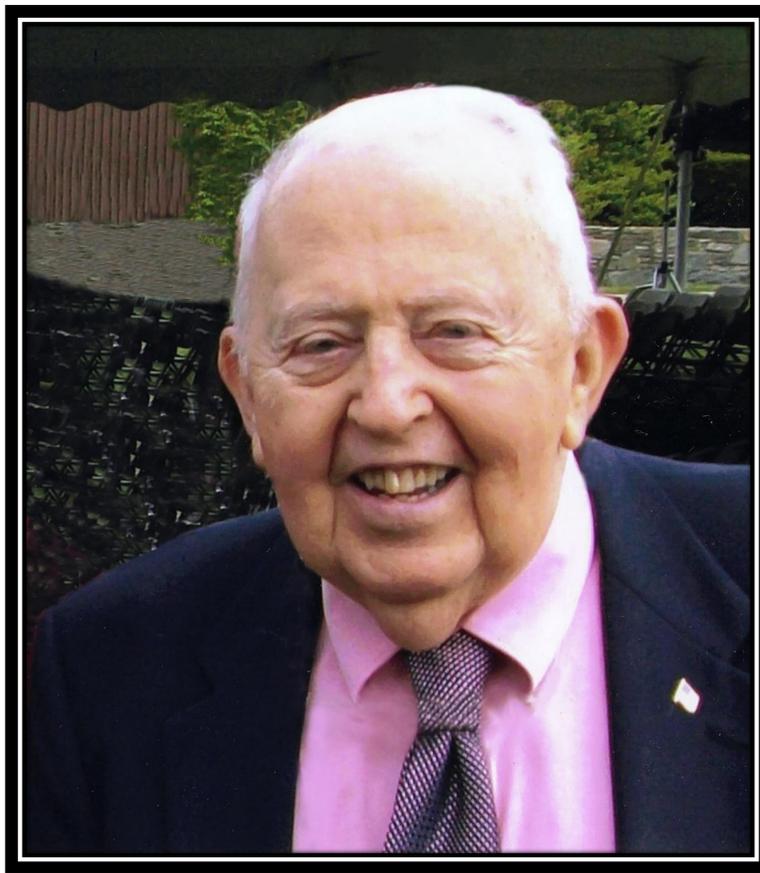


The Rev. Hébert Bolles



The Reverend Hébert Winslow Bolles, to whom our parish hall is now dedicated, was a vital force at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea. Hébert came to St. Andrew's in 1987 as a supply priest in order to assist the parish in the conduct of year-round services. Even as these services started out small, Hébert saw that St. Andrew's was entering a new realm and over the ensuing years offered so much of his wisdom and guidance towards the very difficult task of, first defining new directions for St. Andrew's, and later realizing those goals. He was well known for his great kindness and compassion, and until his very last days, he displayed the same cheerfulness and generosity of spirit that had marked his entire life. Hébert remained a dear friend to many in the church until his death at age 88 in April of 2013.

Born in New York City, Hébert attended Trinity School and entered the ROTC program at Brown University, from which he graduated in 1944. Ensign Bolles served as a member of the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II and returned to Brown in 1946 to earn a Master's Degree in Biblical Literature. He went on to the General Theological Seminary in New York, received a Master of Divinity degree, and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1951.

After serving as a college chaplain at Brown and RISD and as a parish priest, Hébert returned to active duty as a Navy chaplain in the 1960s and 1970s. He was awarded a Bronze Star with a combat "V" (meaning awarded for acts of heroism) during service in Vietnam in 1967. He retired as a Captain in 1979 with an abiding love of ships and African elephants, and a sense that "we're all in this together". How many times did he tell us that?