoudemire, Coryell Urban, Anna Lee Wahls, and Jessica Young.

Children's music ministries at St. Andrew's are also growing and thriving, led by director Amanda Kern. During church school on Sunday mornings, music offerings include a singing circle for Kids' Place (toddlers and preschoolers), Sing & Play for grades K-2, and JAM for grades 3-5. The junior choir for grades 1-8 has contributed beautiful musical offerings in worship throughout the year, most notably a number from the musical *Godspell* in April (which they also performed at Wellesley's Grace Knight Babson showcase) and anthems for Easter Sunday, St. Francis' Day, and St. Andrew's Day. The 2018 Christmas pageant was also a great success. Special thanks are due to D.D. Alexander, Holly Anza, Judith Boland, Liz Dean, and Katherine Roer for all their work on pageant preparation.

Our Rite-13 ministry flourished in 2018, thanks to leaders Debbie Alexander, Katey Goehringer, Ingrid Houghton, Ansley Martin, Jeff McAdams, Shelley Stoudemire, and Jonas Svedlund. Rite-13 enjoyed a raucous and joyful year, with highlights including a trip to 5 Wits (a local adventure program) and a gathering to make apple pies for the Wellesley Food Pantry just before Thanksgiving. Please thank the members of the Rite-13 team for their faithful, good-humored leadership.

In 2018, St. Andrew's celebrated the confirmation of 19 youth, as well as one adult reaffirmation of baptismal vows. There are 25 new eighth- and ninth-graders enrolled in confirmation preparation this fall, and teaching them is one of the highlights of my role in Christian formation at St. Andrew's. I am grateful to the adults who have served as small group leaders for this year's confirmation class: Holly Anza, Cathleen Dehn, Greg Hunter, Ansley Martin, Keileigh McReynolds, and Karen Pekowitz.

Our high school youth group, co-led in 2018 by Marie Dunell, Ansley Martin, and myself, continues

to meet biweekly for food, fellowship, and conversations about faith. The youth of St. Andrew's are active in worship, with 35 youth participating in our acolyte ministry under the capable leadership of Jennifer Olivetti.

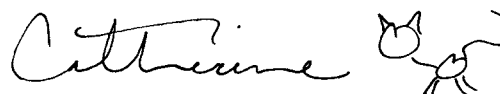
St. Andrew's is proud to be sponsoring Anna Page in the ordination process in the Diocese of Massachusetts. While a student at Wellesley College, Anna was active at St. Andrew's and a dedicated volunteer with our parish youth ministries. Anna is now in her second year of full-time seminary study at Duke Divinity School. She is a chaplain candidate with the U.S. Army and, at this writing, is preparing to interview for candidacy for Holy Orders, the final step in the Episcopal Church's ordination process before ordination itself.

The church school committee shapes the mission of Christian learning for children and youth at St. Andrew's and provides many fellowship opportunities for families with children, including an All Hallows' Eve service and potluck in October,

Family Cookies & Carols in December, and all-ages events during Holy Week. I am thankful for the service of Jennifer Martin, the vestry member for youth formation, and for all the committee members who participated in 2018: D.D. Alexander, Karin Breedis, Megan Burns, Becca Daws, Cari Dineen, Ingrid Houghton, Heather Schaefer, Elizabeth Svedlund, and Coryell Urban.

Finally, I would like to offer abundant thanks for the ministries of staff members Susan Jackson and Amanda Kern, whose skill and good humor ensure that the Christian learning community at St. Andrew's continues to fill the hearts of our youngest members with the knowledge and love of Christ. Thank you, Susan and Amanda!

Respectfully submitted,



The Rev. Catherine (Cat) Healy

## Report of the Music Minister



Helen Ward Mannix

IN JUNE OF 2018, I COMPLETED my eleventh year as music minister at St. Andrew's.

The Senior Choir numbers about 33 members including five paid section leaders who are either presently students or recent graduates of music conservatories. I hired a new baritone section leader this fall, Frank Rosamond, who is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX and is presently at the Opera Institute, Boston University. He joins soprano, Laura Cervinsky; alto, Britt Brown; tenor, Sully Hart; and bass, Blake Jennings. The paid section leaders are essential in maintaining the quality of our program as so many of our congregational members travel or have family com-

mitments and, therefore, can sing only on a limited basis.

We also have three Wellesley College students in our choir: Lizzie Hudson, Anna Purcell, and Ciara Cheli-Colando. We add to our numbers on special occasions with extra singers from our congregation and professionals or "ringers", as they're called, as needed from the Boston area.

We have been experimenting for the last few years with a 5pm informal service with music. David Wade, guitar, and I played together on Sundays, January 28, February 11, March 11, October 14, and November 25.

Here is the list of choral events from the last year:

- *March 4* for Lenten Choral Evensong, we sang the *Agnus Dei* by Samuel Barber. Frederick Jodry was our guest organist.

- *April 1* Easter, we sang at 9am, with the Junior Choir and at 11am. We had a brass quartet led by James Mosher for both services. The choir also sang on Maundy Thursday and the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday evening.
- *May 6* Our Rogation Day service led by Joey Sullivan on bodhran, Elizabeth Alexander on fiddle, and Torrin Ryan on penny whistle.
- *June 3* was our last choir Sunday.
- *September 6* Choir resumed after the summer break. Our first Sunday was September 9.
- *November 1* Iain Massie played the pipes for us on St. Andrew's Day, and the Junior Choir joined the Senior Choir in a South African anthem called *Hope for Resolution*.
- *December 9* We had 32 singers for our tenth annual Advent Lessons & Carols. Erica Johnson was our guest organist.
- *December 24* We had an Intergenerational Choir at the 5pm service and our Senior Choir sang at the 10pm service with a string quartet led by Harold Lieberman.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hardie*

Helen Ward Mannix



Photo: Courtesy St. Andrew's Archives

St. Andrew's, circa 1946

# Wardens' Reports

## 2018 Year in Review

### January

*Worship* • Epiphany Fireside service (January 7) • Informal service and potluck (January 28) following MLK day with the theme exploring modern day saints of the church • Monthly Holy Eucharist at North Hill continues • Weekday silent contemplative prayer at 8:45am continues

*Adult Formation* • 9am Christian learning series resumes: What the Holy Scriptures teach us about the meaning of "blessing" in our Christian lives (January 21); *Episcopalians and Lutherans: 500 Years of Engagement* (January 28) • Bible Circle theme for 2018: *The Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective*, Chapters 5:1-18 and 7:53-8:11 (beginning January 9 and 10, continuing on second Tuesdays and following Wednesdays of each month) • Men's Bible Study finishes exploration of St. Paul's theology through reading and discussing St. Paul's letter to the Galatians (January 13) • Twenty-two individuals sign up for St. Andrew's pilgrimage to Rome, Florence, and Assisi from May 14 to May 25.

*Youth Formation* • Kids' Place, church school, Rite-13 (grades K through seven), confirmation prep, and youth group resume on Sunday, January 21. • Kids' Place Coffee for parents and kids aged four and under (January 21).

*Outreach* • 36 parishioners from St Andrew's attend the World of Wellesley MLK Day breakfast at Wellesley College on MLK Day (January 15) • Volunteers join St. Stephen's Youth Programs and our partner organizations for Eighth Annual MLK Day of Action in Boston (January 15) • Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen schedule continues with monthly dinner on every fourth Tuesday, including delivery of hotel toiletries collected by parish travelers.

*Fellowship/Membership* • Epiphany Fireside Potluck Dinner following the Epiphany Fireside Service (January 28)

*Vestry* • Nominating Committee announces 2018 slate: David Hamlin, warden (3-year term); Heidi Harper, outreach (3-year term); Sarah Harris, clerk (2-year term); Cynthia Scott, worship (3-year term); Arnout Eikeboom, treasurer (2-year term); and David Boghosian, Wendy Haering, and Megan Burns for nominating committee • 2018 budget forum, led by Alan Joachim with the rector and wardens available for questions, gives parishioners a preview of 2018 St. Andrew's budget • Vestry meets January 23 and approves final 2018 budget to be presented at annual meeting on January 28. • 125th Annual Meeting held on January 28 with nominations and annual budget approved, accomplishments listed in the 2017 annual report discussed, and the new strategic plan highlighted.

### February

*Worship* • Presidents' Day All-Parish Eucharist with children's sermon featuring Rodney the Rector Mouse (February 18) • Informal Service with theme of exploring the spiritual meaning of Lent (February 11) • Ash Wednesday Services with imposition of Ashes at 7:30am, noon and 7:30pm • Ashes to Go at Wellesley Square train station and Peet's Coffee from 7:30am (March 14) • St. Andrew's Lenten Meditation Guide available (February 11) • Lenten Program & Potluck: *Forgiveness: A Core Christian Practice* (February 21); *Forgiveness from a Psychological Perspective* (February 28)

*Adult Formation* • Faith and Practice How to Forgive: A Case Study (February 4) • 9am Christian learning series with Dr. Sharon Elkins, Professor of Religion at Wellesley College: *The Virgin Mary* (February 11); *Modern Marian Devotion: Mary's Legacy* (February 18); *Mary as Mother, Disciple and Prophet: Who Do We See?* (February 25) • Bible Circle: *The Gospel of John: A Cosmic*

*Perspective* (February 13) • Lenten Program & Potluck: *Forgiveness: A Core Christian Practice* (February 21); *Forgiveness from a Psychological Perspective* (February 28)

*Youth Formation* • Parents' circle gathering at the home of Bettina & Arnout Eikeboom (February 2) • Rite-13 youth make and serve pancakes at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (February 13) • Church School Lenten Project — collecting funds and toiletries for the Salvation Army

*Outreach* • SOUPER Bowl food drive for the Wellesley Food Pantry (February 4) • Lenten outreach project: collecting funds and toiletries for Salvation Army.

*Fellowship/Membership* • Valentine's Potluck and Card Making (February 11) • Shrove Tuesday talent show (February 13) • Potluck dinners before Wednesday evening Lenten programs • Reminder to set aside items for Bargain Haul (May 5) when cleaning out storage spaces

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *And There Was Light* by Jacques Lusseyran (February 12)

## March

*Worship* • Lenten Evensong: The Senior Choir singing Samuel Barber's *Agnus Dei* adapted from his *Adagio for Strings* with a special collection for United Nations High Commission for Refugees (March 4) • Informal Service followed by potluck (March 11) • Scout Sunday (March 18) • The Liturgy of the Palms and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday (March 25) • Holy Week Services: Taizé-style service on Monday evening (March 26); Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evening (March 27); Service of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening (March 28); Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing followed by All-Night Vigil (March 29); Good Friday Liturgy at noon and 7:30pm; Good Friday Children's Service and Hot Cross Buns at 2pm; Holy Saturday Service in the Children's Chapel at 9am and the Great Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist at 7:30pm with brass quartet (March 31); Festival Holy Eucharist at 9am and 1am (April 1).

*Adult Formation* • 9am Christian learning series: *Preparing for Palm Sunday: Jesus and Pilate*

(March 11); *The Pope and the Lord's Prayer: A New Translation* (March 18); *The Modern Papacy: Pope Francis* (March 25) • *What is Truth?* A Bible study on John 18:25-40 (March 11) • Faith and Practice: *Practicing Hope* (March 4) • Lenten Program & Potluck: *Forgiveness: The Way to New Life*: Rabbi Rachel Saphire on *A Jewish Perspective on Forgiveness* (March 14)

*Youth Formation* • Hot Cross Buns following Good Friday Children's Service (March 30) • Girl Scouts invited to earn *My Promise My Faith Award* (March 18) • Lenten bake sale (March 18)

*Outreach* • Lenten Outreach Project: Collecting funds and toiletries for Salvation Army • Family Promise Metrowest Hosting Week Begins March 4 • Major Walter Rivers describes St. Andrew's participation in Salvation Army outreach activities in Framingham (March 4) • Joined 8th Annual Read Across America Day Celebration in support of St. Stephen's Youth Programs (March 9) • St. Andrew's Forum: *Gun Violence* (March 18) • March for Our Lives in protest of gun violence (March 24) • Parishioners invited to participate in Firearms Safety Task Force

*Fellowship/Membership* • Boston music group Blue Heron comes to St. Andrew's with program entitled *Missa Forsseullement* (March 2) • St. Patrick's potluck dinner following the 5pm informal service (March 11) • Maundy Thursday Family Seder (March 29)

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *Reservoir 13* by Jon McGregor

## April

*Worship* • Festival Holy Eucharist at 9am and 1am (April 1) • *common cathedral* on Boston Common (April 8) • All Parish Holy Eucharist (April 29)

*Adult Formation* • Bible Circle: The Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective, Chapter 13: 1–20, and Chapter 17: 1–26 (April 11) • Men's Bible Study continues with Letters to Timothy (April 14) • 2018 Global Mission Summit at Cathedral Church of St. Paul; Partnering with God: (April 21) • Faith & Practice: How to Have a Good Death (April 22) • 9am Christian learning: Spirituality and Christian Art series begins: *Praying*

*with Icons: Seeking Jesus' Face* (April 15); *Praying Through Art* (April 22); *Letters to a Young Muslim* by Omar Saif Ghobash (April 29 and May 13)  
• Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Field Trip (April 29)

*Youth Formation* • Easter Egg Hunt (April 1) • Pre-Confirmation class retreat (April 6-7) • St. Andrew's children and youth participate in Grace Knight Babson Concert (April 29) • St. Andrew's graduates from the Class of 2018 (high school, college, and graduate school) to be listed in the summer edition of *The Call*

*Outreach* • Family Promise Metrowest Walk to End Homelessness (Saturday, April 7) • Community Open House at St. Stephen's (April 26) • Prayers for St. Andrew's outreach partners to be included in Prayers of the People

*Fellowship/Membership* • Newcomer Brunch (April 8) • Bargain Haul begins with Drop-Off Sunday (April 29)

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

## May

*Worship* • Altar Guild Ascension Day observed (May 10) • Holy Eucharist and First Communion Celebration (May 13) • Holy Communion Prep participants honored at 10am service (May 13)

