



St. Andrew's by-the-Sea

Dear Friends,

With Karin Larsen's departure at the end of January, we have been looking for musicians to fill her able shoes. We will miss Karin's warmth, dedication, and skill at the organ bench and beyond.

We are blessed during the month of February to have Lynn Mailloux as our guest organist. Many of you know Lynn and have heard her consummate play on our Allen electronic instrument. She had a career as a demonstration soloist for an international builder of organs, touring the world to display the qualities of their instruments.

Beginning in March, Gayane Darakyan will begin as St. Andrew's interim church musician. Gayane, pronounced Guy-nay, is a professional pianist. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano performance and has accompanied orchestras, chamber musicians, instrumentalists, vocalists, and opera. She recently played piano for Sunday morning services at Emmanuel Church, Newport. She has been an educator and accompanist for the music programs at both Brown University and the University of Rhode Island. Her first Sunday with St. Andrew's will be March 6, the first Sunday of Lent.



*The Rev. Norman MacLeod
Interim Priest-in-Charge*

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Wardens Corner

The Christmas season may now seem in the distant past, but it was a joyous celebration. The two Christmas eve services were a splendor of lights, music and carols. A small, hardy group worshipped at the Christmas Day service without accompaniment by Karin, but with robust *a cappella* caroling nevertheless. Of course, the enduring vision of the services was the exceptional greening of the church, the flowers and the Advent wreath beyond compare. It's impossible to resist singling out the Flower Committee members - Bettyann Crowell, Rhea Brooks, Lynne Curtis, Michele Laferte, Bonnie Trowbridge and Barbara Watterson. Thank you to all.

The new year has begun with a flurry of activity. The transition committees are well underway in making preparations for the new Rector search, especially the Profile Committee. The Committee has obtained comments from the Vestry and Diocese on a draft of the church profile, and it plans to seek Vestry approval of the profile at the Vestry's meeting on February 17. Meanwhile, after extensive examination and discussion, the Vestry has decided that a full-time, rather than part-time, Rector would provide the best opportunity for a vibrant and growing parish, and it has approved a budget for 2022 that includes expenditures for a full-time Rector. Importantly, the Vestry is extending itself somewhat and showing its faith, because our stewardship efforts thus far are short of our goal.

Sadly, we are approaching our last Sunday with Karin Larsen. Karin has been our faithful organist, pianist and choir director for almost nine years. It's hard to imagine services without her. This Sunday, January 30, will be the last opportunity to bid her farewell.

Finally, please plan to stay after the service on February 6 for the parish Annual Meeting. While the Meeting has previously been in the summer, for efficiency the Vestry has decided to move it to February and combine it with the Annual Finance Meeting. As with the preceding service, the meeting may be attended by Zoom.

Peace,

Spinner Findlay
Senior Warden



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Treasurer's Report

The January Treasurer's Report to the Vestry (which reports parish financials through December) was provided on January 20th. From a financial perspective, this is a very important meeting for the Vestry, with two major topics being addressed. The first is: How did we do last year? I was happy to report that we closed 2021 with a surplus of \$23,000. There are several factors that led to this surplus.

First, and most important, was your generosity! Nearly all pledge commitments were fulfilled, many exceeding the amount pledged a year ago. Overall, pledge income was a bit over \$16,000 above the budget. The second important factor was the receipt of the Payroll Protection Program loan of \$26,012 (now fully forgiven). This offset the loss of income due to COVID-related circumstances. Our building- use income was very small, as AA is holding their meetings elsewhere, and our fundraising income was zero, since we didn't hold fundraising events. Expenses were about \$16,000 below budget, mostly because Norman works 19 hours vs. Lynn's three-quarters time, and Norman is retired, so we do not pay pension expenses. The Vestry authorized me to transfer the surplus to our Reserve investment account. 2021 was a very good year for our investments. We had about a 15% return on the invested assets, and we also made healthy contributions to both the Reserve and 1914 Society accounts.

The second major Vestry topic was: What is the budget for 2022? I presented a balanced budget at the amount of \$247,560. Although "balanced" sounds good, there are some things to note and some risks. First, the pledge budget is \$220,000, and we are currently about 9% short of that. Our Stewardship group is working hard to resolve this, and I have a feeling that they will. I have observed over so many years the depth of support and generosity that is abundant in this congregation. The income side also depends on some fundraising activity this year. Hopefully, the COVID situation will improve as we get into summer and fall. The expense side doesn't have much latitude, as the vast majority of our expenses are fixed. Our Outreach program, so successful in 2021, is again funded at \$16,000. You will see more details on all of this at the Annual Meeting on February 6th.

You can find the full Treasurer's Report in our document archive that is accessible through our website (www.standrewslc.org). Just click the Documents button at the bottom of the home page and enter the password *sakonnet* when prompted.

I want to express my thanks to all of you for your generous support. For the past 108 years, St. Andrew's has always come together to meet the challenge, and you are upholding the tradition!

Faithfully,



The mission of the Outreach Committee of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea is to represent the reconciling love of Christ Jesus as good servants to those in need within the parish, within our local communities, and in the world beyond.

