



2023 Services

Sundays at 9:30 am

One Service Only

June 11th - September 3rd

Open House & History Tour

Sunday, June 11th

3-4:30pm

Annual Meeting

Sunday August 20th

Following the service

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Fellow St. Andrew's members,

I look forward to this 147th summer season with anticipation that things have returned to "normal", and we have much to plan for the future. I know many of you feel as I do, that this summer is the start of a phase where we evaluate how we move forward to serve our congregation and community in new and better ways.

We are fortunate to worship in such a historic and well-preserved chapel and I am proud of the love and care that goes into its preservation each year. As part of the Rye 400 celebration we'll hold an Open House & History Tour. The community is invited to learn about our chapel's rich legacy and enjoy refreshments on the lawn. Please share this invitation with friends as it will be a great way to learn about the building, windows, and history from our unofficial historian, Greg Kann.

And as we look to the future, the plans for a new pavilion over the Golledge table are beginning to take shape. This August we will gather for a Strategic Planning meeting to look at ways to be more relevant in the community and sustainable. Although our visions for St. Andrew's future may differ in some ways, I know everyone is committed to its conservation and sharing its meaningfulness with others in our faith community.

We have a full line up of dynamic guest ministers this season from around New England. I look forward to seeing all of you Sundays this summer to share in St. Andrew's ministry in the community.

Anne Richter Arnold,
Senior Warden

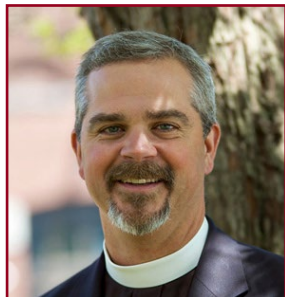


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Summertime Exercise Routine



“How can I get more faith?” I have heard this question many times talking with people who are following God. The question, while coming from a place of honest seeking, is a little off the mark. We tend to turn almost everything into a commodity that one can accumulate or lose. Faith is not a commodity.

You cannot get “more” faith or “less” faith. The image that illustrates this well is that of our mind, body, and soul. We have the mind that we have, and we can strengthen it, but we cannot get more mind. The same goes with our body. Even though some speak of getting “more” muscles the fact is that we have the muscles we have, and we can exercise them to strengthen them, or we can leave them to atrophy. The same is true for our faith. It, too, needs exercise to be healthy.

Frederick Buechner says this about faith. “Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you are going but going anyway. It is a journey without maps.”

This notion that faith is a verb, and a process leads us away from the idea we need “more” faith and into a posture that we need to exercise the faith that we have. The Good News is that God gave each of us all the faith we need. The challenge is that it is up to us to use it wisely.

Summertime is almost upon us, and the roads are full of people exercising their muscles. I encourage you to take time this season to exercise your faith.

Here are a few ideas to get you started.

•Read

Read Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John and see how they compare and contrast.

The Heart of Christianity, Marcus Borg

Meditation, Eknath Easwaran

Christianity for the Rest of Us, Diana Butler-Bass

Listening to your life, Frederick Buechner

An Altar in the World, Barbara Brown Taylor

•Pray

Pray the daily office using the prayer book.

Make a list of people to pray for daily and recite their names. (Don't forget your enemies and those you need to forgive.)

Go to church.

•Solitude

Find time each day for you. It may be only a few minutes at first, but much like physical exercise you will find that with practice you can be still and alone for quite some time. This is perhaps the greatest pathway to a faith that is active and alive.

My friends, enjoy this wonderful season of summer and please share with me your practices of strengthening your faith.

Faithfully, your Vicar,
Rob

Junior Warden's Report

St. Andrew's chapel came through this past winter with aplomb and grace. The transition of knowledge and teamwork of the Junior Warden Emeritus and the newly minted Junior Warden proved to be up to the task. The work to open the chapel and kickoff Spring with an early May wedding and memorial service has the building ready for visitors and our summer season. The lychgate restoration project, completed last Autumn, looks great and is a testament to the conscientious maintenance performed by the various committees and their cadre of skilled tradesmen. Updates to the electrical panel are planned to ensure easier use and better organization. The repointing of the outside stone walls will enter its second phase this year, taking advantage of the temperate weather we enjoy in late Spring and early Autumn. The re-pointing project is being partially funded by a grant from New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). It has been largely through the hard work of the various committees and key individuals that a wide array of preservation efforts have been brought to fruition. We encourage all folks that have long loved this chapel and those that have just fallen for its simple grace to come visit in person this summer.