*Adult Formation* • Bible Circle: *The Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective*, Chapter 19 and Chapter 20:24-29 (May 8 and 9) • 9am Christian learning: *Letters to a Young Muslim* by Omar Saif Ghobash (May 13); Looking back and planning (May 27) • Prayers for 21 parishioners on Italian pilgrimage (May 14 to 24). • Story of El Hogar Ministry shared by Becky and Steve Taylor (May 20)

*Youth Formation* • Children and parents meet for Holy Communion prep (May 9) • Final meeting of year for Confirmation prep and youth group (May 13) • Parents' Circle: Adults only gathering hosted by Heather & Sam Schaefer (May 18)

*Outreach* • Volunteers sought for St. Andrew's B-SAFE week (July 9 to 13) • A Night to Celebrate El Hogar (May 5) • Update on volunteer opportunities to help the Salvation Army and reminder to collect toiletries (May 13) • Appeal

for Sox Box donations for Health Care Without Walls (May 6)

*Fellowship/Membership* • Bargain Haul preparation week (April 29 to May 3) • Parish Night (May 4) • Bargain Haul Public Sale (May 5) • St. Andrew's fellowship committee hosts afternoon tea to celebrate spring (May 10) Communications Committee reiterates St. Andrew's policy (2013) concerning release of parish photos (May 27) • Appeal for Sox Box donations for Health Care Without Walls

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan and *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder (May 14) • Men's Book Club: *One Summer: America, 1927*, by Bill Bryson (May 2)

## June

*Worship* • Holy Eucharist and Celebration of church school (June 3)

*Adult Formation* • Bible Circle: *The Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective*, Chapter 21:1-25 (June 12 and 13) • The Rector joins delegation from Diocese of Massachusetts participating in preaching course at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Virginia (week of June 10) • Men's Bible Study (June 9)

*Youth Formation* • Parents encouraged to take brief survey on St. Andrew's ministries with children and youth • Parish playdate for children 6 and under at Perrin Park (June 22) • St. Andrew's graduates from the Class of 2018 (high school, college, and graduate school) to be listed in the summer edition of *The Call*

*Outreach* • Sox Box: First annual sox donations scheduled for mid-June. Since 2007, 7,951 pairs of socks donated to Health Care Without Walls by parishioners. • Firearm Safety Task Force meeting (June 10) • Family Promise Metrowest Hosting Week (June 17 to 24) • Volunteers sought for St. Andrew's B-SAFE week (July 9 to 13)

*Fellowship/Membership* • An "honor roll" of St. Andrew's members who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces to be listed in the fall issue of *The Call* • Parish photo release policy reiterated • Invitation from UU Wellesley to join inter-faith bowling league • Reminder to follow

St. Andrew's on social media platforms: Instagram, Twitter and Facebook

**Book Clubs** • Book Circle: *Stars Between the Sun and Moon: One Woman's Life in North Korea and Escape to Freedom* by Susan McClelland (June 11)  
• Men's Book Club: *The Catcher was a Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg* by Nicholas Dawidoff (June 6)  
**Vestry** • Meetings: communications (June 6), outreach (June 12), finance (June 25), vestry (June 26)  
**Stewardship** • Reminder to keep pledge payments current over the summer (6/3)

## July and August

**Worship** • 10am August Ecumenical Services: August 5 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Preacher, The Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter (UCC-Village); August 12 at Village Church (UCC), Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster (UCC-Hills); August 19 at Wellesley Hills Church (UCC), Preacher, The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole (Episcopal); August 26 return to St. Andrew's worship services at 10am. 8am services continue.  
**Youth Formation** • Parents encouraged to take survey on St. Andrew's ministries with children and youth • Registration for Children's Programs (Kids' Place, church school, Rite-13, confirmation prep, and youth group) ends on August 31  
**Outreach** • St. Stephen's B-SAFE week providing daily lunch and field trip July 9 to July 13  
**Fellowship/Membership** • Volunteer sign-up for All-Parish picnic scheduled for September 16 • Invitation to serve as coffee hour host  
**Book Clubs** • Book Circle: *Educated* by Tara Westover (July 9) • Men's Book Club summer reading: *The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge*, by David McCullough.  
**Vestry** • Invitation to join the Altar Guild • Request for parishioners help in updating the parish prayer list • Parishioners encouraged to follow St. Andrew's on social media

## September

**Worship** • 10am Sunday services resume on August 26 and 5pm services on September 9 • Senior Choir rehearsals resume on September 6 and

9 • Homecoming Sunday kicks off program year (September 9) • Back-to-school blessing of students at 10am service (9/16) • Blessing of the Animals (September 30)

**Adult Formation** • 9am Christian learning series begins: *Ancient Christianity's Earliest Creed: The Apostles' Creed* (September 16); *Keeping Our Children Safe: Episcopal Church Protocol* (September 23); *Answers in Unexpected Places: Lessons from Rwanda* (September 30)

**Youth Formation** • Registration for Children's Programs (including Kids' Place, church school, Rite-13, confirmation prep, and youth group) ends September 6 • Rite-13 Family Coffee (September 9) • Applications for *Faith in Action* for high school students due by September 12 • Training for new acolytes (September 9)  
• High school youth group resumes (September 16) • Rite-13 overnight lock-in (September 14-15)  
• Confirmation parents meet (September 16) • High School Blue Hills hike (September 19)  
• Parents' circle adults-only gathering at home of Lakey and Hugh MacArthur (September 21)  
• Rite-13 and confirmation youth invited to join Deanery Middle School Youth Group (September 23) • Meals prepared for St. Stephen's B-READY after school program (September 30) • Eighth-graders invited to join confirmation prep starting September 30 • Parents encouraged to take survey on St. Andrew's ministries for children and youth • Invitation to join the parish babysitter, tutor or odd jobs list • Those needing a babysitter, tutor, pet sitter or odd-job-doer should consult parish list

**Outreach** • Family Promise Metrowest Volunteer Orientation for teens and adults (September 11 and 20) • Firearm Safety Task Force (September 23) • Volunteers invited to serve meals at Salvation Army/Pearl Street Cupboard & Café (September 25) • Interviews with Civilian Service Alumni sought by September 26 for an issue of *The Call* • Family Promise Metrowest Hosting Week (Sept 30 to Oct 6) • Meals prepared after 10am service for St. Stephen's B-READY after school program (September 30) • Reminder to



donate to the Sox Box for December delivery to Health Care Without Walls

*Fellowship/Membership* • Parish picnic held on the grounds of Luisa Hunnewell's home (September 16) • Baby shower for Cat and Heather at home of Ingrid & Carter Houghton (September 23) • Invitation to sign-up as coffee hour hosts • Parishioners invited to follow and tag St. Andrew's on social media platforms—Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. • Reminder to sign up for Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom (September 10) • Men's Book Club: *The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge* by David McCullough (September 12)

*Vestry* • Invitation to join the altar guild • Parishioners reminded to keep the parish prayer list current

## October

*Worship* • The Holy Eucharist with Confirmation and Reaffirmation (October 7) • Official visit by The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts (October 7) • Youth Sunday (October 21) • All Hallows' Eve informal service and potluck (October 28)

*Adult Formation* • 9am Christian learning series: *House Churches in the Ancient World* (October 14); *Architecture of the Early Church* (October 21); *Reflections from a Modern Italian Pilgrimage* (October 28) • Bible Circle: *Isaiah* (October 9 and 10) • Men's Bible Study led by the rector explores *The Gospel of John* (October 13) • Faith and Practice: *Engaging Rite I and Rite II Holy Eucharists More Deeply* (October 14)

*Youth Formation* • 2018 regional confirmation at St. Andrew's (October 7)

*Outreach* • Parishioners worship with *common cathedral* in Boston and serve lunch to the homeless (October 14)

*Fellowship/Membership* • Potluck following All Hallows' Eve service (October 28) • Day of Service (October 20) • Roaring 20's Party (October 20) • Author Charlene Smith speaks at annual Village luncheon: *Making Friends of Your Enemies*

(October 9) • Sign-up for Coventry suppers ends September 30

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *Grant* by Ron Chernow (October 11) • Men's Book Club: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

*Stewardship* • Stewardship educational workshop (October 28) • Online giving available on St. Andrew's website under GIVE tab • Stewardship campaign includes testimonials by parishioners at 8am and 10am services and in the leaflet and weekly stewardship e-mails

## November

*Worship* • All Saints' Sunday service (November 4) • Festival All-Parish Eucharist in celebration of the Feast of St. Andrew's (November 18) • Parishioners encouraged to bring a friend to church on St. Andrew's Day (November 18) • Informal service & potluck supper (November 25) • Parishioners invited to contribute to the Lenten Meditation Guide • Paige Manning and Mary Scanlon represent St. Andrew's as lay delegates at the Episcopal Diocesan Convention (November 3)

*Adult Formation* • 9am Christian learning: Rev. Dr. Jim Weiss leads class on the Vatican Council of 1964-1965 (November 18) and *Four Models of the Protestant Reformation: Lutheran, Calvinist, Baptist, and Anglican* (November 25) • Faith & Practice: *Practicing Anger* (November 11) • Men's Bible Study led by the rector explores the *Gospel of John* (November 11)

*Youth Formation* • Pies baked by Rite-13 youth for Wellesley Food Pantry (November 11) • Christmas Pageant sign-ups for all children and youth • Advent Calendar making for all ages (November 18)

*Outreach* • B-READY lunches prepared for St. Stephen's after school program (November 4) • Holiday dinner collections for St. Stephen's held throughout the month • Information session for those interested in visiting Honduras to work with El Hogar next summer (November 18) • Coats for Kids (and adults) annual drive begins • Family Promise Metrowest Hosting Week (No-

vember 25 - December 1) • Mitten Tree erected in parish hall after Thanksgiving • 568 pairs of sox delivered to Healthcare Without Walls (November 26)

*Fellowship/Membership* • Parishioners contribute shortbread to St. Andrew's Day celebration coffee hour (November 19) • 52 parishioners participate in Wellesley Turkey Trot 5K winning the "largest team" trophy for the third year in a row (November 22) • Newcomer Brunch (11/4)

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee (November 8) • Men's Book Club: *Washington and Hamilton: The Alliance that Forged America* by Stephen F. Knott

*Vestry* • St. Andrew's Day designated as Bring a Friend to Church Day (November 18) • First aid kits available in church school classrooms and in kitchens • Reminder of St. Andrew's policy not to identify by name anyone in website photos

## December

*Worship* • Taizé-style service on Advent II (December 2) • Advent Choral Service of Lessons & Carols on Advent III (December 9) • Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant on Advent III (December 16) • Blue Christmas service (December 19) • Christmas Eve services (December 24): Children's Service at 3pm with carols, a children's homily and celebration of the manger; the Christmas Eve Family Service at 5pm with carols, the intergenerational choir and holy communion; the Festival Service at 10pm with string quartet, carols, full choir and holy communion (December 24) • Christmas Day service 10am (December 25) • Christmas Lessons & Carols at 10am (December 3)

*Adult Formation* • 9am Christian learning: *Archbishop Williams: Being a Disciple of Forgiveness* (December 9); *A Forgiveness Meditation* (December 16); *Praying with Icons: Mary the Mother of God* (December 23) • Men's Bible Study led by the

rector explores the *Gospel of John* (December 8) • Bible Circle: *Isaiah* (December 11 and 12)

*Youth Formation* • Youth Group Alumni Night (December 16) • Little Angels' Gift Shop followed by Family Cookies and Carols in the parish hall (December 7)

*Outreach* • Annual Coats for Kids (and Adults) collection continues through December 31 • Holiday Alternative Gift Fair to benefit St. Andrew's outreach partners (December 9) • Annual donation of socks to Health Care Without Walls • B-READY lunches prepared for St. Stephen's after school program (December 2) • Request to support El Hogar by going through its website for Christmasshopping on Amazon • Family Promise Angel Tree provides wish lists of gifts for homeless Metrowest families

*Fellowship/Membership* • Gathering of the Greens on Saturday, December 1, at the home of Luisa Hunnewell followed by Advent wreathmaking after the 10am service on December 2 • Family Cookies & Carols for all ages at 7pm in the parish hall (December 7)

*Book Clubs* • Book Circle: *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven (December 13) • Men's Book Club: *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham (December 5)

*Vestry* • Music committee invites feedback on the music program • Parishioners invited to offer Christmas flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones • Parishioners encouraged to complete their pledges for 2018 by early December • Request to avoid obstructing neighbors driveways when parking on Denton Road • Common Prayer books that have been replaced may be taken for personal use

—Sincere thanks to *George Dummer* for his dedication and attention to detail for providing this information.

# Gratitudes

**1/7 Christmas Eve Services** An enormous thanks to the many people who helped with our Christmas Eve services, including (but not limited to) the altar guild, the flower guild, the ushers, the choir, the lay Eucharistic ministers, the acolytes, the readers, and those who helped prepare the bulletins. Thank you for helping to make our celebration of the birth of Christ so joyous, both for the congregation of St. Andrew's, and for all the visitors we welcomed to rejoice with us.

**1/14 Epiphany Fireside** Thank you to everyone who attended the potluck dinner following the lovely Epiphany Fireside Service last Sunday. We had a wonderful selection of salads, sides, and desserts contributed by parishioners to complement our homemade soup and baked potato bar. A special thank you to the following people who are always ready and willing to put on a fantastic feast: Barbara Bergstrom, Al & Zebby Dubé, Nancy Jones, Jen Martin, Betsy Millane, Sandy Rigney, Jenny Sawyer, Lynda Sperry, and Kris & Michael Vanin. Hope to see you all at the next potluck on Sunday, January 28.

**1/21 Thanks from Roseanna Means** Thank you for supporting Health Care Without Walls with your generous donation of knit scarves and hats and socks—784 pairs—the joy that we saw on the women's faces was priceless. They wore the hats, mittens and scarves all the rest of the day. They held their heads up higher. They felt proud and confident. Your team of knitters scored a home run by their gifts. So many hours of knitting that culminated in so much happiness. It was all about love and not being forgotten.

