



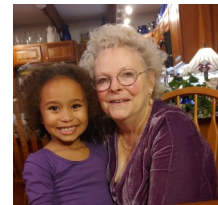
St. Andrew's *by-the-Sea*

As Advent commences, we are called to ponder whether we are spiritually well positioned to respond to John's proclamation, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" At the start of this liturgical New Year, what is the fresh start or the new beginning that we need to make in order to connect more deeply with our Lord Jesus? Are we feeling wounded, alone, anxious, or fearful? Is there a spiritual habit or practice that we could adopt that would strengthen our faith and our hope? Are we looking for God in the small, seemingly insignificant or random, unexpected, and often vulnerable places and people we encounter? Do we have a personal relationship that needs our focused attention, renewed effort, and reconciling initiative? Do we really believe that God loves us just as we are this very day; not as we want to be, or try to be, or hope to be someday down the road?

I invite us to consider two questions in this holy season of hope and expectation. Since we are made by God in God's image, where do we see that sacred image and holy intention in our own lives? And since we know that God strengthens us to do all things, where have we witnessed and felt that transforming love and uplifting energy in our lives over the course of this particular year? As we ponder and pray together, let's remember that as disciples we are called to bring the light of God into the world. Lord knows the world desperately needs light right now! So Lord, please help us to shine! And help us remember and understand that God's love shining in the darkness is a powerful sign for us of what God's gracious and merciful love looks like.

As we seek to prepare "the way of Lord" in this holy season of Advent, I want to emphasize that waiting for the Lord to be born again into our hearts and homes is NOT a passive activity. And it isn't about the hustle and bustle of the secular society in which we live and work. As we prepare to once again welcome the infant Lord Jesus, the holy invitation is for us to engage only in those Christmas occasions and activities that bring us authentic joy. This time of patient waiting and spiritual preparation urges us to pray, to read the Word, to sing, to put

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*The Rev. Virginia Army
Priest-in-Charge*

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our faith into action, to light candles against the darkness, to listen with laser focus and great intention for God's voice, and to attend with great care to the voices of our neighbors and family and friends.

Whatever you do to prepare to welcome the infant Savior into your home and heart again this year, remember and live out of the truth that you are loved deeply, unrelentingly, and unconditionally by God. Even when we feel distant from God or from each other, even whilst we live in perilous times, God's Word is true and enduring, and God is always WITH us! As the Psalmist tells us:

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

I remain faithfully yours in Christ.
Virginia

Loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;
pour out your blessing upon our nation;
where there is illness,
bring your healing touch;
where there is fear,
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;
where there is uncertainty,
build us up in faith;
where there is dishonesty,
lead us into truth;
where there is discord,
may we know the harmony of your love;
this we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen. #thykingdomcome



By: Michele Laferte

Wardens Corner

Michael McGill, our Junior Warden, gave me this note right after we had published the last Network. So, it is several weeks late, a fact for which I apologize.

Dear Friends,

Apparently, they'll publish anyone in the Network. However, if I'm allowed to express my gratitude to Elaine Bristol (Elaine drove us up to Boston the night before my surgery and stayed with Alicia that entire day, before taking her back home after checking on me post- surgery!), and every member of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, I will humbly do so.

I've done exceptionally well thanks to the Lord, your prayers, and the best run ICU I've ever seen. I was discharged home directly from ICU, which is unusual and perhaps due to the fact that Rev. Virginia was a constant physical and spiritual presence redirecting my fears and frustrations, leaving me open to the presence of the Holy Spirit. All this in addition to providing rides to Alicia.

If you know care, devotion, love and commitment then you know Alicia. She has been right next to me on this very long journey.

Thank you all for seeing me through this crisis of health. I am well on my way to recovery now, gaining strength every day. I am blessed.

Michael

Happy
Holidays!





Treasurer's Report

The October/November Treasurer's Report to the Vestry (that reported on the September and October financials) was provided on Nov. 16th.

On the income side, receipts during October & November were above budget (\$33,546 vs. \$32,128). More good news is that year-to-date we are \$22,147

above the income budget. Expenses for the 2 months were below budget (\$31,526 vs. \$37,851), and year-to-date we are also below budget. Our investments were down about 6.5% during September and October, reflecting the volatility of the market. Overall, since January, our 1914 Society Endowment and Reserve investments are up about 3%.

The 2023 stewardship mission had a pledge commitment of \$217,500 with 52 pledges. Through mid-November, we have received \$197,850. Given our usual pledge cycle, we should be able to meet our goal at year-end.

November and December are busy financial planning times for your Treasurer, the Finance Committee and the Vestry. I have started the preparation of the 2024 budget, and the Finance Committee will review it in early December. The Vestry will review the budget in draft form later in December and will vote to approve it in January.

