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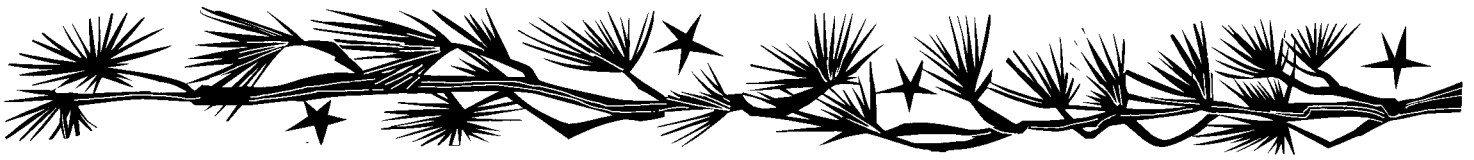
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**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding, "Christ is nigh,"
it seems to say; "Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day." Hymn 59, verse 1**



Singing adds richness and expression to our worship of God at all times of the year but we value it especially in this season of preparation for our celebration of Christmas. Here are some reflections on various aspects of our vibrant music ministry at St. Andrew's:

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Music Ministry continued from page 1

Wardie Mannix, Minister of Music

Advent is a season of waiting but, in the larger sense, a time of hope, a time when we want to believe in the possibility of hope. This is the essence of our Advent Lessons and Carols. It is a reflective hour when we can listen to the bible readings and the anthems and meditate on wherever our hearts lead us. In fact, all of our Advent and Christmas music, the familiar carols and hymns, draw us to a place among the stars in these dark December nights where the miracle of life is reawakened and the possibility of hope rekindled. Please, join us and come to our Third Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols sung by The Senior Choir on Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m., our Pageant with our wonderful Youth Choir on Sunday morning, December 19th and our Christmas Eve Celebrations at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m..

Robert Kluter, Bass, Member of the Senior Choir

We appreciate the many compliments from the congregation that Wardie Mannix and many of us have received about our contribution to the beauty of worship. Many say they have been profoundly moved spiritually. Please know that we sing to praise God and not for the feedback, as helpful as that is.

This is the best choir I have sung with in my lifetime. It is wonderful to return after several years of being a section leader elsewhere. What makes this such a satisfying experience? Well-trained students lead our soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections by providing the examples for how the music should be sung. They are excellent coaches and, with Wardie, have helped us continue to improve our vocal quality. We volunteers have developed a very cordial and loving relationship with them. Sure, there is time and effort involved, but we all love to sing! We listen to our section leaders and to each other. And, of course, we keep an eye on Wardie for tempo and dynamic help and for those inspirational “in the moment” interpretations of the anthems. When we sing a capella (without accompaniment), we never go flat. That’s a very bold claim, but it seems to be “natural” for us.

Enough of the “technicalities!” Please be present with us during the Advent and Christmas seasons. I would especially emphasize the Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday December 12th at 5:00 p.m. Invite your friends and families from the four corners of Wellesley and beyond for what we pray will be a most spiritually satisfying English-style service of readings and anthems.

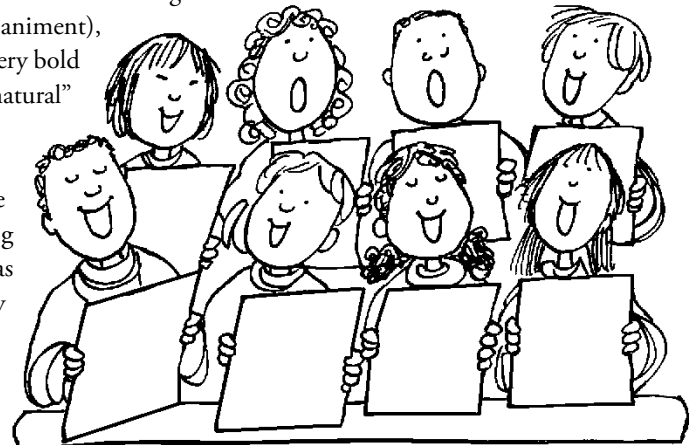
Thank you again for your welcome and your reception of our offerings.

Debbie Alexander, Grandparent of a Junior Choir Singer


Sunday is the best day of my week because that is the day I get to take my six year-old grandson, Jac, to choir practice. I like everything about it. Arriving at Jac’s house while the morning turmoil is at its height, the search for shoes and an appropriate jacket, my encouraging “Let’s Go! Let’s Go! Let’s Go!” all these activities anticipate the quiet of the car where we sing together and practice articulation exercises. “A big black beetle bit a big black

bug.” “Wee Willy Winkle had a weird looking wart.” When we get to church, Jac bounds out of the car, turns back for me and reaches out his hand—urging me to move faster. At first, Jac was very shy and Amanda graciously allowed me to stay for the entire rehearsal. I must admit to feeling very envious of Jac. I wish I had had an opportunity to participate in a choir with such a joyous director. She clearly loves children and is such a gifted teacher. Her mentoring program has helped Jac to become much more comfortable with the logistics of the service. He looks forward to being with his Choir Buddy who saves him a seat.