**1/21 MLK Breakfast** Many thanks to the 36 parishioners from St. Andrew's who attended the World of Wellesley Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast at Wellesley College on MLK Day. It was very good to see St. Andrew's so well represented at the breakfast and it spoke to the wider community of our parish's re-commitment to work for a world in which we love our neighbors as ourselves as Jesus taught us.

**1/28 Financial Forum** Many thanks to Alan Joachim, head of the finance committee and Arnout Eikeboom, treasurer for hosting the financial forum about the parish budget for 2018. Thanks to both of them for their work preparing the budget and for answering questions from parishioners.

**1/28 Kids' Place** Thanks to our membership committee, especially Nancy Braun and Ginny Snow, who organized our coffee for new families and their children. Thanks to Erica Gelser, who brought coffee for the adults in the room, too. Our youngest kids enjoyed juice and crackers.

**2/4 Annual Meeting** Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the parish annual meeting last Sunday. Many thanks to all who helped lead the meeting and for their preparation, which made the meeting go so smoothly. Thank you to all ministry heads and others for their contributions to the annual report. Thanks to Alan Joachim, head of the finance committee and Arnout Eikeboom, the church treasurer, for their clear and concise presentation of the church finances

**2/4 Church Wardens** Many thanks to our church wardens, Michael Vanin and Nancy Hancock for their superb leadership and service over the last year. We would particularly like to thank Michael Vanin, who completed his three-year term as warden at last week's annual meeting. Michael has shown his love for St. Andrew's through his energetic and dedicated service of the parish over the last three years. The parish has been greatly blessed by Michael's leadership as one of our wardens. We now welcome David Hamlin as our new warden.

**2/11 SOUPer Bowl Sunday** Many thanks to all who brought donations for the Wellesley Food Pantry on SOUPer Bowl Sunday. Your generous response resulted in over 70 bags filled with cans of soup and other much needed items! Special thanks go to Peter & Linda Lull and Debbie and Ryan Osborn who transported the bags to the

food pantry at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church.

**2/11 Parents' Circle** Abundant thanks to Bettina & Arnout Eikeboom, who hosted a wonderful Parents' Circle gathering at their home on February 2. Thanks, too, to all the parents who attended this time of fun and fellowship!

**2/18 Valentine Potluck** Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Valentine potluck dinner after the informal service last Sunday. We had fun with our spaghetti dinner and Valentine card making, and (as always) delicious salads and desserts contributed by parishioners. A special thank you to the following committee members for their love and attention to detail: Sarah Dent, Al & Zebby Dubé, Nancy Jones, Sandy Rigney, and Kris Vanin.

**2/18 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** Thank you to the teachers, parents, and members of the Rite-13 class who helped cook and serve a delicious Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! Parishioners were treated to fluffy pancakes (whipped cream and chocolate chips optional), scrumptious egg stratas, and tasty sausages. Thank you also to members of the fellowship committee for their help with setup, cooking, and cleanup, and to the many parishioners who came for dinner and found a way to lend a hand. A special thank you to Terri Rawson and Jenny Sawyer for organizing the event, Lynda Sperry for delicious egg stratas, and Steve Killeen for all of his behind-the-scenes work! As usual, a good time was had by all!

**2/18 Alternative Gift Fair 2017** St. Andrew's Church is the most generous! Thank you everyone who participated in the AGF this year including Ruth Hubert, Peter Lull, Cam McCormick, Debbie Osborn, and the outreach committee. The amounts raised were: \$4,920 for El Hogar, \$8,865 for Heifer, \$4,810 for St. Andrew's Knitters, \$3,525 for St. Stephen's, \$2,280 for Wellesley Food Pantry, \$3,350 for Family Promise, \$2,690 for Episcopal Relief and Development, and \$2,250 for Salvation Army. The total was \$32,690. WOW!

**2/18 Lenten Meditation Guide** Many thanks to all the contributors to the 2018 St. Andrew's Lenten Meditation Guide: Demilade Adeboye, D.D. Alexander, Holly Anza, Jon Barry, Stephen Beach, Jim Blackwell, Giles Boland, Rob Brandt, John Breedis, Terri Burnell, Megan Burns, Stephen Clarke, Alex Cumming, Zebby and Al Dubé, Richard Ehrlichman, Arnout Eikeboom, Ken Graves, Becky Hamlin, Heidi Harper, Alan Henrikson, Katie Hodges, Joanna Horobin, Lia James, Scott Jones, Toby Kell, Ruthie Klinck, Hugh MacArthur, Michael Mahlenkamp, Herb Manning, Elizabeth Martin, Jen Martin, Keileigh McReynolds, Karen Metcalf, Alan Montero-Williams, Debbie Osborn, Karen Pekowitz, Tim Phillips, Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Katherine Roer, Mary Scanlon, Heather Schaefer, Ellen Staelin, and Mimi West.

**3/4 Wellesley Food Pantry** "The Wellesley Food Pantry opened its doors for the first time in 1989 and has been an integral part of the community since then. Over 200 Wellesley households directly benefit from the service of the pantry. . . Thank you for the generous donation of \$500 from your outreach program."

**3/4 Church Divinity School of the Pacific** "Seminaries are far-flung communities whose alumni and former faculty serve communities throughout the country and the world. What unites them is the dedication of alumni and friends to a common mission. Your contribution is one sign of your dedication to that mission, and we are deeply grateful for it. . . Thank you for your gift of \$2,750."

**3/4 Episcopal Relief & Development** "Because of your generosity, Episcopal Relief & Development is at the forefront of efforts to fight poverty and hunger by promoting climate-smart agriculture and empowering women through savings groups and vocational training. Our NetsforLife® methodology of mobilizing church leader and faith-based networks to prevent malaria is now tackling diarrhea and pneumonia and saving the lives of even more children under age five. You enable us to invest in resilience, working with local leaders in the United States and internation-

ally on preparedness measures that strengthen communities to survive and recover from disasters. . . Thank you for demonstrating your ongoing commitment to healing a hurting world through a generous contribution of \$1,475.”

- 3/11 Lenten Choral Evening** Many thanks to our music minister, Wardie Mannix, and the senior choir for the wonderful choral evensong last Sunday, March 4. The beauty of the music touched all our souls. In particular many people commented on the sublime “Agnus Dei” set to music by Samuel Barber. We all marveled at the talent of Wardie and the choir to take on such a complex and moving piece with so many parts. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and talented choir and music director.
- 3/11 Evensong Reception** Many thanks to Wendy Haering and Margaret Zusky for organizing the lovely reception following the evensong last Sunday. Thanks also to those who brought delicious appetizers and helped with the set up and take down. The parish hall was happily crowded with folks who came to enjoy company and lovely food after the fabulous service.
- 3/11 Family Promise Metrowest Hosting** Thanks to all who made our families feel so welcome and supported this past hosting opportunity at Village Church: Frances Antonelli, Nancy Braun, Amanda Curtis, Lily Curtis, Heidi Harper, Isabel Lyndon, Jen Martin, Karen McAdams, Cam McCormick, Herb Nolan, Caren Parker, Randy Parker, Carol Shedd, Lynda Sperry, Jess Stanton, Mike Stanton, and Christy West.
- 3/11 Rite-13 5 Wits Trip** Abundant thanks to An-sley Martin, Ingrid Houghton, and Kathy Goeh-ringer for leading the Rite-13 trip to 5 Wits last Sunday. An adventurous time was had by all!
- 3/18 St. Patrick’s Day Potluck** You will be green with envy if you didn’t get a chance to attend the St. Patrick’s themed potluck dinner this past Sunday following the informal service! Over 50 people enjoyed a delicious corned beef dinner, green salads, and fancy desserts from members of the fellowship committee and the parish. A special thank you to Barbara Bergstrom, Sarah Dent, Al & Zebby Dubé, Greg Hunter, Nancy

Jones, Hillary Madge, the Martin family, Harris & Liz Parsons, Sandy Rigney, and Jenny & Mark Sawyer for their help in making the evening such a success. We’re looking forward to the next pot-luck on Sunday, April 22—hope to see you there!

- 3/18 Scout Sunday** Thanks to Wendy Barry for organizing Scout Sunday and providing the wonderful fruit bar at coffee hour.
- 3/18 Lenten Outreach Bake Sale** Thank you to all who donated treats for today’s bake sale, and all who bought treats to support the work of the Salvation Army in Framingham!
- 3/18 Pre-Confirmation Retreat** Abundant thanks to Suzanne Nystrom for chaperoning this week-end’s pre-confirmation retreat.
- 3/18 Funeral Receptions** Many thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time to help organize and host the funeral receptions for Leigh Gelser and Bob Harvey this past week. The families expressed their deep appreciation for this ministry of care as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Many thanks to Margaret Zusky for heading up the reception ministry.
- 3/25 Lenten Outreach Bake Sale** Thank you to all who contributed to the church school’s Lenten outreach bake sale last week. We raised \$421.08 to support the work of the Salvation Army in Framingham!
- 3/25 My Promise, My Faith** Congratulations to the Girl Scouts who recently completed the My Promise, My Faith religious award: Emma Barry, Charlotte Dineen, and Lizzy Hudson.
- 4/8 Taizé-style Service** We gathered on Monday night amidst icons and flickering candles, chanting the start of Holy Week. Many thanks for the hard work of our planning team: Laura Brown MacKinnon, Margarethe Kulke, Liz Parsons, and Jenny Sawyer. Many thanks to the adult choir members who guided the beautiful chanting: Liz Dean, Katie Hodges, and Diane Mitchell.
- 4/8 Stations of the Cross** Thank you to Karina Cowperthwaite, Maggie Donahue, Lily Nystrom, and Elizabeth Robbins-Cole for their beautiful leadership of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday of Holy Week.

**4/8 Maundy Thursday Family Seder** Abundant thanks to D.D. Alexander for all her work to set up this fabulous family event, and to all those who contributed: Sarah Harris, Ingrid Houghton, Jen Martin, Katherine Roer, Jenny Sawyer, Heather Schaefer, and Elizabeth Svedlund.

**4/8 Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil** Thank you to all who spent an hour waiting and watching with Christ during our overnight vigil from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday: Frances Antonelli, Mark Benjamin, Heather Canapary, Paul Criswell, Peter Fergusson, Becky Hamlin, David Hamlin, Sarah Harris, Joanna Horobin, Alan Joachim, Scott Jones, Julie Koeninger, Pam Kubbins, Bill Li, Herb Nolan, Anne Manners, Ansley Martin, Lisa Onorato, Terri O'Toole, Caren Parker, Jenny Sawyer, Becky Taylor, Phillip Thiessen, Anne Tong, Candace Tong-Li, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin, Nina Varghese, David Welch, and Penn Young.

**4/8 Good Friday Hot Cross Buns & Crafts** The children of St. Andrew's observed Good Friday with a solemn service, followed by crafts and hot cross buns. Special thanks to Megan Burns, Erica Gelser, Jen Martin, and Katherine Roer, who were instrumental in setting up and running the event

**4/8 Easter Sunday** So many thank-yous are in order. Acolytes: Thank you to Jen Olivetti, who arranged the many acolytes who served during Easter and Holy Week and thank you to all the young people who served as acolytes. Altar guild: Thank you to all the members of the altar guild who worked tirelessly to prepare the many services during Holy Week and Easter. Editors/Proofreaders: Great thanks to Caren Parker and Sandra Rigney for reading the multitude of leaflets we used for Holy Week (and the rest of the year, too). Flower guild: Many thanks to the flower guild for all their creativity and hard work in arranging the beautiful flowers that made the church look and smell so wonderful on Easter Sunday. Junior choir: Thanks to the junior choir, who sang so beautifully at the 9am service on Easter Sunday. Lay Eucharistic ministers: Thank you to all who served as lay Eucharistic

ministers at the services during Holy Week and Easter.

**4/15 common cathedral** A big thanks to the volunteers who participated in *common cathedral* last Sunday, April 8. We had sandwich makers in the St. Andrew's kitchen at 9am: Donna Kell, Heidi Harper, Becky Taylor, and Christy West. Then we had hardy souls traveling to Boston Common to serve lunch and worship at Brewer Fountain: Christine Beach, Marga Dieter, Cam McCormick and her mom, Debbie Osborn, Becky Taylor, and Christy West. The chilly weather was offset by the warm feeling of sharing a service with a group of people very different from our Wellesley church. Watch the bulletin board for photos!

**4/15 Family Promise Metrowest walk** a big success! Thank you to all the St. Andrew's walkers and donors who so support the mission of Family Promise Metrowest. Our St. Andrew's team raised a little over \$8,550 and was the third-highest fundraising team! St. Andrew's walkers and donors include: Sarah Dent, Heidi & Wade Harper, Joanna Horobin, Greg and Michael Hunter, Susan Jackson, Scott Jones, Donna Kell, Peter & Linda Lull, Cam McCormick, Herb Nolan, Debbie Osborn, Caren & Randy Parker, Katherine Roer, Paul Shackford, Lynda Sperry & Bill Wiberg, and two anonymous donors.

**4/15 Newcomer Brunch on April 8** Our spring Newcomer Brunch was gracious and welcoming. The new families that joined us felt right at home. Thank you to Suzanne Nystrom, our membership committee chair, and all the other members of the committee who contributed to its success: Connie Barnes, Nancy Braun, Becky Hamlin, Carrie Hawley, Lakey MacArthur, Hazel Nystrom, Ginny Snow, Carolyn Urban, and Coryell Urban.

**4/22 Pre-Confirmation Retreat** Abundant thanks to Ashley Cole, Chris Cowperthwaite, and Karin Breedis for chaperoning the recent pre-confirmation overnight retreat, and to all the confirmands who attended!

**5/6 Bargain Haul** A tremendous thank you to Ruthie Klinck and Carolyn McCoy for organizing the miracle we call Bargain Haul this year.

Thanks to all the department chairs and to all the assistants, sorters, and kitchen workers from drop-off Sunday through Parish Night and yesterday's public sale. Thank you to all those who donated and gathered donations and shopped. It was a great success and a good time was had by all!