You can find the October/November Treasurer's Report in our document archive, 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 109 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

Feeding Friends Freezer Ministry – Our freezer Ministry is up and running, with lots of delicious dinners to choose from. Please help yourself and take these frozen homemade dinners to friends and family whenever there is a need for an easy home-cooked meal. Do you know someone who is recovering from an illness or accident? Someone who could use the comfort of a home-cooked meal that is a breeze to prepare? Visiting a friend and want to bring them something they would really enjoy? Help yourself! Our group loves to cook and share great food with you. Any questions, please see Mike McGill or Elaine Bristol.

Food Bank donations – Keep those weekly donations coming. Your support helps families from Tiverton, Little Compton and Westport more than you know. Can't make it to the store? No worries – a cash donation is gratefully received, as they use monetary donations to purchase needed food items from the RI Food Bank for a fraction of the cost.

Blood Drive – St. Andrew's will be hosting another blood drive for the RI Blood Center on Friday, December 29th from 1-7pm. If you would like to donate, please let the office know, and we can arrange a time for you. For every pint of blood donated, 3 folks will receive your life-giving donation. Please consider being a part of this local opportunity to help save lives.

Afi – is doing great and is just about to turn 12 on December 2nd. Our support through Compassion International gives her the opportunity to attend school. She says “I am learning many things at the Compassion Center; and my favorite bible verse is Jeremiah 18:17.” She is also learning how to manage her time. She thanks us all for our support and asks for continued prayers for her and her family.

Shred Day – Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24th from 9-1. That will be our next shred day in partnership with UCCC.

Christmas Meals – The Outreach Committee will again be offering complete Christmas Meals to Little Compton, Tiverton and Westport residents in need. Each meal will feed 8-10 people and is fully prepared to just heat and serve. Meals will include a choice of either a ham or a turkey, veggie sides, stuffing, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls and a pie for dessert.

If you know of someone who would like a Christmas Meal, please see Elaine Bristol or email me at ekbristol@gmail.com as soon as possible, as the number of meals is limited.

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Our next Outreach meeting will be January 18th at 10am. Please consider joining us; we'd love to have you.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year from all of us on your Outreach Committee:

Scott and Cindy Burns, Spinner Findlay, Kit Barnum, Lynne Ryan, George Crowell, Mike and Alicia McGill, and Rev. Virginia Army

Blessings to all,
Elaine Bristol
860-966-9405



**BUNDLE UP
& GIVE**

BLOOD DRIVE

**Little Compton Community
St. Andrew's by the Sea
Friday, December 29, 2023
2:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Parish Hall
182 Willow Ave, Little Compton**



All presenting donors will be automatically entered to win a pair of tickets to see New York at New England on January 7!

Scan the QR code to make an appointment:
Sponsor Code **3964**
Walk-ins welcome!



Eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.



**Rhode Island
Blood Center**



A gift for you!

Join us to donate and receive a pair of socks as our thanks, while supplies last.

 401.453.8383 • ribc.org [#ribloodcenter](https://twitter.com/ribloodcenter)

:St. Andrew's Day Dinner, Advent Bible Study, What Is a Pledge to St. Andrew's?

On Sunday, December 3rd, at 5 pm, we will gather in the Sanctuary for our annual St. Andrew's Day Dinner Party. This year we have hired Wilma to cater the meal and manage the clean-up. The Parish Life Committee worked so hard and so did many of you, in order to make the return of our Auction an absolutely lovely evening and an incredible success!!! We raised \$11,535!! All you have to bring on 12/3 is yourselves and a bottle of wine to share! This will be an evening out and off for all of us. It will be our joy to share good conversation and eats, friendships old and new, and warm fellowship with our companions in faith. Please SAVE THE DATE!!! And PLEASE sign up in the Narthex, so we have an accurate count to give Wilma!

On December 12th, at the beginning of the liturgical New Year, and the first week of Advent, you are invited to join a lunchtime Bible and Faith Study Group. We will meet at noon for an hour on Tuesdays. I invite you to BYOS (S stands for sandwich, salad, or soup! And bring your water bottle.). At the first meeting I will bring a passage from the Lectionary for us to discuss. At the first meeting, we will also talk about what you, as a group, would like to read and discuss together week to week. For example, we could read through one of the Gospels. We could use the weekly lectionary as a jumping-off point. We could choose a book about our faith to read together. (There are some wonderful books which explore the Christian faith and the journey of discipleship out there!) I want this group to be **what you want it to be**. Many of you have asked for this opportunity to be together in faith and fellowship, so it is time to get started!!