When Jac was three, I asked him during



Easter if he knew what the Resurrection was all about. He told me, “God came down from heaven to help people who die get back to heaven.” Stunned, I said, “How do you know? Did someone tell you that?” And he said, “No, God sang me a song when I was born.” So I found myself, on All Saint’s Day, kneeling at Jac’s feet, buttoning up his very tiny cassock as he got ready for the service. I was unprepared for how suddenly my throat constricted or how quickly tears welled in my eyes. Something touched me. As my fingers fumbled with Jac’s cassock, I could feel my father’s fingers buttoning my cassock, my grandfather’s fingers buttoning my dad’s cassock. God sang the universe into being and how wonderful for us all to join in the song. ✠

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Rector's Letter

A Little Child Shall Lead Them The Reverend Addison C. Hall

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
—Isaiah 11:6-9

In a time when we are rightly concerned to care for the whole of God's creation, this well-known prophecy of Isaiah seems especially meaningful. The prophet may have had a keen awareness of the non-human creation, as many ancient people did, but this vision of harmonious relations among the creatures was primarily a vivid way of imagining a world in which *humans* could live in peace with each other.

Isaiah's world, like ours, was one in which strong nations preyed on weaker ones, and in which force often prevailed over justice and compassion. For Isaiah, a vegetarian lion was an emblem of a powerful nation surrendering its need for aggression.

In this Advent season there will be many stirring readings from Isaiah, reminding us of the long tradition of yearning for harmony among people and in the whole creation.



Advent is a season of yearning: for the coming of Jesus, for the fulfillment of God's desire for peace and justice, for such simple things as family reconciliation, joyful holidays and a brief respite from the forward scramble. As a community of faith we gather with a special purpose as Advent leads us to Christmas.

We gather to celebrate, in prayers and in music, in fellowship and service, the vision of a more highly-evolved world, one in which those who are strong and capable willingly serve the vulnerable. Each of us as an individual knows both sides of that relationship. Each of us has times of vigorous strength, and each of us has times of anxious vulnerability. In the community of Jesus' disciples, we rejoice in

our freedom both to receive and to provide protection. In that openness to receiving as well as giving we share in the vulnerability of the child who leads us: Jesus, born into obscurity and risk, who embodies the full love and power of God among us.

All through the Advent and Christmas seasons, we give thanks for God's reconciling presence that renews the vision of harmonious relationships and inspires us, especially as a community, to follow Jesus' lead, to give our whole lives for the healing of the world. ✠

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Wardens' Letter

Anne Prensner and Stephen Clarke

Dear Fellow Parishioners,
The monthly Warden's letter to the CALL is typically team-written by your Wardens, but this Advent letter will be an exception. Anne has afforded me the opportunity to address you alone, for this will be my last Warden's letter. In January, I will have completed my second two-year term as Warden and seventh consecutive year on the Vestry. During this time we have grown in many ways as a parish and I am most grateful to have been involved. I'll share some personal thoughts in a moment, but first I'd like to reflect on the busy autumn at St. Andrew's and look forward to the joy of Christmas.

While it is fresh in our minds, I'd like to take a moment to thank the team that made our annual Harvest Silent Auction such a success. We all owe Becky Hamlin, Lynda Sperry and their amazing team a kind word of thanks for their energy and organizational skills in sponsoring the Fellowship aspects of this widely appreciated parish event. Thanks also go to Joanna Horobin and her team for organizing the aspects benefitting our outreach partners who rely on us for support, especially in these trying economic times. The Auction was a huge success and we thank all involved in organizing, attending and bidding! Lastly, congratulations and thanks to Larry Murphy for his particularly good role as live auctioneer – nice job!

The annual stewardship effort is off to a fine start thanks to the second year of our highly



successful St. Andrew's CONNECTS! program. Through this program parishioners set out to make visits to the homes of parishioners to foster fellowship and share ideas about parish life and programs and to collect pledge envelopes along the way. Our goal is to "connect" with each parish family at least once every two years to ensure that we have a way to share our feelings about parish life with each other. We are in the process of reading parishioner comments and plan to report on what we have learned at the annual meeting on January 30th, 2011.

Looking forward, the joy of the Advent season is upon us. One of my favorite annual youth activities at St. Andrew's is well underway: Operation Christmas Child. Our Sunday school children are in the process of preparing and decorating shoe boxes full of small presents for underprivileged children. I know from experience in our household the happiness that can be earned from giving to others who are less fortunate and I am delighted that St. Andrew's is continuing this giving tradition. I hope you will mark your calendars and join us for the Christmas season of reflection and celebration at St. Andrew's including Advent quiet day, Wreath making, Christmas Cookies and Carols, Advent Lessons and Carols and of

course, the Christmas Pageant. Importantly, we'd like to take a moment to recognize and give thanks to our clergy and staff for all that they do for us throughout the year.

On a personal note, I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to all who have made these years so enjoyable and full of personal growth for me. We have accomplished much together and I think, have made important differences here and far.

I am particularly grateful for four truly wonderful clergy in Addison, Edie, Chris and Karen, and two very special co-wardens with whom I served, Pam Henrikson and Anne Prensner. I am grateful for all the members of the Vestry (who are many!) and the Property Task Force, especially Jim Blackwell and Jim Deane who have rebuilt the (green!) infrastructure of St. Andrew's, as well as all of the faithful capital donors who made it possible. I am further grateful for all of my fellow parishioners who worship, serve and lead the many committees and teams, carrying out St. Andrew's ministries. Lastly and importantly, I am grateful to my family for their love and support in my role at St. Andrew's. I have truly enjoyed my Warden experience and I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve.