**5/13 Holy Communion Prep** Congratulations to all those who completed Holy Communion prep this week: Emma Beswick, Brooke Daws, Tory Daws, Charlotte Dineen, Kara Eichelberger, Sophie Emerson, Alexander Hauser-Fang, Justin Lin, and Bryce Rodormer.

**5/13 Afternoon Tea** Many thanks to Pat MacKinnon and her team, including Susan Jackson, Nancy and Stewart Jones, Dot Reed, Jenny Sawyer, and Lynda Sperry, for organizing the Afternoon Tea. The tea is a St. Andrew's tradition which many parishioners look forward to all year. It was a lovely occasion and enjoyed by all.

**5/20 Junior Choir** Congratulations and thank you to the Junior Choir for a wonderful year of friendship, fellowship and music making together. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to more joyous music making in the fall. Emma Barry, Jackson Barry, Caroline Condon, Sophie Hunter, Ben Mahoney, Peter Mahoney, Sophia Moorhead, Alexa Pekowitz, Julia Pekowitz, Kwan Zhang, and Ray Zhang

**5/27 Pentecost Sunday Flowers** Many thanks to our hugely talented and very dedicated flower guild for their beautiful flower arrangements decorating the church for Pentecost Sunday.

**5/27 Parent Circle Party** Many thanks to Heather & Sam Schaefer for hosting last Friday's Parent Circle party. Their beautiful home provided a very hospitable setting for what was a most enjoyable party.

**6/3 Salvation Army** "Dear Brothers and Sisters, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:2) We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation to the Salvation Army of Framingham. Imagine our surprise when we received your donations—both in the form of overflowing bags of toiletries for our pantry,

but also in the generous monetary donation of \$11,584.65. We want to thank you for your service to the Miracle Kitchen in the years past. We, and our community, are blessed by your gracious and selfless giving. May God continue to bless you and your ministries."

**6/3 Church School Teachers** Please join us in thanking the following people, all of whom have given their love, time, and attention to our church school, Rite-13, and high school children over the course of the past year: D.D. Alexander, Veronica Bacon, Jon Barry, Emma Barry, Matt Benfer, Jackie Borden, Seth Borden, Karin Breedis, Megan Burns, Elke Cardella, Becca Daws, Alex Dent, Marie Dunell, Katey Goehringer, Pamela Grossetti, Sarah Harris, Eliot Heher, Ingrid Houghton, Caroline Hudson, Toni Jolley, Carly Jones, Isabella MacKinnon, Mike Mahlenkamp, Kethu Manokaran, Ansley Martin, Jen Martin, Karen McAdams, Amanda Nugent, Tim Raeke, Carrie Reepmeyer, Laura Rodormer, Katherine Roer, Martha Sears, Heather Schaefer, Norah Schaefer, Kate Snow, Shelley Stoudemire, Elizabeth Svedlund, Jonas Svedlund, Coryell Urban, Anna Lee Wahls, and Jessica Young.

**6/3 Church School Committee** A sincere thank you to all those who served on the church school committee this year: D.D. Alexander, Karin Breedis, Megan Burns, Nancy Hancock, Ingrid Houghton, Jen Martin (chair), Heather Schaefer, Elizabeth Svedlund, and Coryell Urban. We appreciate all the work you do!

**6/3 Excellence in Attendance** The children listed below are being recognized at the 10am service today for excellent attendance this year in church school. Congratulations to: Jack Baker, Jackson Barry, Emma Beswick, Caroline Condon, Johannes Eikeboom, Sophie Emerson, Bennett Farny, Matilda Houghton, Charlotte MacArthur, Jed MacArthur, Tommy MacArthur, Ben Mahoney, Peter Mahoney, Sophia Moorhead, Alexa Pekowitz, Bryce Rodormer, Emmy Svedlund, Katherine Svedlund, Ellen Wahls, and Kwan Zhang.

**6/10 25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration** Adrian would like to thank the parish for the

wonderful celebration of the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The warmth and support expressed at the party, by the beautiful Simon Pearce engraved bowl, and in the very generous purse meant a great deal to him. He said that the memory of the celebration will be one that he will treasure for many years to come.

**8/26 *Summer flowers*** Many thanks to the parishioners who have volunteered to water the church gardens over the summer. We are grateful for the time you have taken from your busy schedules to help keep our church gardens alive and beautiful during the dry summer months.

**9/2 *Michael Vanin Thanks*** This picture (omitted) represents a fraction of the cards I received while recuperating from my recent health scare. Almost every day over the course of the past several weeks I received cards and notes plus a ton of emails and texts wishing me a speedy recovery. Gifts of ice cream or books, some of which were personally delivered to my house, accompanied many of these cards. Sending these notes may seem like a small thing, but the thoughts and prayers expressed in them were a big deal and contributed to a faster recovery for me. The support network at St. Andrew's is amazing and I feel grateful to belong to such a caring community. I am not out of the woods yet but am feeling stronger and closer to 100% every day. I look forward to resuming my normal routines and seeing all of you very soon. With gratitude, Michael Vanin.

**9/16 *B-SAFE July 2018*** A huge thank you to the amazing volunteers who made our support of B-SAFE possible this past July 2018. We supported this important summer academic and enrichment camp at St. Stephen's church with breakfast food, healthy snacks, lunch meals and a field trip to Cochituate State Park. We had more than 45 terrific helpers who shopped, cooked, served and planned, including several first-time volunteers. Thank you so much! Bonnie Akins, Barbara Bergstrom, Judith Boland, Megan Burns, Victor Calcaterra, Marga Dieter, Al and Zebby Dubé, George Dummer, Nancy Echlov, Heidi Harper, Pam Henrikson, Greg Hunter, Ingrid

Kainen, Donna Kell, Nancy Kohl, Margarethe Kulke, Isabel Lyndon, Anne Manners, Drew Manning, Herb Manning, Cam McCormick, Llynda McFarlane, Betsy Millane, Lisa Onorato, Debbie Osborn, Terri O'Toole, Caren Parker, Karen Pekowitz, Nora Tracy Phillips, Sandy Rigney, Jenny Sawyer, Mary Scanlon, Margaret Schwarzer, Cynthia Scott, Jack Sears, Martha Sears, Paul Shackford, Carol Shedd, Lynda Sperry, Becky Taylor, Harriet Thompson, Jill Whiting, Fred Wright, and Margaret Zusky.

**9/23 *Parish Picnic*** Many, many thanks to all those involved in helping to make the parish picnic a big success. Your contributions truly honored the beautiful setting Luisa Hunnewell invited us to share. From setup to cleanup, and everything in between (parking attendants, bakers, greeters, game organizers, face painters, moon walk bouncers, cotton candy supervisors, and recyclers), everyone came away with a smile! A very special thank you to Luisa for hosting this wonderful event. We are so grateful to have spent such a lovely, hot and sunny fall Sunday at her home. And thank you to Emily & Frank Hunnewell for their work with the preparations and the recycling. All in all, it was a wonderful day to connect with friends and welcome new families to the parish. Thank you all so much for coming!

**10/14 *Confirmation Service*** Hosting a confirmation service is a considerable undertaking and involves the support of many people and ministries. We would like to thank the many people who gave so generously of their time and talent to help with the service last Sunday. Thanks to all those who served as acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, and lectors. Thank you to the altar guild and the flower guild for helping to prepare the church for the service. Many thanks to the choir for their beautiful music. Thanks also to the ushers for helping with the smooth flow of the service. Thank you to all those from our receptions ministry who undertook to organize and host the reception following the service.

**10/14 *Congratulations to the Confirmands***  
Emma Jacqueline Barry, Edward Wilson



Bennett, Kaitlin Rose Braun, Emily Christine Breedis, Charlotte Chapman Brown, Thea Cole, Cameron Yu Cowperthwaite, Charles Thomas Denomme, Sophia Kyla Di Giovanni, William Weeks Harris, Laura Jane Hoffmann, Stewart Allen Jones, Emilia Bevan Kearney, Benjamin Peregrin Levi, Hazel Elise Nystrom, Elsa Fallon Stanton, Annika Grace Svedlund, Harriet Totten Thompson, Sterling Alexander Williams, and Keira Anne Wilson

**10/14** Congratulations to Harriet Totten Thompson, who made formal reaffirmation of her baptismal vows on Sunday, October 7.

**10/21 B-READY** A big thank you to the volunteers who helped to prepare a meal for the St. Stephen's B-READY program! On Sunday, September 30, we baked six delicious casseroles and delivered them to St. Stephen's; the kids in the after-school program really enjoyed them on Monday. Thanks to our great helpers: Karen and Alexa Pekowitz, Cynthia Hunt, Cam McCormick, and Becky & Steve Taylor.

**10/21 common cathedral** On October 14, a fall day which was hinting of cooler weather, but still sunny, we shared a meal and worshipped with *common cathedral*. As the pigeons flapped and the tourists strolled by, we heard Mark's gospel story of the rich man. Surrounded by mostly unhoused parishioners, we could really see the necessity of Jesus' comment to embrace all of humanity. Many thanks to our volunteers: Bonnie Akins, Christine Beach, Marga Dieter, Heidi Harper, Cam McCormick, and Llynda McFarlane.

**10/21 Luncheon with Village Church** Thank you to Charlene Smith for speaking at our annual October luncheon with Village Church. Charlene's presentation entitled, *Making Friends of Your Enemies: The Hero's Journey, the Task of the Ordinary*, was extremely thoughtful and engaging, and we greatly appreciate her spending the afternoon with us. A special thank you to Pat MacKinnon, Dot Reed, and Meg Reed for their efforts in organizing this event, and for making delicious treats. Thank you also to Barbara Bergstrom, Bill Clover, Barbara Horan, Steve Killeen, Sandy Rigney, and Mary Scanlon for their help with

the setup and cleanup. The lunch was delicious, the talk was fascinating, and the company was delightful! Village Church will host St. Andrew's next year.

**10/28 Youth Sunday** Abundant thanks to all the middle and high school youth who made Youth Sunday so special last week: lectors Teddy Bennett, Trip Bennett, Katherine Roer, and Annika Svedlund; chalice bearers Clara Eikeboom, Stewart Jones, Kelly Rawson, and Eloise Svedlund; and ushers Ben Dehn, Hunter MacArthur, Tommy MacArthur, Caroline Martin, Rebecca Martin, and Coley Schaefer.

**10/28 Day of Service** A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the Day of Service such a great success. The indoor team did a superb job cleaning and dusting the Sanctuary and the Harvey Room. The outdoor teams planted new plants and did tremendous work pruning trees and tidying flower beds. And a team of volunteers undertook a "deep cleaning" of the Wellesley Food Pantry. Thanks to all those who signed up: D.D. Alexander, Christine Beach, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Victor Calcaterra, Dick Carls, Cari Dineen and family, Al & Zebby Dubé, Wendy Haering, Heidi Harper, Wade Harper, Barbara Horan, Emily Hunnewell, Greg Hunter, Alan Joachim, Jeanne Johnsen, Margarethe Kulke, Bruce MacKinnon, Henry MacKinnon, Isabella MacKinnon, Hillary Madge, Cam McCormick, Debbie Osborn, Terri O'Toole, Caren Parker, Sandy Rigney, Rennie Roberts, Leanne Salvia, Mary Scanlon, Cynthia Sheridan and family, Charlene Smith, Ginny Snow and family, Harriet Thompson, Michael Vanin, Penn Young, and to all those who we have accidentally not named. Thank you, thank you!

**10/28 Roaring 20's Party** We had a swell time at our 1920s party on Saturday night! The joint was swinging' and the outfits were fantastic! Thank you to the fellowship committee and members of the parish for their hard work in transforming the parish hall into a swanky speakeasy: Cynthia Ballantyne, Katie Barrack, Barbara Bergstrom, Rob Brandt, Bill Clover, Al & Zebby Dubé, Greg Hunter, Steve Killeen, Linda & Peter Lull, Hillary

Madge, Herb Manning, Cam McCormick, Betsy Millane, Randy Parker, Sandy Rigney, Laura Rodormer, Natalia Ruban, Mark Sawyer, Mary Scanlon, and Michael Vanin. Be sure to check out the photos on the St. Andrew's Facebook page!

**11/4 *All Hallows' Eve*** Thanks so much to all those who made All Hallows' Eve such a smash hit, from the attendees in costume to the church school committee members who made it happen! Special thanks to D.D. Alexander, Megan Burns, Cari Dineen, and Jen Martin for all their work to make the potluck dinner spooky and fun.

**11/11 *B-READY Meals*** Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who made a meal for B-READY at St. Stephen's. These willing helpers and cooks made a terrific hot meal on Sunday, November 4 and delivered it: Christine Beach, Heidi Harper, Ansley Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Debbie Osborn, and Karen Pekowitz. St. Stephen's youth programs are very grateful!

**11/11 *Diocesan Convention Delegates*** Thank you to Paige Manning and Mary Scanlon who were the lay delegates representing St. Andrew's at the Diocesan Convention last Saturday, November 3. They accompanied the clergy to the daylong annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. At the convention, the Bishop outlined the progress of the diocesan strategic plan and the diocesan budget was approved.

**11/11 *Newcomers' Brunch last Sunday*** Many thanks to Suzanne Nystrom and her membership committee team for hosting a wonderful meal. The brunches are a great opportunity for newcomers to make personal connections with existing members and other newcomers, and to learn more about our parish's programs and ministries. It was a lovely and lively occasion with new members, new families, and a new student from Wellesley College all enjoying a meal together. Our dessert included sugar cookies and chocolate chip cookies baked by children from our congregation and some delicious shortbread.

**11/18 *Rite-13 Pie Baking*** Thank you to all the Rite-13 youth who came together last Sunday to bake apple pies for the Wellesley Food Pantry! Special thanks are due to D.D. Alexander,

Jon Barry, Cathy Hunter, Lakey MacArthur, and Shelley Stoudemire for all their help wrangling the pie bakers, and to Cathy Hunter for delivering the pies.