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

Mohammad Ali

The Feeding Friends Ministry – Our freezer is still filled with wonderful home-cooked meals for folks to help themselves, to take home or bring to a friend who could use some meals. We will be cleaning out the freezer soon, so **please help yourself** and bring some delicious meals to your friends.

Our Welcome Neighbor Program - continues to welcome new homeowners to Little Compton, with a gift bag filled with town information and maps, a comprehensive list of businesses and services in the area, and lots of goodies and gift certificates from local businesses.

Love Our Neighbor - is a new ministry for the Outreach committee here at St. Andrew's, and we are very pleased to be partnering with the Congregational Church and their Outreach committee. LON is a grant program to aid residents in Little Compton, Westport, and Tiverton with expenses that are not covered or available through any other organization. The program has a comprehensive application and screening process, and very strict guidelines. **We are looking for folks who may be interested in serving as Neighbor Advocates or serving on the Review Committee. We will provide all training for all.**

A Blood Drive was held in December for the first time in our parish hall. With COVID, many drives have been cancelled and many donors who regularly donate have held off during the pandemic. Rhode Island Blood Services were very pleased with our drive and the turnout we had and were able to add several pints of blood to their supplies, and are looking forward to working with us again.

Dorcas International - We have begun work with Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island. This agency is responsible for the resettlement of 150 Afghan families in our state. More will come as we learn how St. Andrew's can help the process of welcoming these folks to our communities. Feel free to check out their website at <https://diiri.org> for more information.

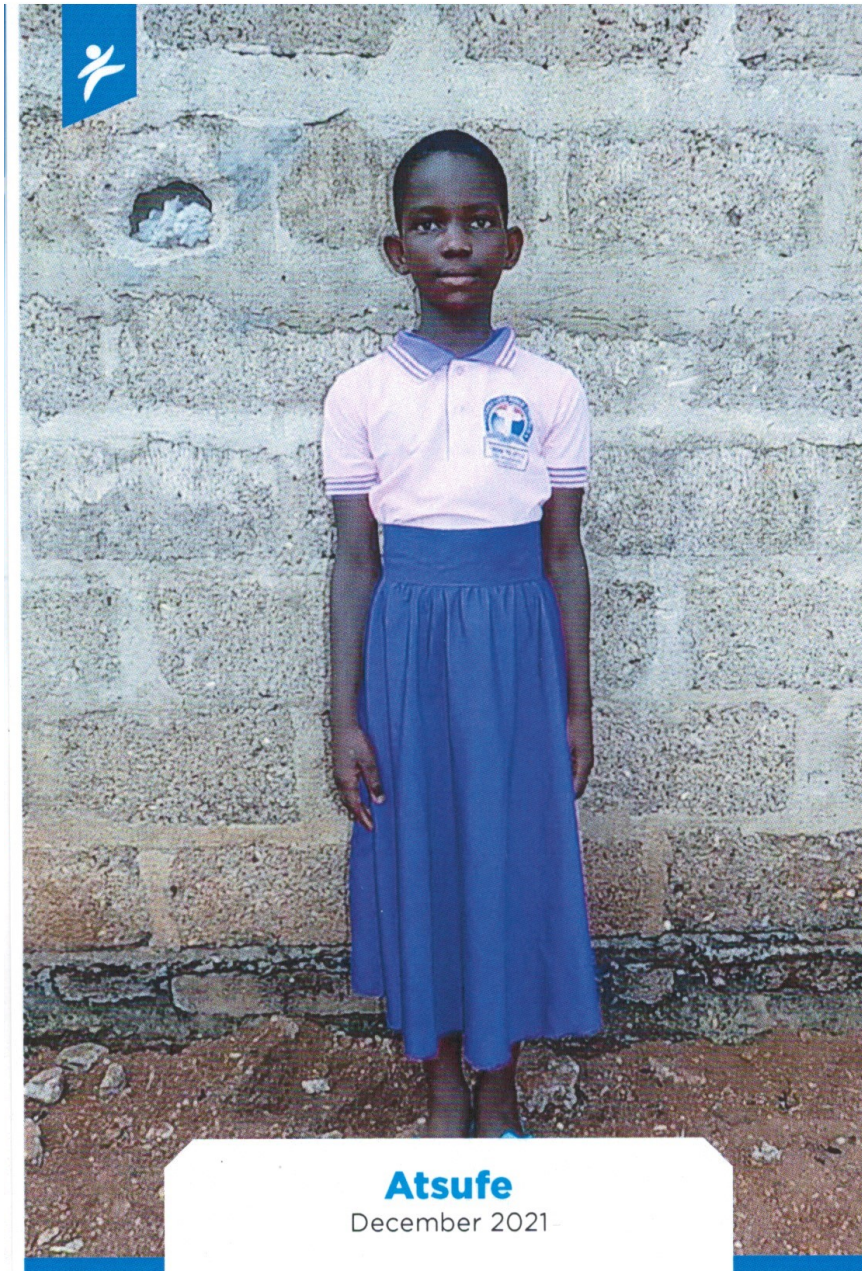
As always, we are looking for new members and ideas, so please join us the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am for a meeting. We'd love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Bristol



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Afi, the child whom we sponsor in Togo, just sent us this photo. Afi was ten on December 2.