We hold many blessings and I ask that we hold others less fortunate close in our hearts this holiday season. Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

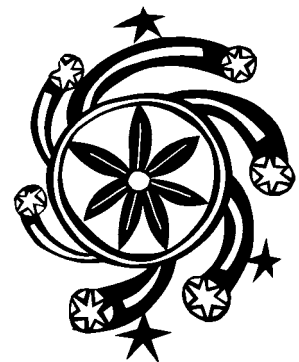
—Faithfully, Stephen Clarke

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Advent Music & Events

Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

On December 5th, St. Andrew's will hold its' Alternative Christmas Fair at coffee hour in the Parish Hall. There will be items priced at all levels. These will benefit programs that St. Andrew's Outreach actively sponsors; support for our 2011 Senior High Mission Trip Fund as well as fund specific projects initiated by young parishioners John Prensner and Rachel Criswell. Here are just a few of the wonderful gifts we have in store — check out the web site ahead of time — we think you will agree that the impact you can have will last longer than the average store bought gift. A streamlined purchasing process this year will make this truly 'one-stop shopping'. Gift cards from you will let your recipients know what a difference their gift will make.

Here are some of the gifts on offer.

- Part sponsor education for a child at El Hogar (www.elhogar.org) or
- Our Little Roses (www.ourlittleroses.org) in Honduras. Sponsor a girl's monthly expenses @ \$60; Purchase a new book for their school's library @ \$10; \$15 provides 250 oranges or bananas at El Hogar; \$30 provides 100 lbs of flour; \$50 provides 100 lbs of beans or rice.
- Purchase a \$10 "Mama Kit" to give to Liberian mothers to keep them healthy. Rachel Criswell, a graduated member of the St.A's Senior Youth Group is living in NYC now but still strongly connected to Liberia and Africare.
- Support the Senior High Mission Trip by purchasing specially packed Oil/Dipping Salt combos - \$25
- Fund project in rural, impoverished Hagley Gap, Jamaica (John Prensner's University of Michigan's 7-year-old non-profit organization (www.BlueMountainProject.org). \$25 covers clinic utilities for one month; \$100 staffs the After School Program for one month; \$500 buys piping for the Water Program.
- Purchase Christmas gift cards requested by families at MIHN at \$15 and \$25 to Sears, Target or Toys R Us or \$18 for Movie Tickets. \$25 to Give the Gift of a bag of food for a family through the Wellesley Food Pantry.
- Heifer International: surprise your grandchildren with a Flock of Hope \$60—chicks, ducklings/goslings www.heifer.org, or Tree Seedlings \$60, or a Gift of Honeybees \$30, all from Heifer.

— Ann Johnson • Aegjohnson@aol.com

**Mark Your
Calendars!**



Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Candle light reception to follow.

St. Andrew's Senior Choir will sing a selection of traditional anthems and carols by Poston, Gibbons, Howells and Tavener

—Wardie Mannix • Wardie@standrewswellesley.org

Christian Learning

Adult Programs

Exploring the Book of Isaiah December Christian Learning Series

During this year's season of Advent, each Sunday's Old Testament lesson comes from the Book of Isaiah. The writings of the prophet Isaiah make up one of the longest books of the Bible – telling a dramatic story about the people of Israel and Judah, the loss of their land, their time in exile, and their ultimate restoration. Both Jews and Christians have long looked to the Book of Isaiah as a text of prophecy and source of their hope for redemption, though their interpretations of Isaiah understandably differ. Come explore

this most beautiful Old Testament book of the Bible as we offer a three week series exploring this important text in the season of Advent:

- **December 5:** First Isaiah (1-39): Prophecies of Judgment
- **December 12:** Second Isaiah (40-55): Prophecies of Restoration
- **December 19:** Third Isaiah (56-66): Return to the Land

—Contact Rev. Chris Wendell

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Bible Circle

The Bible Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 14th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Harvey Room. The theme this year is St. Paul's Missionary Journeys. In December we will discuss 1 Corinthians. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Please call with any questions or if you need a ride.—Margarethe Kulke • 781-235-0977 • mnbkulke@verizon.net.

Men's Book Club

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Harvey room. We are reading *The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America's Childhood* by Jane Levy (480 pages), published by Harper. Snacks and beverages are served. New members are welcome. —Contact Michael Vanin • 617-835-0189 • mcvanin1@gmail.com.

Welcome

The following families/people came to worship with us over the past few months. Please warmly welcome them! Barabara Bouey (Natick); Courtney & Graham Stephens and their son Henry (Wellesley); Llynda McFarlane (Sudbury); Peter Brown and his children Alex & Teddy (Boston); Shelly & Jeff Ward and their children Owen, Katharine & Annie (Wellesley); and Jane Pilecki (Wellesley).