**11/18 *Advent Calendar Making*** Thanks so much to Heather Schaefer and Elizabeth Svedlund for organizing the church school Advent calendar project! Be sure to stop by Room 2 after church today to make a felt Advent calendar with your kids.

**11/18 *Thanksgiving Holiday Dinners*** We would like to thank Jack & Jill Whiting who are retiring this year from organizing the Thanksgiving holiday dinners for St. Stephen's. They were responsible for starting this initiative and have been leading and organizing it for the ten years since its inception. Their commitment to the outreach ministries at St. Andrew's is an inspiration.

**12/2 *Holiday Dinners for St. Stephen's*** "We have been so grateful over the years for the enthusiasm of all the people who have helped and this year's no exception, especially with so many people at St. Stephen's needing help. Our church provided 85 turkey dinners with all the fixings. We thank all who went out of their way to help. This included picking up vegetables and turkeys from Restaurant Depot and the fixings from Roche Brothers, as well as delivering the bags into Boston. On Sunday morning, Jane Andrews, Zebby Dubé, Bob Harrington, and Carol & Joe Jankowski, came early, doubled bagged, and set out in the hall the 85 bags to be filled with fixings. After the 10am service, a great crew showed up to fill the bags and load them into the cars to take them into town. This year as drivers we had Jane Andrews, Victor Calcaterra, Heidi Harper, and Bob Harrington. Thank you all for your help this year and in years past." — Jill & Jack Whiting

**12/2 *Turkey Trot, Water Table, and Photographer*** A big Thank You to the 72 members of Team St. Andrew's and the terrific water table volunteers who showed up on one of the coldest Thanksgiving Days on record. The volunteers were fabulous in raising runners' spirits as we ran, jogged, or walked by. Kudos, also, to every trotter who ran in the cold. We won the Biggest Team Trophy for the third year in a

row and raised money for food pantries and cancer research! A big Thank You also goes to Peter Lull who fearlessly braved the cold and snapped pictures of the members of our team who showed up at 7:50am for the group photo and took more photos during the race. Well done St. Andrew's—it was a great day for the “frozen chosen.”

**12/9 *Family Promise Metrowest Host Week*** from Thanksgiving weekend through the week that followed, 16 St. Andrew's volunteers graciously stepped out of their comfortable homes and spent time supporting our neighbors staying at Village Church. They provided cheerful inviting shelter, meals, and connection to our Family Promise guests. Thank you, Caroline Boynton, Nancy Braun, Elke Cardella, Amanda Curtis, Lily Curtis, Ashley Denton, Heidi Harper, Carol Jankowski, Isabel Lyndon, Cam McCormick, Debbie Osborn, Caren Parker, Carol Shedd, Elsie Stanton, Jessica Stanton, and Mike Stanton. The St. Andrew's partnership with Village Church to support area families in great need—particularly during the holiday season—cannot be successful without your time, energy, and caring.

**12/9 *Sox Box*** Thank you to all the anonymous angels who remember that this is a year-round ministry and continue to fill the Sox Box. Our pre-Christmas collection of 568 pairs of socks to Health Care Without Walls was delivered on November 26. The staff at HCWW were overjoyed and look forward to distributing the socks along with other items. Since 2007, St. Andrew's parishioners have generously donated a total of 9,021 pairs of socks. Thank you for your continuing support.

**12/16 *Advent Lessons & Carols*** Many thanks to Wardie Mannix and our choir for a beautiful service of Advent Lessons & Carols. The service was well attended, with many parishioners and guests commenting on how moving and uplifting they found the experience.

**12/16 *Candlelight Reception*** Many thanks to Margaret Zusky and Wendy Haering for organizing the wonderful candlelight reception following the Advent Lessons & Carols service. Thanks

also to the many parishioners who contributed delicious food for the occasion. The parish hall looked magically beautiful, and the air was alive with seasonal cheer.

**12/16 *Little Angels' Gift Shop*** The youngest members of our congregation enjoyed doing their Christmas shopping at the Little Angels' Gift Shop! The shop sold over 300 little gifts. This year Janet Flett and Jennifer Nilson Musshorn were organizers. Many thanks to Connor Daws, Tory Daws, Sophie Hunter, Rebecca Martin, Erik Musshorn, Nils Musshorn, Annika Svedlund, and Eloise Svedlund for wrapping gifts, and to all the other adult helpers, Becky Hamlin, Elizabeth Lazaro, Peter Lull, Libby McClintock, Dot Reed, Lynda Sperry, Harriet Thompson, and Star Zabriskie, who made the shop such a success!

**12/16 *Family Cookies & Carols*** We had a wonderful evening of Advent celebration with the children of St. Andrew's at Family Cookies & Carols! Many thanks to Amanda Kern and Wardie Mannix for their fabulous music and to the church school committee for organizing the event, especially D.D. Alexander, Megan Burns, Ingrid Houghton, Jen Martin, Heather Schaefer, and Elizabeth Svedlund.

**12/16 *Alternative Gift Fair*** We offer gratitude for our very generous parish contributions to the Alternative Gift Fair, held last Sunday and continuing all through December. Thank you to Cam McCormick for her IT skills, and to Ann Johnson for her coordination of the event. Thanks also go to the outreach committee and our speedy checkout people.

**12/16 *B-READY Lunches*** Thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare and deliver a meal of macaroni and cheese casseroles, and applesauce cups, to St. Stephen's Youth Program. On Sunday, December 2, we had Bonnie Akins, Carol Jankowski, Margarethe Kulke, Cam McCormick, Mary Scanlon, Becky Taylor, and Steve Taylor. Your time is much appreciated.

**12/23 *Family Promise Christmas Gifts*** The reality of not having a home of one's own is especially magnified during the holiday season, which is why we are so grateful for your generosity to our

guest families. The gifts so carefully purchased by the members of St. Andrew's Church will be placed under our Christmas tree to surprise our children on Christmas morning. What a joy that will be, especially in our new Day Center, which gives us the space and the feel of "home" to make that happen. Please share our deepest thanks to every child and parent in the church

school community who offered presents, gift cards and more. Your dedication to Family Promise is a treasure in every season, but especially during this sacred time of the year. With warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year, Judy Mongiardo, Network Coordinator, Family Promise

—David Hamlin, warden

## Wardens' Report



Michael Vanin

COMING OFF BACK-TO-BACK successful stewardship campaigns and approaching the celebration of our 125th anniversary, I recognize that there is a direct link between the congregation's love for St. Andrew's and the overall

financial commitments we make to our beloved church. The stewardship campaign helps us keep the doors open, the lights on, and the programs intact with three excellent clergy. The 125 year festivities will be a celebration of our past but also a salute to the future.

Speaking of the future, since our last report St. Andrew's has added 60 new families, many with young children. This growth is neither accidental nor random but results from our collective dedication to spreading the good word of St. Andrew's. . . either overtly or subtly. You may not think of it this way, but each of us is an ambassador of St. Andrew's on Sunday of course, but also throughout the rest of the week as we go about our daily lives.

Whether it's the richness of the Sunday service, the wonderful music programs, or the formation opportunities for all ages that anchors you here, we must acknowledge that St. Andrew's is a special place centered in a town that values spirituality across all houses of worship. This was clearly evidenced in the Wellesley Townsman article (October 24, 2018) "Holy spaces in a secular time: Amid declining national attendance rates, Wellesley's houses of worship defy the odds."

To what can we attribute this good news and growth of St. Andrew's Church? As I reflect upon the past three years of my term as warden (plus the extra year as a fill-in), certain measurements are easy to quantify (average Sunday attendance, the number of new families, increased attendance at the 9am and 11:30am Christian learning offerings). As encouraging as these numbers are, I am more interested in the "why" than the "what." Why do new families join St. Andrew's and seamlessly weave themselves into the fabric of our Christian lives?

As with most organizations, it starts at the top. Adrian sets the vision and the wardens and vestry execute that vision. It is here that I would like to thank David Hamlin for graciously accepting the nomination for warden. His many talents and areas of expertise are helping our parish to thrive, and he will be an essential source of wisdom and guidance for the newly-elected warden, Paige Manning. We are on good footing and it has been a pleasure to work alongside David these past several months.

Our clergy and vestry have made it a priority to make our strategic plan a living document. Our strategic plan was completed in 2016 and was revised to include six-month progress against short-term and long-term goals, adding new priorities last September. We instantly recognized that we live in a time that is rapidly changing; these changes are having dramatic impacts on all aspects of the life of our country, including religious and church participation. This environment heightens the need for strategic assessment; it is crucial that we remain nimble, while not diminishing the importance of

taking a deep breath to consider who we are and where we want to go next.

That direction begins with St. Andrew's mission (what we do), our vision (where we are going), and our values (what guides our decisions):

- **Our Mission** *We are an Episcopal church that celebrates and shares the transforming love of Christ.*
- **Our Vision** *To grow our parish in breadth and depth by strengthening our worship, community, and ministries.*
  - Our hope is to deepen the faith of existing members and attract new people to our parish so that they can experience Christ's love.
  - We wish to help people recognize their God given talents and use them to serve God and their neighbor.
- **Our Values:** *We are guided by Jesus' Great Commandment to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*
  - We strive to be an open and inclusive church.

## Farewell Note from Michael Vanin

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. — 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

MY DEDICATION TO St. Andrew's is front and center in my life and serving as warden for these past four years has been one of the best experiences of my career. Few leaders have experienced the vote of confidence you have bestowed upon me. In our 125 year history, fewer than 60 people have served as warden. But now, once again, we must turn the page and pass the torch to the next generation of leaders.

- We believe we are called to nurture future generations in the faith.
- We place a high value on the community life of our church.
- We believe in the importance of worship in meeting the spiritual needs of our parishioners.

It has been one of the great joys of my professional and spiritual life to have served as warden for nearly four years. I have grown as a person, and I hope I have left behind in my wake a realization that all who come before us are the giants of St. Andrew's . . . we are only standing on their shoulders to see the new horizon . . . and as far as I can tell, the future looks brighter than ever.

I think this quote from Acts 16:5 says it perfectly: "So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily."

—Michael Vanin, warden

David Hamlin and I have worked hard this past year, and from day one, David was equipped to handle the job. As he assumes the role of senior warden, he is well prepared to set his own course with our newly-elected warden, Paige Manning. Please join me in wishing them well, and when you see them in church, please thank them for their service.

I'll see you around campus. I'm looking forward to rejoining the ranks of the St. Andrew's congregation.

—Michael Vanin, warden

## Montessori School Report

THE WELLESLEY MONTESSORI SCHOOL is delighted to continue its long-standing relationship with St. Andrew's. This support has allowed us to continuously offer a high-quality, community-based program for children. As we strive to meet the needs of our community, we are excited to share that we are now offering early childhood education for children as young as 15 months old through Kindergarten. We would like all St. Andrew's

parishioners to know that a scholarship fund is available to members of the church. On behalf of the entire Wellesley Montessori School, I would like to give a special thanks to the clergy, vestry, Katherine Clark, Susan Jackson, Wardie Mannix, Ruth Hubert, Steve Killeen, and Bill Clover for their continued support to our school community.

—Vanessa Larkin, M.Ed.,  
Wellesley Montessori School director.

## Parish Register

*Baptisms* Margaret Ann Cohn, Alafair Cutler, Brooke Marie Daws, Tory Elizabeth Daws, Wyatt Nicholas Daws, Scott Edison Archer Kern, Clementine Jean Kivett, Henry Cameron Lawrence, Harper White Lorenz, Samuel Endy Magruder, Patrick Henry Barrow McGauley, Ryder Colten Bror Murray, and Charles Frost VanDeusen Walls

*Burials* Sally Sparks Boyd, Joanne Elfers, Robert "Bun" Tower Harvey, Margaret Thayer Hollingsworth, David M. Link, Leigh Maxfield Gelser, Henry Calvin Place, Werner Kubernus, Joyce Bailey Strzetelski, Charlie Topham, Leon Gray "Bill" Tuck, David William Warren, and David Curtis Wiswall

*Youth Confirmations* Emma Jacqueline Barry,

Edward Wilson Bennett, Kaitlin Rose Braun, Emily Christine Breedis, Charlotte Chapman Brown, Thea Patricia Emily Cole, Cameron Yu Cowperthwaite, Charles Thomas Denomme, Sophia Kyla DiGiovanni, William Weeks Harris, Laura Jane Hoffmann, Stewart Allen Jones, Emilia Bevan Kearney, Benjamin Peregrin Levi, Hazel Elise Nystrom, Elsa Fallon Stanton, Annika Grace Svedlund, Sterling Alexander Williams, and Keira Anne Wilson

*Adult Confirmations* Harriet Totten Thompson

*Marriages* Sommer Engels to Joseph Meyer, Darlene J. Hoskins to Joseph Paul Leva, Jr., and Kimberly Marie Fogaren to John Lee Shewbridge

*Renewals of Wedding Vows* Alan Montero-Williams to Alexander Montero-Williams



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# Nominating Committee Report

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT that the nominating committee has recruited a full slate of candidates for a vote of the congregation at the 126th annual meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019. These candidates have confirmed their willingness to contribute their time and talents to St. Andrew's Episcopal

Church, and we are grateful for their commitment and leadership.

Thank you to the St. Andrew's nominating committee for their commitment and hard work: Michael Vanin, Michael Mahlenkamp, Wendy Haering, Emily Hunnewell, and Megan Burns.

— David Boghosian

## 2019 St. Andrew's Slate of Nominees

### Paige Manning, Warden (3-year term)



Paige Manning

PAIGE HAS BEEN A MEMBER of St. Andrew's since 1995. She has served on the Vestry as head of the personnel committee, and also as clerk. She currently serves on the altar guild and as a lay Eucharistic minister (LEM); she was a delegate to the Diocesan Convention this fall.

Paige has also served on the Diocesan Committee for Compensation and Benefits, and she headed up our parish Discernment Committee for Anna Page, who is now studying for the ministry. Paige has been a Sunday school teacher, a Bargain Haul staffer, and a volunteer at the *common cathedral* services in Boston. She and her husband Herb have participated in several Coventry supper groups.