A pledge to St. Andrew's

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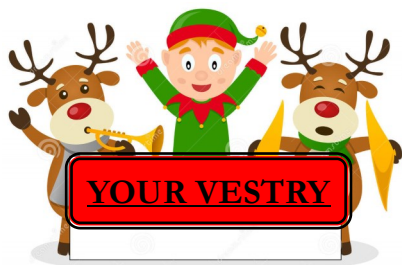
a way to give thanks
a way to further the parish's ministries and mission
a way to invest in the future of the parish
a way to demonstrate discipleship
a way to remember that everything we have is from God
a way to keep faith
a way to honor and emulate our Lord
a gift

IS NOT

a contract or irrevocable commitment
just about the budget
simply a financial decision
known to other members
just another bill to pay
the cost of membership
dues

ST. ANDREW'S COMMITTEES

Committee	Contact
1914 Society Committee	Doug MacFall, 401-635-4878
Altar Guild	Rhea Brooks, 401-635-4278 Lynn Curtis, 401-635-0250
Building and Grounds	George Crowell, 401-924-4298
Chalice Bearers	Charles Hall, 401-635-1601
Communications Committee	Doug MacFall, 401-635-4878
Finance Committee	Charles Findlay, 508-636-8426
Flower Committee	Bettyann Crowell, 401-924-4299
Outreach Committee	Elaine Bristol 860-966-9405
Parish Life Committee	Jane Moffett, 914-841-0174
Ushers	Michael McGill, 401-624-1504
Wardens	Charles Findlay, Sr. Warden, 508-636-8426 Michael McGill, Jr. Warden, 401-624-1504



Rev. Virginia Army	Charles Findlay, Sr. Warden	Michael McGill, Jr. Warden
Doug MacFall, Treasurer	Kit Barnum, Clerk	Elaine Bristol
Rhea Brooks	Scott Burns	Charles Hall
Michele Laferte	Beth Maxted	Jane Moffett



**The Barn
in Adamsville**

**Tuesday
Dec. 5 and Jan. 2
at 8:00 a.m.**

These are the dates for the next the breakfasts. Come for coffee, good food and conversation with your fellow parishioners. All men are welcome, no agenda just good conversation.



Ladies' Luncheon

The Sakonnet Point Club

**Wednesday
Jan. 17 and Feb. 21
at Noon**

For further information please contact:
Joan Buhrendorf
401-635-8329 or joanwbuhrendorf@gmail.com

Annual Meeting

January 28, 2024



Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule



1 st Sunday of Advent - December 3 rd :	Worship Service at 10:00 am
2 nd Sunday of Advent - December 10 th :	Worship Service at 10:00 am
3 rd Sunday of Advent - December 17 th :	Worship Service at 10:00 am
4 th Sunday of Advent - December 24 th :	Worship Service at 10:00 am
Christmas Eve - December 24 th :	Lessons and Carols with Eucharist 4:00 pm
Christmas Day - December 25 th :	Worship Service at 9:00 am
1st Sunday after Christmas - December 31 st :	Worship Service at 10:00 am

Birthdays in December

Daniel Murphy	9th	Bettyann Crowell	24th
Lee Havens	12th	Ellie Field	24th
Alicia Rodriguez	16th	Abby Carr	29th
John McJennett	20th		



Birthdays in January

Diane Schmults	3rd	Ralph Watson	16th
Peter Lisle	11th	Greg Prior	20th
James Field	12th	Elizabeth Maxted	22nd
Pooka Truslow	13th	Cynthia Murphy	24th



Anniversaries in December

John Ingalls and Ellie Field 21st

Anniversaries in January

Jim and Barbara Watterson 1st
 Billy and Sarah Gesner 25th
 Bob and Raya Goff 26th





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ORDER



Traditionally, members and friends of St. Andrew's have donated Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones for our Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to do so this year, please fill in and return this form to St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, P. O. Box 491, Little Compton, RI 02837-0491. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's by-the-Sea (footnoted "Flower Fund").

No later than Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Please fill in the following for the wording in the bulletin:

In loving memory of:

Given by:

Number of memorials @ \$25.00 each _____

Total: \$ _____

FINAL ORDER DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2023





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am: Worship Service 5:00 pm: Annual Dinner	4	5 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 am: Worship Service	11	12 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	13	14 9:00 am: Finance Committee Mtg 10:00 am: Vestry Mtg	15	16
17 10:00 am: Worship Service	18	19 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 am: Worship Service 4:00 pm: Lessons and Carols with Eucharist	25 9:00 am: Worship Service 	26 Office Closed Noon: Bible and Faith Study	27	28	29 Deadline for Annual Reports	30
31 10:00 am: Worship Service						

JANUARY

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast Noon: Bible and Faith Study	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 am: Worship Service	8	9 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 am: Worship Service	15 Office Closed 	16 Noon: Bible and Faith Study Deadline for February Network	17 Noon: Ladies' Luncheon	18 10:00 am: Outreach Mtg 11:00 am: Vestry Mtg	19	20
21 10:00 am: Worship Service	22	23 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 am: Worship Service 11:00 am: Annual Meeting	29	30 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	31			