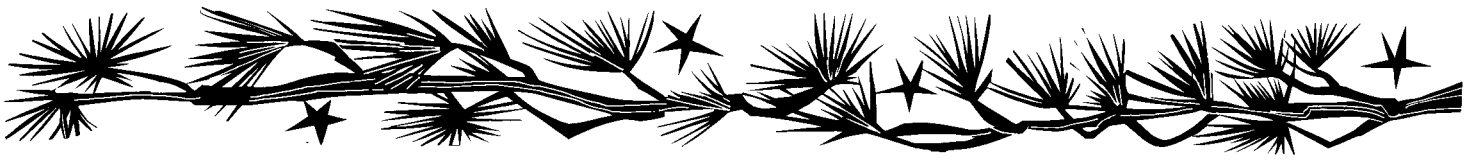
Advent Quiet Day



Looking for a space of spiritual refreshment during one of the busiest times of the year? Please join us for our annual Advent Quiet Day here at St. Andrew's Saturday, December 4th 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Quiet Days are a time to slow down, deepen our experience of prayer, and listen more closely for the Spirit at work

in our lives. Our day will be framed by two Advent meditations, surrounding several hours of reflective silence. During the morning, sacred space for prayer, journal writing, watercolor painting, spiritual reading in our library, or walking the labyrinth will be available. At noontime, we'll share an informal communion

in the Children's Chapel, followed by a simple meal to end the day. Clergy will be available for individual appointments to discuss your own spiritual journey during the morning. There is no cost, but please sign up in advance. —Contact Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org



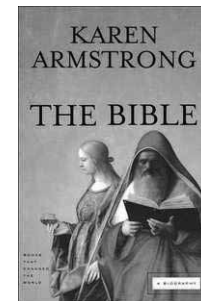
Christian Learning Calendar

November 28th	9:45 a.m. Church School for All (No Rite-13)
Advent 1	Advent Wreath Making at Coffee Hour
December 5th	9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
Advent 2	9:45 a.m. Church School for All and Rite-13 5:00 p.m. Youth Inquirers Group 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
December 12th	Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and Rite-13 Ceremony
Advent 3	9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series 9:45 a.m. Church School for All 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols
December 19th	All Parish Eucharist & Pageant at 10:00 a.m.
Advent 4	9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series 9:45 a.m. Church School for Toddler –Pre-K Only 5:00 p.m. Youth Inquirers Group 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
December 24th	Children’s Service at 3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve	Family Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. (Childcare available) Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:00 p.m.
December 26th	Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas 1	No Church School - Childcare Available for Children Under 5
January 2nd	Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. with Children’s Chapel for K-5 th
Christmas 2	No Church School - Childcare Available for Children Under 5 5:00 p.m. Epiphany Fireside Service & Youth Inquirer’s Group
January 9th	Holy Eucharist and Baptism at 10:00 a.m.
Epiphany 1	9:45 a.m. Church School for Toddler–Pre-K & R-13, Special Program for K-5 th
January 16th	Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. with Children’s Chapel for K-3 rd
Epiphany 2	No Church School-Childcare Available for Children Under 5
January 23rd	9:45 a.m. Church School for All & R-13
Epiphany 3	7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group (iGROW @ Village Church)
January 30st	9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
Epiphany 4	9:45 a.m. Church School for All & R-13 Annual Meeting Directly Following 10:00 a.m. Service (Childcare Available) 5:00 p.m. Youth Inquirers Group



Winter Potluck Book Night

“The Bible: A Biography” by Karen Armstrong



Back by popular demand, we’re offering another Parish-wide book night potluck on Wednesday, January 19th. This time we’ll be discussing Karen Armstrong’s *The Bible: A Biography*. This reasonably short book discusses

the conception, gestation, life, and afterlife of history’s most powerful book. Armstrong analyzes the social and political situation in which oral history turned into written scripture, how this all-pervasive scripture was collected into one work, and how it became accepted as Christianity’s sacred text, and how its interpretation changed over time. It invites interesting reflection on our own individual approaches to the Bible, how it shapes our faith and informs our daily lives. This book is easily available from Amazon.com for about \$10. All parishioners (and friends) are invited to read the book and join us for our potluck book night. An RSVP is requested. —Contact Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org.





What's New in the Library

The Beijing Circle

On the second of July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously to create a new entity to accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide. The establishment of the *UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women* — to be known as *UN Women* — is a result of years of negotiations between UN Member States and advocacy by the global women's movement. It is part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact.

At a recent workshop I attended, on women in the Episcopal Church, I learned about *The Beijing Circle*. According to their mission statement, "Beijing Circles are safe forums for women to meditate and learn more about the Millennium Development Goals, established by the United Nations in 2000, and the principles of the "Beijing Platform" promulgated by the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 in Beijing, China. The Circles provide an opportunity for women to co-create positive action and advocacy to further the well-being of women and their families throughout the globe."

In 2006, the General Convention declared the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be the top mission priority of the Episcopal Church. Here at St. Andrew's our clergy have conducted forums to help us understand the issues involved. Among the goals that pertain to women and children are; eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, universal primary education, gender equality and empowerment of women, reducing child mortality and improving maternal health.