Paige and Herb live in Wellesley. Their children Margot (23) and Drew (19) both grew up in St. Andrew's, from baptism through Rite-13 and confirmation. Both kids participated in Sunday school, youth choirs, youth group activities, and acolyte service. Paige works in Boston as an attorney with Goulston & Storrs, specializing in commercial real estate.

### David Osborn, Finance (3-year term)



David Osborn

DAVID GREW UP in Rochester, NY and was well-travelled at an early age taken on trips with his grandmother to Africa, Europe, Russia, and Asia. He moved with his wife, Debbie and their four children (Alex, Ryan, Nicholas, and Michaela) to Wellesley from Sydney, Australia in 2000 when they became members of St. Andrew's which is now over 18 years.

David is a professional consultant who started at Bain & Co in Boston and progressed to Booz Allen & Hamilton for 12 years rising to a Managing Partner. For the last nine years, David has consulted to Fortune 500 companies on how to address climate change and improve their environmental performance. David earned his BA at Dartmouth College and MBA at Northwestern University.

### **D.D. Alexander, Membership (3-year term)**



D.D. Alexander

DEBBIE (D.D.) ALEXANDER began attending St. Andrew's in 2010 after 30 years of attending Trinity Church in Boston, when shortening the commute from Needham to Boston with three grandsons became critical. She has been married for 45 years to Ralph Mercer and they have two children, Matthew Mercer and Jessica Mercer Young.

At St. Andrew's, she currently teaches Rite-13, and serves on the youth formation committee. She has served in many capacities in worship: as a LEM, lector, altar guild and flower guild member. She coordinates the lay weeders. Her daughter's family, with the three grandsons, are also members of St. Andrew's and her son lives in California.

D.D. holds master's degrees in education and computer engineering. She has been a teacher (Brockton Public Schools), a director (Academic Computing, Lasell College), a manager (Public Computing Facilities Brown University) and a business owner (Gardens 2Go).

### **Terri Rawson, Communications (3-year term)**



Terri Rawson

TERRI IS A THIRD GENERATION San Franciscan, a graduate of San Jose State University. She became an Episcopalian in 1987 and moved to New England in 1999 to pursue a career opportunity. She and her family have been part of the

Wellesley community for nearly 20 years and became actively involved with St. Andrew's immediately following 9/11. . . when she was reminded of the importance of faith.

Terri has two amazing daughters—Quincy, who is an education major at the University of Maryland; and Kelly, a junior at Wellesley High School and competitive dancer. They grew up at St. Andrew's, and together all serve in various ministries. Seven years ago, they adopted a rescue dog, Timmy, from the *Today Show*, who is a very important (and spoiled) member of the family.

Terri is fortunate to have a dual career that combines her professional passions: She is a brand and business strategist for the fashion industry, as well as being the Chief Marketing & Development Officer for a non-profit foundation that serves the footwear industry.

In between working, traveling, parenting, and church duties, Terri can be found in spin classes, weight training, running, or doing any number of athletic activities.

### **Linda Lull, Fellowship (3-year term)**



Linda Lull

LINDA HAS BEEN A MEMBER of St. Andrew's since 1997 but grew up in the Boston area attending the Methodist Church and then the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton. She is married to the church photographer, Peter Lull, and together

they have two sons, William and Andrew both of whom were confirmed at St. Andrew's.

Over the years Linda has taught Sunday school and led Rite-13, and has participated in a number of church activities, including the Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen, serving on the nominating committee and transporting food to the Wellesley Food Pantry.

Professionally her career has focused on the fundraising software market, where she has a wide range of experience from support to coding to training, and consulting. Most recently Linda was the database manager at the Dana Hall School. This January she started a new job with a startup that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help fundraisers build better relationships with their major donors.



**Wendy Haering, Annual Convention Delegate (2-year term)**

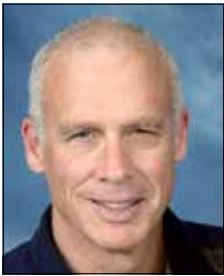


Wendy Haering

WENDY HAS ATTENDED St. Andrew’s Church with her husband, Thomas Engels, and daughter, Sommer since 1986. She has volunteered in Sunday school, Bargain Haul, lay Eucharistic ministry, and altar guild.

She has served as a clerk on the vestry and as a member of the nominating committee. The St. Andrew’s community is an important source of spiritual strength and support in her life.

**Tim Phillips, Annual Convention Delegate (2-year term)**



Tim Phillips

TIM AND HIS FAMILY have been attending St. Andrew’s since 2001. Their children, Jonathan and Susannah were both confirmed here. Jonathan graduated from Occidental College in 2016 and is a songwriter and guitarist who works in the restaurant business. Susannah graduated from Colorado College in 2018 and is a research technician in a melanoma lab at Massachusetts General Hospital. Nora is a reader and Tim is active as an usher and on outreach, coordinating our work with the Salvation Army.

Tim is a 1981 graduate of Dartmouth College where he majored in history and was a member of the swimming and divining team.

Professionally, Tim is a senior director of Business Development for ICON Clinical Research which is focused on supporting biotech and pharma companies clinical research and development. He and Nora live in Wellesley with our two orange tabbies, Apollo and Artemis.

**Jenny Sawyer, Deanery Rep (2-year term)**



Jenny Sawyer

JENNY AND HER FAMILY have been members of St. Andrew’s since moving to Wellesley in 2000. Jenny and her husband Mark have two children, Jessie and Scott, who have both participated in youth activities at St. Andrew’s. Jenny has been

a vestryperson for Christian learning, a member of the church school and fellowship committees, a church school teacher, a Bargain Haul department chair for many years, and most recently, the vestryperson for fellowship. Jenny is also a regular office volunteer at St. Andrew’s.

**Michael Vanin, Deanery Rep (3-year term)**



Michael Vanin

MICHAEL AND HIS FAMILY moved to Boston in 1996 as a corporate transplant after spending time in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Settling in Needham, they joined St. Andrew’s and have been members for over 22 years.

His two grown daughters (Caitlin, 31 and Cara, 26) were confirmed at St. Andrews and served in a variety of capacities—from acolyting, working in the toddler room, to serving on the finance committee.

Michael and his wife, Kris have been active participants in many aspects of St. Andrew’s—Coventry suppers, Bargain Haul, Church school, and fellowship.

Michael has served as head usher for many years, was the vestryperson for worship before co-chairing the rector search committee and most recently served as warden since 2014. Professionally he has taught science (Chemistry and Biology), then transitioning to financial services where he spent 20 years. Currently he is the chief operating officer for GXT Green, a local environmental firm.



# Vestry Committee Reports

## Report of the Vestryperson for Adult Formation

CHRISTIAN LEARNING AND ADULT FORMATION saw satisfactory overall growth during the church year (2017-18). Such results are testament to Margaret's energy, leadership, and vision.

Three areas within the Committee's remit returned particularly strong results: The Learning Series, Turkey Trot, and the Pilgrimage to Italy.

*Learning series* Attendance has increased 90% between 2016 and 2018. Publicity is partly responsible but also to be noted are clusters of subjects over two (and sometimes three) successive Sundays and good presentations. This year over 70 parishioners between the ages 15 to 90 attended one of our sessions.

*Turkey Trot* Participation has doubled since 2016 with 52 parishioners joining in the 5K run on a very cold Thanksgiving morning in 2018, winning for St. Andrew's the trophy for top participation.

*Pilgrimage* Twenty-two parishioners and two clergy (Margaret and Cat) took part in a 12-day pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Florence in May 2018.

Enthusiasm was strong. Effective organization ensured a well-planned itinerary. When our most recent pilgrims shared their experiences in two of the learning series in October, 74 people attended. There are reliable indications that visiting the holy places enriches the spiritual life of participants. Another pilgrimage is planned for 2021.

Seven other areas covered in our responsibility enjoyed heartening support: Bible circle, Lenten dinners, experimental liturgies, religion and the arts, confirmation preparation, and Faith and Practice. In different ways they fill important areas in the life of the parish. Their success reflects topical interest and the sound selection of chairs for each by Margaret. In one additional area, planning continued for the reciprocal invitation to Temple Beth Elohim now scheduled for evensong on Sunday, March 3, 2019. One area assigned to Christian learning and adult formation remained inactive: retreats.

—Peter Fergusson

## Report of the Vestryperson for Communication

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE continued to make progress this year, highlighted by production of a St. Andrew's welcome video, hosted by Adrian, for our website.

*Welcome Video* In an effort to bring our presence to a wider audience online, this spring we hired a videographer to visit St. Andrew's and collect footage for a video to post online. The video runs close to two minutes and features Adrian sitting in the nave and talking about our church and how we welcome people into our community, with scenes featuring parishioners socializing in the parish hall and shots of the congregation and choir during a service.

*Technology Plans* We have several initiatives that we would like to pursue, but, due to their complex-

ity and the resources required, we plan to execute them in 2019. We would like to film additional brief videos to put onto our website so we can present other aspects of our church life—music, altar guild, Sunday school, outreach, etc. and create podcasts to record the audio portion of our services which can then be loaded online for people—both parishioners and the public—to listen to the St. Andrew's experience. We are also exploring how to capture video of services to make these available on the internet, but this idea will need to wait until planned lighting improvements to the altar area and sound system improvements are implemented so we can ensure an excellent audio-visual experience

*St. Andrew's Website* We have put a good deal of time and resources into improving and refreshing

content on the church's website. It continues to be a robust and valuable resource for events, program offerings, church news, and access to sign-ups and giving opportunities. The website also allows users to find Sunday leaflets and sermons. This maintenance is a time-consuming endeavor, mostly handled by parishioner Rob Brandt and parish administrator Kate Clark.

*Social Media* Our clergy continue to provide fresh content on our social media accounts—Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook—in order to engage both parishioners and the wider community into the life of our church. We have also used Facebook to post many photos of parish events.

*Other Communications Work* In addition these areas of focus, the year also included ongoing activities, whether recurring or a one-time problem to solve:

- **The Call** We continue to produce The Call featuring columns from each of the clergy and the wardens, as well as articles on people and issues of interest to the parish. We would like to thank Dan Dent for his great work in producing this important communication tool. Dan generated ideas, wrote copy, edited, and generally guided production of The Call.
- **Ads/Signs** Two signs were created to advertise our Christmas Eve services and placed outside the church along Route 16 to invite the community to join in our celebrations. We also placed ads in the two town newspapers (The Wellesley Townsman, Hometown Weekly) and on their websites as well as online at the Swellesley Report, the What's Up Wellesley Facebook group, and the Wellesley Patch website for our special

events: Lenten Evensong, Easter, Bargain Haul, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve.

- **Articles** Communications also managed to get media coverage for several of our more public events: Ashes to Go article covered Cat and Margaret's outreach to the community on Ash Wednesday; Margaret Zusky wrote an article to promote Bargain Haul; and the very popular Blessing of the Animals received nice photo coverage in the local paper.
- **e-Pistle** This email goes out every Friday as an electronic version of the weekly Sunday bulletin.
- **125th Anniversary** Work has been progressing throughout the year in preparation for the church's major anniversary in 2019. A book is being worked on to commemorate the event. Many thanks to Sandy Rigney for her leadership in archive searching and organization of the material.
- Communications has begun collecting snippets from the archives to share in the Sunday bulletins in 2019 to provide parishioners some historical insights into our backstory in the lead-up to our celebration in November.

The committee contacted *Wellesley/Weston Magazine* about doing a feature story on St. Andrew's history and celebration to run next summer. Interviews have already been conducted and the story is now being written.

The Communications committee met regularly in 2018, with frequent attendees including our three clergy members (Adrian Robbins-Cole, Cat Healy, and Margaret Schwarzer), Rob Brandt, Kate Clark, Dan Dent, Lee Eichelberger, Betsy Millane, and Sandra Rigney.

—Peter B. Lull

## Report of the Vestryperson for Fellowship

AS I COMPLETE MY THREE-YEAR TERM as the vestryperson for fellowship, I feel so blessed to have been able to represent the parish in this capacity. You have enabled the fellowship committee to plan parties and events that I have always wanted to throw! I am so very thankful to the following committee members for their

hard work, wonderful ideas, and dedication to our many and varied events: Barbara Bergstrom, Sarah Dent, Al Dubé, Zebby Dubé, David Hamlin, Nancy Jones, Hillary Madge, Jennifer Olivetti, Tim Raeke, Terri Rawson, Dot Reed, Sandy Rigney, Laura Rodormer, Lynda Sperry, Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin. I would also like to thank Peter

Lull for his priceless photographs, and Steve Killeen for his work behind the scenes.

As mentioned above, St. Andrew's offers a wide range of fellowship opportunities throughout the year, and for each of these events, we depend on many volunteers. A special thank you to the following parishioners for their work in organizing these events:

*Coffee Hour Coordinator* Hillary Madge

*Funeral Receptions* Margaret Zusky

*Coventry Suppers* Suzanne Nystrom coordinator

*Epiphany Fireside Dinner* Jen Olivetti

*Pancake Supper* Terri Rawson and Rite-13

*Evensong Reception* Wendy Haering and

Margaret Zusky

*Spring Tea* Pat MacKinnon and Dot Reed

*Bargain Haul* Ruthie Klinck and Carolyn McCoy

*Bargain Haul Parish Night* Terri Rawson

*Parish Picnic* Emily, Frank, and Luisa Hunnewell

*Luncheon with the Village Church* Pat MacKinnon,

Dot Reed, and Meg Reed

*Roaring '20's Party, Night of Fun*

Barbara Bergstrom, Rob Brandt,

Al & Zebby Dubé, Linda & Peter Lull,

Sandy Rigney, Laura Rodormer, Lynda Sperry,

and Kris & Michael Vanin

*Gathering of the Greens and Advent Wreath Making*

Christine Beach

*Advent Lessons and Carols* Wendy Haering and

Margaret Zusky

*Lenten Series Potluck Suppers* St. Andrew's clergy

*Monthly Potluck Suppers* fellowship committee

I'm looking forward to continuing on as a fellowship committee member in 2019!