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Transition Update

Preparations for the new Rector search are now in full swing. The Profile Committee met several times in December and January to prepare initial drafts of the parish Profile with the benefit of information generated at the two parish meetings facilitated by the Diocese's Canon to the Ordinary. This month, the Committee submitted a refined draft of the Profile to both the Vestry and Canon to the Ordinary, and based on their comments it is now completing a proposed version for the Vestry. The Vestry will then review the proposed Profile for approval at its monthly meeting on February 17.

The Profile will guide the Search Committee and be made available to candidates for Rector to inform them about St. Andrew's. In anticipation that the Profile will be approved soon, the Search Committee is holding its first meeting on January 27.

At its meeting on January 20, the Vestry supported the hiring of a full-time Rector and approved a budget for 2022 that includes the necessary funding.



ST. ANDREW'S COMMITTEES

Committee

1914 Society Committee

Altar Guild

Building & Grounds

Chalice Bearers

Communications Committee

Finance Committee

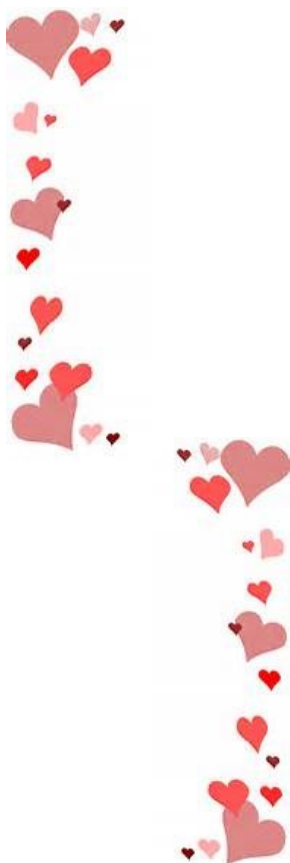
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Outreach Committee

Parish Life Committee

Stewardship

Ushers



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Scott Burns
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Elaine Bristol
Charles Hall
Judy Swan

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Rhea Brooks
Beth Maxted

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**at
The Barn**

Tuesday, Feb. 1st at 8:00 a.m.

Is the date for the next breakfast. Come for coffee, good food and conversation with your fellow parishioners. All men are welcome, no agenda just good conversation.



Ladies' Luncheon

Cancelled until further notice.

For further information please contact:
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Birthdays in February

Craig Curtis	6th	Richard Keigher	12th
Edward Schmults	6th	Judy Melanson	15th
Janet Field	7th	Jason Burchard	21st
Lora MacFall	7th	Linda Findlay	23rd
Barbara Watterson	9th	Sally Havens	26th



Anniversaries in February

Craig and Lynne Curtis 4th

Happy
Valentine



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FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am: Worship Service and Annual Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00 am: Worship Service	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 10:00 am: Outreach Mtg 11:00 am: Vestry Meeting	18	19
20 10:00 am: Worship Service	21 Office Closed HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 am: Worship Service	28					

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Serving in



ALTAR GUILD

Feb. 6: Lynne Ryan and Lynne Curtis
Feb. 13: Rhea Brooks and Kit Barnum
Feb. 20: Lynne Ryan and Lynne Curtis
Feb. 27: Rhea Brooks and Kit Barnum

LECTORS

Feb. 6: Lora McFall
Feb. 13: Judy Swan
Feb. 20: Doug MacFall
Feb. 27: Pooka Truslow

CHALICE BEARERS

Feb. 6: Charles Findlay and Bea Gormley
Feb. 13: Charles Hall and Lora MacFall
Feb. 20: Bea Gormley and Charles Hall
Feb. 27: Lora MacFall and Charles Findlay

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Feb. 6: Michael McGill
Feb. 13: John McJennett
Feb. 20: Charles Findlay
Feb. 27: George Maxted

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Feb. 6: Michele LaFerte
Feb. 13: Bettyann Crowell
Feb. 20: Barbara Watterson
Feb. 27: Rhea Brooks

USHERS

Feb. 6: Henry Swan and John McJennett
Feb. 13: Jane Moffett and Michele LaFerte
Feb. 20: Elaine Bristol and Charles Findlay
Feb. 27: Craig Curtis and Fred Buhrendorf

VESTRY

Feb. 6: Kit Barnum
Feb. 13: Elaine Bristol
Feb. 20: Michael McGill
Feb. 27: Charles Findlay



Deadline for March 2022 Network:

Monday, February 14th



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Junior Warden... ..Michael McGill
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Administrator..... Alicia Rodriguez

ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA

St. Andrew's strives to be a vibrant
caring community sharing the love
of God as disciples of Christ
through joyful worship and service
to the world.

Welcome!

SERVICES

Sunday Worship:
10:00 A.M. and Zoom

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are Monday through
Thursday from 8 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m.

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