The Beijing Circle, states in their mission statement, "provides a unique opportunity to individually and collectively raise awareness of the possibility of change for all women. An understanding of the global picture is essential, and is facilitated by education, meditation, sharing and developing a plan to address women's needs around the world. A significant outcome of this effort is to establish Circles of women globally. These groups will be populated by women who have the interest and determination to be engaged with critical women's issues."

For those who may be interested in learning more about this program, their web site, <http://www.beijingcircle.org>,

www.beijingcircle.org, offers useful information and resources. Also, in St. Andrew's Library, the following books will be of interest:

- ***Sacred Circles: A Guide To Creating Your Own Women's Spirituality Group*** by Robin Deen Carnes & Sally Craig; Celebrates the rich diversity of women's spiritual lives...
- ***The Millionth Circle*** by Jean Bolen; Jungian analyst Jean Bolen's belief is that by performing 'peace-loving circles of support, ... one day the millionth circle could alter the psyche of the human race.'
- ***The Dance of the Dissident Daughter: A Woman's Journey from Christian Tradition to the Sacred Feminine*** by Sue Monk Kidd: The author recounts her own journey wherein she encounters some of the most powerful feminist religious voices of her times...
- ***Banker to the Poor: The Autobiography of Muhammad Yunus, Founder of Grameen Bank***. Tells the inspiring story of how a single idea of one man could become a global force against poverty.

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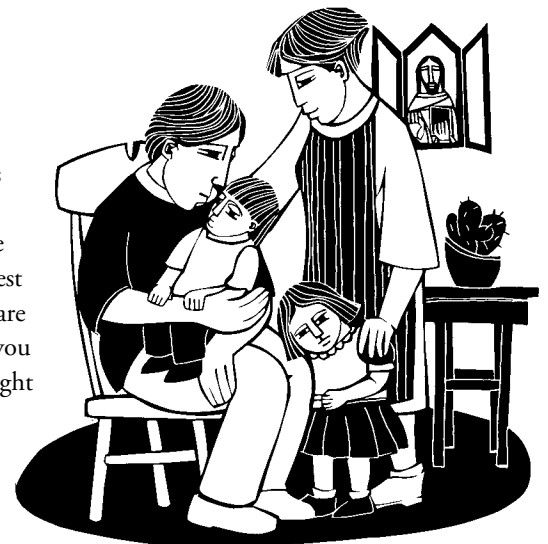
Church School

Children & Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, St. Andrew's offers a special Children's Service at 3:00 p.m. This thirty-minute service is particularly appropriate for young children (pre-K through early elementary school), includes a children's homily, several easy Christmas Carols, and placing animals in the Crèche. It is followed by a brief birthday party for Jesus in the parish hall. Our 5:00 p.m. service includes Holy Communion, a regular sermon, and musical selections by our youth choir. Professional childcare is available for

younger children in the Toddler Rooms during this service. Our 10:30 p.m. service is preceded by a thirty-minute musical prelude, includes adult choir, guest musicians, and a full sermon. No childcare is available at the 10:30 p.m. service. If you have questions about which service might work best for your family, please ask a member of the Clergy. —Contact Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310

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Church School Schedule in January

Please note that, after Christmas, regular Church School classes do not resume until January 23rd. However, there are still children's programs available! On January 2nd and January 16th elementary-aged kids will be invited to a children's chapel program during the first half of the service, and childcare for younger kids will be available in the Toddler Rooms. On Sunday,

January 9th, Amanda Hammond and Chris Wendell will be offering a special (musical!) program in the Parish Hall for elementary school children – and Toddlers/Pre-K will go to their normal classrooms. Please watch your emails in January for more information! —Contact Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org.

Vacation Bible School 2011

We are so excited! Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2011. Monday, June 27th through Friday, July 1st: 9:00 a.m. – noon daily. Stay tuned for the theme reveal. —Ruth Keyes • rhkeyes@hotmail.com



Youth Programs

High School Ski Trip to Stowe, VT **RSVP NOW!**

**Saturday, January 15th
& Sunday, January 16th**



Cost: \$220, includes dinner, breakfast, lodging, lift ticket, carpools! Adult Chaperones also needed. Last call to sign up by December 7th! —RSVP to Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org

Upcoming Youth Group Dinners & Events

All High School students are invited to our upcoming Youth Group Dinners on Sunday night December 5th and December 19th. Join us for a home-cooked meal, conversation, and a good ol' time!! Dinner menu suggestions are welcome! —Please RSVP to Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org



Interfaith Gathering 'Round Our Wellness

Save the date for our next town iGROW event: Sunday, January 23rd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. @ Village Church. We'll be meeting with other houses of worship in Wellesley at the Village Church. Topic is still in development, so watch your email for more details! —Please RSVP to Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org

Barton Road Christmas Party

Youth helpers needed! Every year St. Andrew's throws a Christmas party for the children of Barton Road, a public housing community in Wellesley. We need your help to play with the elementary school kids – assisting in building lego robots, playing

music, helping with cookie decorating, and just hanging out for a couple hours. This year's party is Thursday, December 9th, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. You may even see Santa! —Please RSVP to Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org

Outreach

December's Mission of the Month is the "Gift of Giving"

St Andrew's has many ways to help your family experience the "Gift of Giving" this year. Thank you to all the Church School families who already brought shoeboxes full of gifts for Operation Child. Here are more giving opportunities that cannot be found at the Mall and can truly make a difference in peoples' lives around the globe, as well as closer to home. We have many ways for everyone, young and old, to engage - giving their time and talent as well as their dollars.