—Jenny Sawyer

## Financial Report and Budget (see insert)

## Report of the Vestryperson for Human Resources

2018 WAS A QUIET YEAR for the HR committee.

Members advised the rector on a few compensation adjustments mid-year, which were then discussed and approved by the vestry as being within normal budget variances. We developed the HR budget for calendar year 2019 with input from Ruth Hubert, Wardie Mannix, and others. As vestryperson for HR, I have the good fortune of attending monthly vestry meetings, which I enjoy very much, contributing as appropriate. It's great to have a front row seat learning about all the amazing minis-

tries and people who work behind the scenes to make St. Andrew's such a wonderful parish.

For 2019, the HR committee looks forward to advising the rector and a search committee to be formed to manage the upcoming search for a new assistant rector to replace Cat. We will also be reviewing and updating the various job descriptions. I would like to thank the other members of the HR committee: Meg Harris, Nancy Kohl, Michael Mahlenkamp, Paige Manning, Paul Merry, Terri Rawson, and Michael Vanin.

—Frank Hunnewell

## Report of the Vestryperson for Membership

THIS YEAR, St. Andrew's HAS BEEN BLESSED with many new people attending our services each Sunday. We have welcomed over 60 new members who wish to receive regular communications from our parish. Many have become actively involved in church school, parish committees, and other church activities. I encourage you to look around each Sunday and make a point of introducing yourself to some of the many new faces among you.

The membership committee has continued to recruit welcome greeters for the 10am service each Sunday. Please reach out to the membership committee if you would like to greet. It is a fun way to see familiar faces, get to know new ones, and welcome everyone to worship.

Committee members serve as exit greeters to meet and talk with visitors in the narthex after the 10am service. Please introduce any new people you have met to the exit greeter as you leave the church. We will be ready with a packet of materials about St. Andrew's and what we offer throughout the year.

Our committee also organized successful newcomer brunches in the spring and in the fall to help welcome newcomers. The brunch is a great way to provide new members the chance to get to know our clergy, vestry, and membership committee members.

In the spring, the committee hosted a party for new active members who have joined in the last few years. We thank Adrian and Sarah for opening their home for this event. We find this event is a big hit! This event ensures that these members still feel connected and part of our growing parish.

The committee organized two Kids' Place coffees which provided an opportunity for families

with babies and toddlers to gather after the 10am service. They loved being able to connect with each other and have playdates for their small children.

The membership committee has also purchased baptismal books for any child being baptized at St. Andrew's. We hope they will serve as a lasting reminder of this blessing they have received.

Our shepherd program matches newcomers with current parishioners, who act as an ongoing resource and connection to our parish. This helps newcomers feel welcomed and informed of all St. Andrew's has to offer.

The new pew cards invite folks visiting our parish to let us know they are interested in learning more about St. Andrew's. They serve as one more way to help us seek out and welcome newcomers. It is so nice to see so many of you wearing your nametags regularly to church! Please reach out to a committee member if you need one!

A sincere thank you to the membership committee for their hard work and enthusiasm during 2018. The committee includes: D.D. Alexander, Jane Andrews, Connie Barnes, Nancy Braun, Amanda Curtis, Erica Gelser, Becky Hamlin, Francie Hawkey, Carrie Hawley, Lakey MacArthur, Anne Prensner, Ginny Snow, Lynda Sperry, and Coryell Urban. David Hamlin was our warden representative, and Margaret Schwarzer was our clergy representative. It has been my pleasure serving as your membership representative on vestry this past year and I happily turn over the leadership to D.D. Alexander, who will continue to lead the parish in our mission to attract, welcome, and integrate newcomers of all ages, races, and faith backgrounds into our friendly, active, and growing parish.

— Suzanne Nystrom

## Lay Pastoral Care Committee Report

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM is made up of lay people and the St. Andrew's clergy. It plays a central role in the provision of pastoral care at St. Andrew's and is a wonderful example of the partnership

between lay people and clergy at St. Andrew's. Team members visit parishioners in their homes and in hospitals, nursing homes, and other residential communities. Visits are an important way

to bring the prayers and spiritual support of the St. Andrew's community and to make the love of Christ present to those who are facing a medical or pastoral emergency or are unable to attend church on an ongoing basis.

Another very important element of the work of the team is the sending of cards expressing our love and support to parishioners who are facing difficult situations, or to celebrate with them a joyful occasion like the birth of a child or an anniversary.

The team meets on a monthly basis in to support one another and to plan visits for the coming month. The team also plans the sending of cards. The meeting is a very important way for the clergy to learn about parishioners who might be in need of clergy pastoral care from the lay members of the team. In a parish the size of St. Andrew's, it is not always easy for the clergy to be aware of all the pastoral challenges facing parishioners.

—Adrian Robbins-Cole

## Report of the Vestryperson for Outreach

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE of the St. Andrew's outreach ministry is to help our congregation put our Christian faith into action. We endeavor to bring to the congregation outreach opportunities that positively impact the communities they seek to serve and allow us to build mutual relationships with those communities. As the 2017–2022 strategic plan set forth, the outreach committee continues to strive to meet the goals of disciplined structure for appropriation of funds, supporting programs that are not limited to financial aid only but allow for direct participation by our parish, and balancing our support between local, urban, and international partners. Below highlights our outreach work for 2018:

### Metrowest/Local outreach partners and activities

#### 1. *Family Promise Metrowest*

Our relationship with Family Promise Metrowest (FPM), a cooperative, interfaith partnership helping homeless families through safe transitional shelter, meals, and case management, continues to be a positive opportunity to live our faith.

- Volunteers from St. Andrew's and Village Church hosted families for one week during the months of March, June, October, and November. Our volunteers provided meals, interacted with the families in the evenings, and stayed overnight at Village Church.
- On Saturday, April 7, 11 St. Andrew's members participated in the annual "Walk Away Home-

lessness" fundraising event. Our efforts raised over \$8,550 with two anonymous donors giving over \$7,000.

- The annual "Keep the Promise" gala in November was attended by five parishioners.
- In December, the church school committee organized a "Family Promise Angel Tree" to provide Christmas gifts to the Family Promise guests.

Debbie Osborn (taking over for Caren Parker) and Heidi Harper are St. Andrew's coordinators for FPM and have attended FPM coordinator meetings every other month this year at the day center. They have also organized hosting weeks and advertised events. St. Andrew's has a dedicated group of approximately 35 who have provided countless hours of service to our homeless neighbors in 2018. Our outreach budget gave \$2,400 this year to Family Promise Metrowest, with an additional \$2,500 given to FPM as part of the dispersal from the newly created outreach grant monies.

#### 2. *Salvation Army/Pearl Street Cupboard & Café*

Our longstanding partnership with the Salvation Army (SA) in Framingham and the Miracle Kitchen has been organized by Tim Phillips for many years. In 2018 the Miracle Kitchen, a hot meal program run through Salvation Army, closed its doors. The needy who were served by the Miracle Kitchen were directed to the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café, overseen by United Way. Tim Phillips met with the SA leadership and after his report to the outreach committee, it

was decided that we would continue to support Salvation Army and the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café.

- The fourth Tuesday of every month, six St. Andrew's volunteers signed up to serve a hot meal at the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café in Framingham.
- St. Andrew's 2018 parish-wide Lenten focus centered on Salvation Army and the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café. The theme "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" provided the backdrop. Mite boxes were distributed for alms giving, and travel toiletries were collected (and continue to be collected) for the Salvation Army. The Church school contributed by having a bake sale, and weekly testimonials and facts about Salvation Army were distributed in the weekly bulletin.
- On March 4, Major Walter Rivers, Jr. from the Salvation Army Framingham spoke during the 10am service and met with several parishioners after the service to discuss the goals and activities of the Salvation Army.

Through Tim Phillips's leadership, St. Andrew's continues our "hands on" ministry to support the efforts of the Salvation Army Framingham. Our outreach budget gave \$3,000 to SA with an additional \$2,500 from the dispersal of outreach grant monies. The monetary donation from the Lenten focus was \$9,519.

### 3. *Wellesley Food Pantry*

St. Andrew's outreach continues to support the efforts of the pantry in helping our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. Peter Lull is the point person for the Wellesley Food pantry and is also the president of the pantry.

- Margarethe Kulke organized the annual SOUPer Bowl Sunday pantry collection and on Sunday, February 4, the many items collected were delivered to the pantry.
- On Saturday, October 20, during St. Andrew's Day of service, eight volunteers, under the direction of Cynthia Scott, cleaned and organized the food pantry.
- Peter Lull participated in the annual Ride for Food to benefit the food pantry and raised \$2,400 to support the WFP.

- Every month, Liz Parsons and Margarethe Kulke took St. Andrew's donations to the pantry.

The Wellesley Food Pantry received financial support from St. Andrew's in the sum of \$4,000 this year. \$2,500 of that amount came from the dispersal of grant money.

## **Urban/Boston outreach partners and activities**

### 1. *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

St. Stephen's Church in Boston's South End has been our sister parish for a very long time. Through our continued partnership with this inner-city parish, we have been enriched by our relationships with many of the leadership and staff of St. Stephen's.

- Cam McCormick and Karen Pekowitz organized our week of volunteering for the B-SAFE summer enrichment program which occurred the week of July 9–13. Over 45 volunteers put dozens of hours into preparing and serving food to the camp. The week culminated in a field trip to Lake Cochituate. The cost for the week was around \$4,100 and was covered by the outreach budget and the in-pew collections during the 2017 holiday season.
- A new opportunity to serve the youth of St. Stephen's began in the fall of 2018. Cam McCormick organized a monthly meal preparation for the B-READY program. Beginning in September, and continuing the first Sunday of the month, volunteers made and delivered casseroles after the 10am service. The expenses were covered by in-pew donations.
- In November, Jack & Jill Whiting organized the Thanksgiving food bags that were given to St. Stephen's. The Whitings and several volunteers shopped for the turkeys and food, organized the bags, and on November 20, 85 bags were brought to St. Stephen's. The monetary support for this effort came from the in-pew donations which were approximately \$4,000 this year.
- At the time of this report, the Whitings are preparing the Christmas baskets that are given to the seniors at St. Stephen's. This year 45 baskets will be for men and 15 for the women. The



financial support again comes from the in-pew collections.

Besides the contributions to the B-SAFE / B-READY programs and the holiday gifts to St. Stephen's, several parishioners have participated as mentors to the youth of St. Stephen's. Throughout the year, they have traveled into Boston to help students with homework after school and to support and encourage their academic achievement.

Last but not least, St. Andrew's has a "Mitten Tree" in the parish hall during Christmas time. The donations of hats / scarves / mittens will be brought to St. Stephen's in the new year. St. Stephen's received \$13,000 in financial support as well as \$2,500 from grant dispersal money this year.

## 2. *Health Care Without Walls*

Health Care Without Walls (HCWW) was founded by Dr. Roseanna Means and provides free medical care to homeless women and families. St. Andrew's has supported the efforts of this ministry for many years. Donna Kell oversees the Sox Box and the knitting ministry which both provide assistance to HCWW.

- As of December, the Sox Box has provided 1,227 pairs of white cotton socks, which are needed by the homeless to keep their feet as clean as possible and free from infection.
- So far this year 180 hats and scarves and 25 pair of mittens, all handmade, were donated to HCWW. Also, many infant hats, blankets, and sweaters will be donated to Bridges to Moms, a program offered by HCWW.

Healthcare Without Walls received a total of \$3,000 from outreach to support their ministry to the homeless.

## 3. *Knitting Ministry*

The St. Andrew's Stitches, organized by Donna Kell, comprise approximately 20 parishioners who regularly offer their handiwork to support our outreach efforts. The stitches meet monthly at the church but complete a lot of their work from home. The group celebrated its 13th anniversary this year by extending its reach to Rwanda. In July, parishioners Alan Joachim and Joanna Horobin brought fifty hand-stitched

infant hats to a medical clinic where Joanna's daughter, Hannah, serves in the Peace Corps. The stitches provide many pieces including

- 35 neck warmers and 25 mariner hats will be included in the Christmas boxes sent to St. Stephen's in December.
- Comfort shawls that are knit and distributed by our clergy and pastoral care team.

The knitting ministry received \$600 in budgetary support as well as money donated during the Alternative Gift Fair (amount not available)

## 4. *common cathedral*

*common cathedral*, also known as Ecclesia Ministries, is an outreach ministry to homeless people in the Boston area. In April and then again in October, six to eight parishioners made 100 sandwiches and transported them, along with fruit and chips, to Brewer Fountain on Boston Common. After serving the meal, we worshiped together on the Common. This past year St. Andrew's provided \$2,700 in financial support and reimbursements for this ministry.

## International outreach partners and activities

### 1. *El Hogar, Honduras*

For 40 years El Hogar has been transforming the lives of children who are crippled by extreme poverty. El Hogar provides a home and education to those children who would otherwise have little hope of a future. Becky and Steve Taylor, members of St. Andrew's, have been the spokespeople for this vital ministry for many years.

- Many new initiatives are happening at El Hogar. There is currently a capital campaign to fund a new school building, A new executive director, Tim Monroe, was named and Becky Taylor is now the board president.
- In May, a fiesta fundraiser was held in Concord, MA with four St. Andrew's parishioners attending. Also, in May, Steve and Becky facilitated an adult education class about El Hogar.
- Becky wrote an in-depth article for The Call highlighting and updating all the new projects.

As this article is being written, a summer service trip from St. Andrew's is in the formative

stages with a group to go to Honduras the week of August 3, 2019. St. Andrew's provided \$20,000 in financial support in 2018 with \$15,000 of that money going to matching funds to support their capital campaign.