Serving in

ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 3: Kit Barnum and Alicia McGill
Dec. 10: Michele Laferte and Donna Kitchen
Dec. 17: Kit Barnum and Alicia McGill
Dec. 24: Michele Laferte and Donna Kitchen
Dec. 25:
Dec. 31: Michele Laferte and Donna Kitchen

CHALICE BEARERS

Dec. 3: Tom Army and Charles Findalay
Dec. 10: Charles Hall and George Crowell
Dec. 17: Charles Findlay and Tom Army
Dec. 24: George Crowell and Charles Hall
Dec. 25: Tom Army and Charles Findlay
Dec. 31: George Crowell and Charles Hall

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Dec. 3: Rhea Brooks
Dec. 10: Bettyann Crowell
Dec. 17: Michele Laferte
Dec. 24: Flower Committee
Dec. 25: Flower Committee
Dec. 31: Flower Committee

VESTRY

Dec. 3: Jane Moffett
Dec. 10: Ellie Field
Dec. 17: Charles Hall
Dec. 24: Beth Maxted
Eve 4pm **Volunteer**
Dec. 25: **Volunteer**
Dec. 31: Scott Burns

COFFEE HOUR

Dec. 3: No Coffee Hour
Dec. 10: Cindy Sweetser
Dec. 17: Jane Moffett
Dec. 24: No Coffee Hour
Dec. 31: Bea Gormley



GREETERS

Dec. 3: Elaine Bristol
Dec. 10: Jane McJennett
Dec. 17: Rhea Brooks
Dec. 24: Lynne Curtis
Eve 4pm
Dec. 25:
Dec. 31: Joan Buhrendorf

LECTORS

Dec. 3: Pooka Truslow
Dec. 10: Cindy Sweetser
Dec. 17: Tom Army
Dec. 24: Kay Lisle
Dec. 25: Tom Army
Dec. 31: Charles Findlay

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dec. 3: Bea Gormley
Dec. 10: George Maxted
Dec. 17: Pooka Truslow
Dec. 24: Charles Findlay
Dec. 25: Charles Findlay
Dec. 31: Tom Army

USHERS

Dec. 3: Elaine Bristol and Michael McGill
Dec. 10: John McJennett and Doug MacFall
Dec. 17: Beth and George Maxted
Dec. 24: Craig Curtis and George Crowell
Eve 4pm **Volunteer** and Tom Army
Dec. 25: **Volunteer**
Dec. 31: Mike Ryan and Fred Buhrendorf

Serving in

JANUARY



ALTAR GUILD

Jan. 7: Rhea Brooks and Linda Findlay
Jan. 14: Lynne Ryan and Lynne Curtis
Jan. 21: Rhea Brooks and Linda Findlay
Jan. 28: Lynne Ryan and Lynne Curtis

CHALICE BEARERS

Jan. 7: George Crowell and Charles Findlay
Jan. 14: George Maxted and Charles Hall
Jan. 21: Bea Gormley and Michael McGill
Jan. 28: Tom Army and George Crowell

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Jan. 7: Barbara Watterson
Jan. 14: Bonnie Trowbridge
Jan. 21: Lynne Curtis
Jan. 28: Bettyann Crowell

VESTRY

Jan. 7: Charles Findlay
Jan. 14: Doug MacFall
Jan. 21: Michael McGill
Jan. 28: Beth Maxted

COFFEE HOUR

Jan. 7: Lynne and Mike Ryan
Jan. 14: **Volunteer**
Jan. 21: Judy Melanson
Jan. 28: Annual Meeting No Coffee Hour

GREETERS

Jan. 7: Sandy Farr
Jan. 14: Kathy Hall
Jan. 21: Bettyann Crowell
Jan. 28: Joan Buhrendorf

LECTORS

Jan. 7: Michael McGill
Jan. 14: George Maxted
Jan. 21: Kay Lisle
Jan. 28: Michael McGill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jan. 7: Pooka Truslow
Jan. 14: Charles Findlay
Jan. 21: Jane McJennett
Jan. 28: Tom Army

USHERS

Jan. 7: Charles Hall and Michael McGill
Jan. 14: Charles Findlay and John McJennett
Jan. 21: Tom Army and Judy Melanson
Jan. 28: Lora and Doug MacFall



Deadline for February 2024 Network:

Tuesday, January 16th





St. Andrew's
by-the-Sea

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WELCOMES YOU

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Senior Warden.....Spinner Findlay
Junior Warden... ..Michael McGill
Director of Music.....Gayane Darakyan
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!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SERVICES

Sunday Worship:
10:00 A.M.

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