- November 21st - December 5th - **The Mitten Tree** Everyone loves to decorate a Christmas Tree! Adorn ours with warm mittens and hats for babies and children and keep little fingers cozy this winter—Arline Wahn will collect and distribute.
- December 5th - **Alternative Christmas Gift Fair** at coffee hour in the Parish Hall On December 5th, St. Andrew's will hold its' Alternative Christmas Fair at coffee hour in the Parish Hall. There will be items priced at all levels. These will benefit programs that St. Andrew's Outreach actively sponsors; support for our 2011 Senior High Mission Trip Fund as well as fund specific projects initiated by young parishioners John Prensner and Rachel



Criswell. Please see page## for a sample of the gifts on offer — check out the web site ahead of time for a more complete list. Thanks to Ann Johnson for her leadership of this project. —Ann Johnson • Aegjohnson@aol.com

- Thursday December 9th – **Barton Road Christmas Party** The annual Christmas Party for the children of the public housing community in Barton Road, Wellesley will be needing volunteers. — Contact Ingrid Carls or Carol Jankowski • jcjankowski@verizon.net
- **Christmas Boxes for St Stephen's Seniors – COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!**

Did you know that every year Jill and Jack Whiting assemble much anticipated Christmas Gift Boxes for distribution to 50 seniors at our sister parish St Stephen's, Boston? Yes, FIFTY! They need fresh baked cookies to include. They also welcome new ideas for low-cost small items to include – and where to source them. —Jill & Jack Whiting • jswmfw@hotmail.com

- Continuing to provide the Gift of Giving throughout December
 - **The SoxBox** – new, large white athletic socks for homeless women
 - **Coats for Kids** – donate new or gently worn warm coats for all ages
- December 21st – **Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen** —Tim Phillips • timphillips59@yahoo.com

The Outreach Committee wishes you all much joy as you receive as well as give the gift of giving this Christmas – thank you for the difference you make in many lives locally and around the world through your participation in our programs.

—Joanna Horobin • jhorobin@Syndax.Com

Wellesley Montessori School

St. Andrew's has been the home of the Wellesley Montessori School for 36 years. Although the school is not officially linked with our church, there have been many parishioners who have sent their children to the program.

Wellesley Montessori has both a morning and afternoon 5-day a week schedule and accepts children from ages 2.9 to 6 years. This is a 3-year curriculum with an after school child care program and extra enrichment opportunities in languages and yoga for students.

WMS is accepting applications for next fall. An opportunity to visit the school while in session can be arranged at any day of your convenience.

If you would like more information about the school, please feel free to call one of the following parishioners who had children attend Montessori: Laura Brown MacKinnon at 781-239-8938; Sarah Barbato at 781-431-1991; or Suzanne Nystrom at 508-785-9083. —Anne Prensner • amprensner@gmail.com





Christ Church Bay Saint Louis



Advent is here and once again we have the opportunity to anticipate the arrival of our Lord with the message of Salvation. Today, many in our complex world view this as a time of tension and distraction rather than one of preparation and longing.

I cannot help but think of our brothers and sisters in Bay St. Louis who, for five long years, eagerly awaited the completion of their new church. Those years were not without stress and distraction; but, in their waiting they were intensely focused on their goal and prepared appropriately. Their focus, unwavering faith and relentless work culminated in a profoundly moving celebration of Consecration and Dedication, May 30, 2010. The Right Reverend Duncan M. Gray, III officiated. Not a dry eye remained. It is an occasion that I shall hold forever in my heart.

In a recent communication from a parishioner at Christ Church, Bay St. Louis, I was reminded that we at St. Andrew's, along

with the other partner churches, also kept the faith and focus, remaining steadfast in our commitment over the five years. We stood with them on their journey.

It is with open hearts that we accept their grateful acknowledgement of our generosity. We, today, can celebrate the fruits of our labor—the completed Christ Church. St. Andrew's has more than fulfilled the initial commitment made in the Autumn of 2005, following Hurricane Katrina. We have stood steadfast, offering support, financial and spiritual until their church was built. We shall continue to build and nourish our relationship with Christ Church through prayer and correspondence.

May we go forth in this wonderful season preparing for all that awaits us as individuals and as a community.

Faithfully, for Outreach,
Donna Kell • rkell@massmed.org



Parish News and Events

2010 Diocesan Convention Report

The 225th annual convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts was held on Saturday, November 6th in at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn. Our clergy as well as Carol Shedd and Steve Taylor attended to represent St. Andrew's. This was a one-day convention, as opposed to longer versions in the past, aimed at saving money for the diocese. The new format worked well.

The diocesan budget for 2011 was approved, at a total of \$6.3M, 2% less than last year. Diocesan assessments were calculated using the recently devised formula which allows churches to know in advance (3 years) what their assessment will be, based on budgets and membership.

Very little legal business was necessary. An amendment to the Canons, having to do with Ecclesiastical Discipline Procedures (mandated by National Convention), was discussed and passed. A new committee, related to the process, was established and elected. Both Clergy and Lay Deputies to the National Convention were elected and Addison was elected to be the Clergy Member of the Cathedral Chapter. The Convention also passed a resolution encouraging the

congregations of our diocese to explore green initiatives and adopt policies to make our properties more energy-efficient.