There remain several activities that are not part of the three divisions above. Several outreach committee members attended the Global Mission Summit at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston in April. The "plug into St. Andrew's" day on Sunday, September 23 offered the chance for parishioners to learn more about our outreach efforts. The Alternative Gift Fair (AGF), which occurred on Sunday,

December 9, provided parishioners the opportunity to support our outreach partners by making a donation in someone's name as a gift. The AGF was again organized by Ann Johnson with assistance from Cam McCormick, Peter Lull, and the rest of the outreach committee who provided visuals and information about St. Andrew's outreach partners. The many and varied opportunities to put our faith into action are what makes St. Andrew's such a vibrant and caring community. 2018 has been a busy and exciting year for our outreach ministries and we look forward to 2019 and some new initiatives!

—Heidi Harper

## Report of the Vestryperson for Property

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY of this year's property activities. Although 2018 was a relatively quiet year for property, we continued with planning, normal maintenance, and several improvements to church facilities.

- *Church* A new walkway and storm drainage system were installed at the rear of the building. A magnificent new gas stove has been installed in our kitchen. The main entrance ramp and the Denton Road walk were repaired to assure handicapped accessibility and safety. A magnificent new gas stove has been installed in our kitchen, along with new furniture for the Rite-13 room.
- *Rectory, 24 Princeton Road* Tree damage repairs were undertaken. Estimates have been obtained for replacing heating and air conditioning equipment and a portion of the rectory roof in 2019.
- *7 Denton Road* The driveway and existing walks were repaved. New walks were added at the front

entrance to this two-story rental property. Cat and Heather are very happy with these improvements.

All major building components, such as the heating, mechanical, and roofing systems, are in good condition and undergo normal maintenance. More planning took place to ensure appropriate asset care and maintenance in a fiscally prudent manner. The last major refurbishment of the worship spaces was in 1995. A detailed study of the sanctuary, narthex, and children's chapel was conducted involving designers and contractors to determine needs for upgrades. Utilizing this report, we can prioritize repairs for future.

Again, we are grateful to the care and attention that Steve Killeen gives to the maintenance of our physical assets. He not only keeps the facilities sparkling but manages our projects and provides welcome insight into capital planning. Thank you, Steve.

—Jim Blackwell

## Report of the Vestryperson for Stewardship

THE 2019 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE came together in the spring of 2018 to begin planning for the 2019 campaign. The campaign theme was "Investing in our Spiritual Lives," and our goal was to increase pledge revenue by approximately 4.5% and household participation above 300. We set a lofty target

of \$1.025 million in pledges. Through Thursday January 3, 2019, we are excited to say that we have exceeded our dollar volume goal of \$1.025 million and are approaching our household goal of 300—tremendous results!

Our strategy included tactics that have worked well in the past, but also included some new and different ideas. Some of these are listed below:

- Campaign of four weeks, versus five weeks in the past.
- Video of the verbal testimonials sent out each week—great touch here.
- A more comprehensive education session around ways to donate
- Continuation of the visual thermometer in the narthex and bulletin board downstairs
- Stewardship greeting on kickoff Sunday
- Stewardship hosting coffee hour on Commitment Sunday

I would like to thank everyone in the St. Andrew's community who makes a pledge, as your participation is key to making the church what it is today. I would also like to thank the members of the stewardship committee for their time and talent: Connie Barnes, Dan Dent, David Hamlin, Ann Johnson, Hugh MacArthur, Herb Manning, Jeff McAdams, Anne Prensner, George Stathis, and Michael Vanin. Peter Lull, thank you for the excellent videos each week—these were a cool, modern touch and a great add to the campaign. I would also like to thank Adrian for his continued support of and participation in stewardship and the committee. We could not do this without him.

—Allen Jones

## Report of the Vestryperson for Worship

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE acts as the liaison between the clergy and parishioners of St. Andrew's Church to address any needs or issues with respect to our worship services. The group meets quarterly with the clergy to give support and advice with the planning and coordination of worship details. Extra attention is always given to the major celebrations of Christmas and Easter, as well as other special services, but all details are considered as issues arise, such as improving the flow of communicants at the communion rail or increasing parishioner engagement in the singing of psalms and hymns. The committee includes the ministry heads for ushers, acolytes, music, altar guild, flower guild, and lay Eucharistic ministers, as well as the wardens.

In 2018, our clergy led a total of 473 services held at St. Andrew's, including 240 celebrations of Holy Eucharist, 216 prayer services, 13 baptisms, four weddings, and 13 funerals. Twenty parishioners were confirmed or received on October 7 at a service presided over by Bishop Gates. Other special events included Epiphany Fireside, Ashes To Go, Lenten Evensong, unique services during each evening of Holy Week, Blessing of the Animals, All Hallows' Eve, monthly informal music services on Sunday evenings (with potluck dinner), St. Andrew's Day (complete with bagpiper), Taizé-style services (with chanting), and Advent Lessons and Carols.

Total attendance on Sundays was 11,787. A grand total of 16,675 individuals worshipped at St. Andrew's in 2018, when including all services held during the week. Especially notable were the attendance numbers over Holy Week and Easter, totaling 1547, and the 1304 who worshipped at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, including 660 at the 5pm service alone.

Our worship leaders devote precious time and talent to St. Andrew's. Everyone knows that our music and flowers are always spectacular, but all our worship ministries make substantial contributions, with large teams of volunteers of all ages. The various ministries welcome your inquiries, as well as new members. I am most grateful to all of them for their service in enriching our worship experience so beautifully.

Worship committee members include the following individuals: clergy: Adrian Robbins-Cole, Margaret Schwarzer, Catherine Healy, and Karen Vickers Budney; wardens: Michael Vanin and David Hamlin; acolyte: Jen Olivetti; altar guild: Laura Brown MacKinnon; flower guild: Katie Barrack; lay Eucharistic minister: Joe Hamilton; music: Helen Ward Mannix and Amanda Kern; and usher: David Boghosian

—Cynthia Scott

## Altar Guild Report

THE ALTAR GUILD IS RESPONSIBLE for everything on the altar that is silk or linen, silver or brass, wax and fire, and wafer and wine. We serve behind the scenes to care for all weekly services, as well as special events including: weddings, funerals, baptisms, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and the Bishop's Visit and Confirmation this past October.

We met five times in 2018 to review business matters, to sign up for extra duties during the busy liturgical seasons of Christmas and Easter, and to continue learning from and supporting each other. As is customary during our annual Ascension Day Eucharist in May, we remembered all past members who have died.

Members of the altar guild are assigned to weekly teams, with each team responsible for all services occurring within their week. The heads of week are responsible for coordinating and supervising these teams: week one, Liz Parsons; week two, Liz Tecca; week three, Erica Gelser; week four, Pam Henrikson; and week five, Heidi Harper.

Margaret Blackwell served as training coordinator, assisted by Debbie Lorenz and Cynthia Scott in training new members Zebby Dubé, Sarah Harris, and Caren Parker. Jean Childs served as linens coordinator and Linda Reineman as wedding coordinator.

We happily welcome any member of the church who is interested in joining us in setting up for these holy mysteries. The time required is minimal (generally one service a month), but the rewards

(and fellowship) are great. New members work side by side with experienced members as they train.

The dedicated members of the St. Andrew's altar guild are: Molly Aitken, Bonnie Akins, D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Barbara Bergstrom, Margaret Blackwell, Judith Boland, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Terri Burnell, Jean Childs, Elizabeth Clarke, Elsie Deane, Jo Dermer, Nancy Echlov, Linda Gallo, Erica Gelser, Blair Glennon, Wendy Haering, Becky Hamlin, Heidi Harper, Pam Henrikson, Ann Johnson, Donna Kell, Margarethe Kulke, Debbie Lorenz, Pat MacKinnon, Paige Manning, Linda McCammond, Debbie Monti, Liz Parsons, Anne Prensner, Linda Reineman, Cynthia Scott, Ellen Staelin, Laura Stettner, Carol Sullivan, Liz Tecca, Joann Tuytschaevers, Jill Whiting, Sally Whitman, and Beverly Wood. Members emeritae are Barbara Compton, Charlotte Corey, Janet Ellis, Janet Hough, Jane Kettendorf, Eleanor Sullivan, Harriet Thompson, Ruth Wilson, and Marsha Wiseheart.

Many thanks to all the wonderful members of the altar guild for their joyful service, especially to the heads of week and coordinators for taking on additional responsibilities, and to the clergy—Adrian, Margaret, and Cat—for their support and good humor as we work together in this important worship ministry.

—*Laura Brown MacKinnon*

## Lay Eucharistic Ministry Report

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE a dedicated team of lay Eucharistic ministers (LEM) at St. Andrew's. They are a key contributor to the liturgy at St. Andrew's at all of our services. The LEMs lead the parish in worship by reading Scripture and the Psalms, reciting the Prayers of the People, and serving wine at Communion. St. Andrew's LEM team is a very supportive group, readily volunteering their time and gladly substituting for one another as needed. There are over 400 LEM assignments

every year, and our ability to fulfill this need is a tribute to the dedication and cooperative spirit of this volunteer group.

The active LEM team is currently made up of 25 chalice bearers and 24 readers. The chalice bearers are registered with the diocese as Eucharistic ministers. In addition to the active members, we also have a group of 10 to 15 volunteer substitutes, many of who have served as LEMs in the past. Several people play a key role in helping organize

and schedule the LEMs: Adams Carroll, responsible for weekly reminders, distribution of the readings, prayers and substitutions; Liz Dean, care and maintenance of our vestments; and Kate Clark, who makes sure we have the weekly service information and recognition in the bulletin.

Many of our active Eucharistic ministers and readers have served St. Andrew's loyally for many years. I'd like to note especially the following for their long term, continuous service as LEMs:

Ann Johnson, 41 years; Michael Kemp, 32 years; Margaret Blackwell, Jeanne Johnsen and Paul Merry, 22 years; Jane Andrews and Adams Carroll, 21 years; Margaret Zusky, 20 years; Donna Kell, 19 years; Paul Criswell and Joe Hamilton, 18 years; Janet Giele and Joanna Horobin, 12 years; Anne Prensner and Paul Shackford, ten years; Suzy Littlefield and Debbie Lorenz, nine years; David Hamlin, eight years; D.D. Alexander, Nancy Echlov and Randy Parker, seven years; and Al Bornemann, five years.

In addition, I'd like to thank our other active and substitute LEMS, many of whom have also

served for multiple years and form an essential part of our team: *Active:* Blair Glennon, Meg Harris, Eliot Heher, Paige Manning, Keileigh McReynolds, Karen Pekowitz, Nora Tracy Phillips, Madison Riley, Mary Scanlon, and Vanessa DeLarca; *Substitutes:* Wade Blackman, Sarah Dent, Al Dubé, Zebby Dubé, Wendy Haering, Becky Hamlin, Heidi Harper, Greg Hunter, Ansley Martin, Jen Martin, and Penny Post.

Many, many thanks to all our capable, collegial members of this ministry for their help and their willingness to serve. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

New LEM members are always welcome, and we would love to recruit some younger parishioners. Anyone interested should feel free to contact me, Joe Hamilton, or any member of the clergy for more information. Our greatest need is for chalice bearers at 10am and combination readers/chalice bearers at 8am, but volunteers for any assignments are always welcome. Training is simple and readily available on an individual basis.

—Joe Hamilton

## Memorial Rose Garden Report

SINCE ITS CONSECRATION on June 14, 1998 there have been forty-four burials in the memorial rose garden. This year, the first names were engraved on the new granite memorial stone which was added to the garden last year. There are now five names engraved on the stone which has room for a total of fifty names. Previously the names of those interred in the rose memorial garden were recorded on plaques on the wall of the Montessori wing. However, by 2016 there was no space on the wall for further plaques. The solution to this problem was the addition of the memorial stone as a place to record the names of those interred in the future. At the October day of service this year, new landscaping was done around the memorial stone which has added to its attractiveness.

We are very grateful to Wardie Mannix, who has been caring for the roses in the garden. This year she has been helped by Terri O'Toole. During the spring and the summer months Wardie and Terri

pruned, mulched, and fertilized the roses with the help of our sexton, Steve Killeen.

In addition to thanking Wardie for her skillful and faithful care of the roses, the administrators thank everyone in the congregation who has contributed to the creation and maintenance of this beautiful garden. We welcome all members of the congregation to learn more about it.

I offer my thanks to the memorial rose garden administrators: Michael Vanin, warden; David Hamlin, warden; Arnout Eikeboom, treasurer; Jim Blackwell, vestryperson for property; and Katharine Clark, parish administrator.

### Burials in 2018

David Warren,

September 10, 1984 to March 13, 2018

Leon Gray "Bill" Tuck,

January 10, 1928 to March 22, 2018

—Adrian Robbins-Cole

## Report of the Vestryperson for Youth Formation

2018 WAS A YEAR FULL OF EXCITEMENT and energy in youth formation. St. Andrew's is blessed to have had the youth leadership guided by Rev. Catherine Healy. Susan Jackson also continued to support the church school. Finally, our passionate committee of D.D. Alexander, Karin Breedis, Megan Burns, Cari Dineen, Ingrid Houghton, Heather Schaefer, Elizabeth Svedlund, and Coryell Urban dedicated many hours of their time. We successfully held multiple well attended youth events, collaborated with youth rectories in our deanery, and continued to assess a variety of topics pertaining to youth ministry.

Our committee spent significant time reviewing the goals and objectives of the strategic plan while assessing our successes and shortcomings in monthly meetings. We continued to improve our online communication with parents, supplemented with occasional post cards highlighting significant events. We partnered with outreach and member-

ship multiple times, resulting in a tremendous parish-wide Lent project with the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café as well as continued success with our parent circle events. Our youth have participated more visibly in services this year, particularly at 5pm. In addition, we had a 10am youth service on October 21. We specifically reviewed and made recommendations regarding the Rite-13 curriculum, analyzed attendance at church school and sponsored events, collaborated with other committees, recruited new members, and provided a peaceful and respectful community.

A detailed report of the specific programming has been submitted by Rev. Catherine Healy.

St. Andrew's youth is an essential part of our parish. We depend upon the many volunteers every week to teach and mentor our St. Andrew's youth. Thank you to all who volunteer their time to this important ministry. We look forward to 2019!

—Jennifer Martin



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St. Andrew's, Christmas Eve 2018





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