Various committees presented their work for the past year. This included some very touching remarks by the Relational Evangelists, part of the "Living Together" program that offers internships in social justice and evangelism to young people around the diocese; and a rousing report by campers from the Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center.

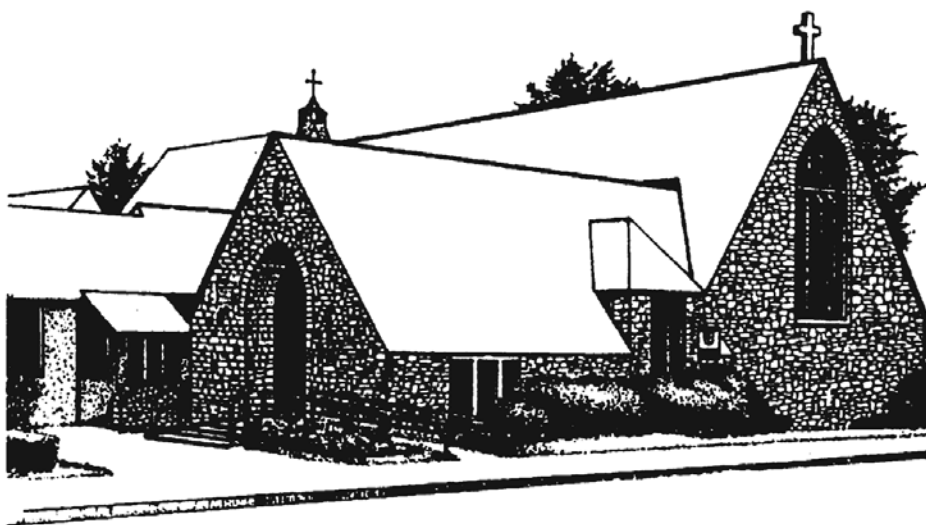
The diocese has rolled out a new website and communications strategy, to include a presence on Facebook and Twitter. The new site tries to support the needs of "insiders" who are looking for resources for members of the diocese and just as important, to be a resource for "seekers," making our churches and programs easy to find. Check it out at www.diomass.org or search for "diomass" on Facebook.

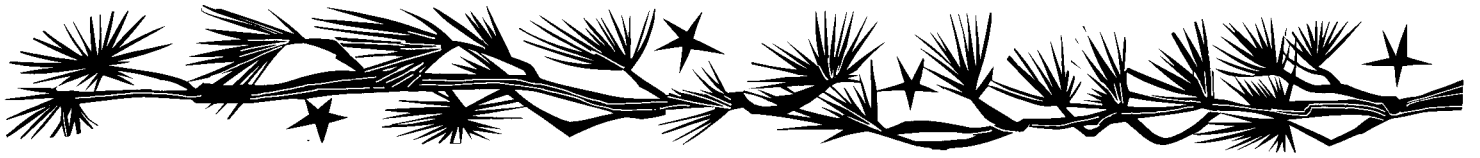
We are happy to hear your questions or offer more information on any of the proceedings. —Carol Shedd • cjshedd@verizon.net or Steve Taylor • stevet21@verizon.net

Gifts & Securities

A number of members of St. Andrew's have chosen to fulfill their pledge to the parish with gifts of securities. We thank you! Gifts of appreciated securities such as shares of stock, mutual fund units, bonds or other securities offer significant tax advantages and are easy to make. Generally, contributions of appreciated securities held for more than one year are deductible at fair market value for up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income and do not trigger any capital gains taxes on the appreciation.

If you intend to make a gift of securities prior to the end of the year, please allow 3 weeks processing time. Please see the website for more information: <http://standrewswellesley.org/securitiesgift.htm>. Your contact for making a gift of stock or securities: Ruth Hubert, Financial Secretary. • ruth@standrewswellesley.org





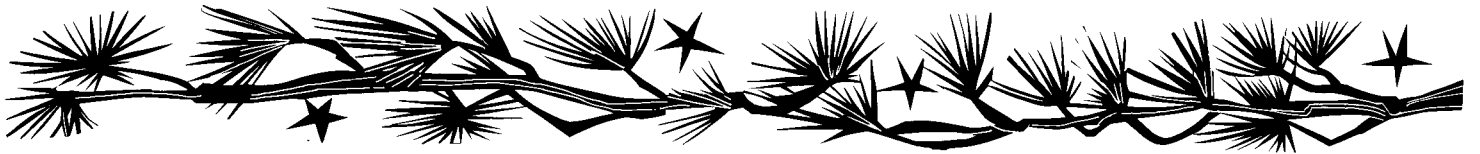
**Saint Andrew's
Annual Meeting
save the date:
January 30th, 2011**

The annual reports
deadline will be January 5th,
2011.

—Contact Parish Admin-
istrator, Katharine Clark
• kate@standrewswellesley.org

Christmas Poinsettias

Gifts to provide Christmas Poinsettias to
decorate the Church for Christmas can be
made by submitting names to the Parish Office
for the memorial list by December 10th along
with a check made payable to St. Andrew's
Church and in the memo line, please specify
Christmas flowers. Please submit your names
even if you think Janet knows, because Kate
might not! Email is great. Thanks. —Contact:
Kate Clark • kate@standrewswellesley.org or
Janet Ellis • 781-237-0665



CONNECTS!

It's amazing we have completed a second
year of the CONNECTS! program! Our volunteer
visitors reached out to many of our congregation
again this year. There are many stories to be
told about the great experiences which were
had by all the CONNECTS! participants. You
will be hearing about some of these in the
near future.

This being the second year, we have been
taking a look at ways to improve the CONNECTS!
program. We are working on how to make
the visits more meaningful and figuring out
how to reach more people. Over the next
year we hope to make some minor changes
based on these improvements which we will
share with you. Also, we will welcome any
ideas or suggestions.

—Jessica Del Prete • 781-424-8705
• jdelprete@comcast.net and Tony Rea
• 774-279-2113 • tonyrea@verizon.net



St. Andrew's December Calendar

The Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:40 a.m. All are welcome! Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service at 11:15 a.m. Please see the Christian Learning Calendar on page 5.

Wednesday, December 1

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Song Birds

Thursday, December 2

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday, December 3

6:30 p.m. Cookies & Carols

Saturday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Advent Quiet Day
4:00 p.m. A Cappella Singers Concert

Sunday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
11:30 a.m. Wellesley College Students
Brunch
11:30 a.m. Youth Music

Tuesday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Church School Committee
6:30 p.m. MIHN Training
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee

Wednesday, December 8

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Song Birds

Thursday, December 9

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
11:30 a.m. Youth Music
5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols
5:00 p.m. Youth Inquirer's Group

Monday, December 13

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, December 14

10:30 a.m. Bible Circle
7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, December 15

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Song Birds

Thursday, December 16

8:15 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place
9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant
11:30 a.m. Youth Music
5:00 p.m. Youth Inquirer's Group
6:00 p.m. SHYG

Monday, December 20

7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, December 23

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women's AA
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Children's Creche Service
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
10:00 p.m. Musical Prelude
10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 26

10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols
11:30 a.m. Youth Music

Monday, December 27

Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, December

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Song Birds

Thursday, December 30

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday, December 31

Parish Offices Closed



St. Andrew's January 2011 Calendar

The Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:40 a.m. All are welcome! Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service at 11:15 a.m. Please see the Christian Learning Calendar on page 5.

Sunday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Epiphany Fireside Service
Dinner and Youth Inquires Group

Monday, January 3

7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Tuesday, January 4

10:00 a.m. Church School Committee

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 6

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
10:00 a.m. North Hill Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
11:30 a.m. Youth Music

Tuesday, January 11

10:30 a.m. Bible Circle

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. Men's Book Club

Thursday, January 13

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Senior Choir
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Children's Chapel

Monday, January 17

7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Parish Potluck Book Night

Thursday, January 20

8:15 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place
9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
11:30 a.m. Youth Music
7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
iGROW at the Village Church

Monday, January 24

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, January 25

7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 27

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
11:00 a.m. Parish Annual Meeting
11:30 a.m. Youth Music
5:00 p.m. Youth Inquirers Group

Tuesday, February 1

10:00 a.m. Church School Committee

Wednesday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry
10:00 a.m. North Hill Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Saturday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr Choirs
11:30 a.m. Wellesley College Students
Brunch
11:30 a.m. Youth Music

Calendar Rotation for Committees

There are a few committees that have a rotation schedule that friends should note. These committees meet at 7:30 pm in Room 2 unless otherwise noted. (If your committee has a rotation and I did not include it this time, please let me know: kate@standrewswellesley.org)

On the 1st Monday of the month, Personnel Committee meets. On the 1st Tuesday of the month, Church School Committee meets in the Rite-13 room. On the 3rd Monday of the month, Outreach Committee meets. On the 4th Monday of the month, the Finance Committee meets. On the 4th Tuesday of the month, the Vestry meets. Please note: in a month when a holiday falls on a Monday and causes a conflict for a committee meeting, the committee will meet on the "open" Monday (the 2nd) of the month. The committees that meet 4 times a year are: Stewardship, Worship, Fellowship, and Membership. Please check the calendar.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Epiphany Fireside Service & Supper

Please join us for our annual Epiphany Fireside Service on Sunday, January 2nd at 5:00 p.m. This informal communion service with candles and a roaring fire in the Parish Hall is an intimate and peaceful way to mark the closing of the Christmas season. A simple meal of soup/sandwiches follows; please bring a salad or dessert to share. —Contact Edie Dolnikowski • 781-235-7310 • edie@standrewswellesley.org.



Worship



Interested in Baptism?

St. Andrew's offers the Sacrament of Baptism at our Sunday services (8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., or 5:00 p.m.) at various times throughout the year. *Our next 10:00 a.m. Baptisms will be on Sunday, January 9th.* Families are asked to meet with the Clergy for a pre-Baptismal instructional session several weeks before the Baptism. If you are interested in finding out more about the Rite of Baptism or scheduling one for your family ... Please contact Rev. Chris Wendell • 781-235-7310 • chris@standrewswellesley.org