Joe Walent, Junior Warden

Summer 2023 Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 11 – September 3

One service at 9:30 am

June 11

Rev. Alanna van Antwerpen

Missioner, Episcopal Church of New Hampshire, Concord, NH

June 18

Rev. David Holroyd

Priest Associate, Christ Church Exeter, NH

June 25

Rev. G. Richard Siener

Associate Minister, St. John's Portsmouth, NH
Retired Rector, Christ Church, Exeter, NH

Sermon by Rev. Robert Thompson

Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Church and retired Phelps Minister, Phillips Church, Phillips Exeter Academy

July 2

Rev. Robert (Odie) Odierna

Retired Rector Church Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH

Thank and Honor our Veterans Sunday

July 9

The Rev. David DeSalvo

Dover, NH

July 16

Rev. Ginger Solaqua

Interim Rector, Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington, MA

July 23

Rev. David "Chip" Robinson

Retired former Vicar, Christ Church, Portsmouth and Trinity Church, Hampton, NH

July 30

Rev. Louise Howlett

Episcopal Church of New Hampshire, Concord, NH

August 6

Rev. Mark Pendleton

Rector, Christ Church, Exeter, NH

August 13

Rev. Linda Spinella

Healthcare Chaplain, Exeter Hospital, Exeter, NH

August 20

Rev. Rob Stevens

Rector, St. John's, Portsmouth, NH
Vicar St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Rye Beach, NH

Annual Meeting to follow

August 27

Rev. Jay Hutchinson

Chaplain, St. Andrew's School, Middletown, DE

September 3

Rev. Walter Thorne

Chaplain and Teacher of Humanities, St. Paul's School, Concord, NH

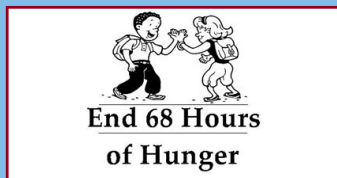


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Outreach Throughout our Community

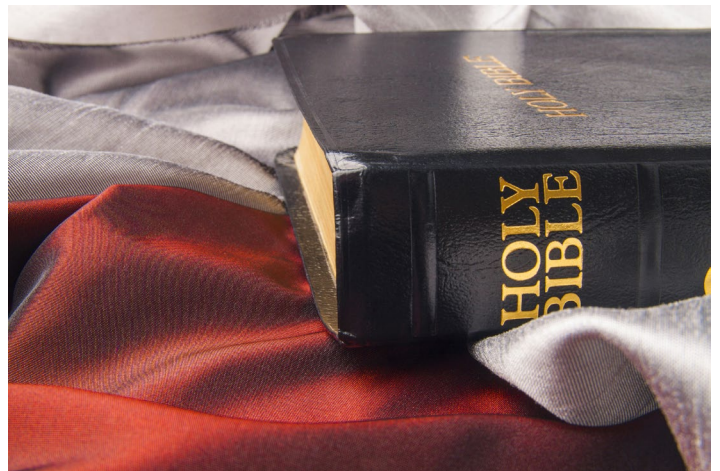
Due to our strong endowment and strong commitment to give back to our communities, we have been able to continue our support of organizations addressing critical issues confronting families, women, and children.



Planning a Baptism

St. Andrew's is inviting candidates who would like to be baptized this summer. And with different clergy each Sunday we have contacts for ministers who can assist with your service. Please visit the chapel website for an online form to fill out or learn more by reaching out to Libby Kenny at libbethk@verizon.net.

We will follow up with you and your family soon. Thank you for your interest in being a part of this lovely summer chapel.



The Outreach Committee will work together again in 2023 to make recommendations for supporting organizations that continue making positive impacts throughout our communities.



Garden News

The Garden Committee has designed a new 'moon' garden for the front of the chapel. The white, silver, and green plantings will be shorter perennials to not detract from and only complement the chapel. Bloom times will be staggered so something should be flowering throughout the summer. The new plants will be young this first season but over time they will grow up and fill in. We'll supplement the garden with annuals this year if need be. We are also adding some Rose of Sharon near the shed. Those are a late summer bloom and will add additional color to the other side of the lawn. Planting will start very soon, and we hope everyone will like it!

Many thanks to Shelley Lord, Donlyn Ray, and Mary Ellen Dalzell who are the best teammates! We welcome anyone else to join us who enjoys gardening.

Martha Byam, Gardener



Hydrangea



False Dragonhead



Rose of Sharon

Treasurer's Report

As we approach our 147th year of worship and celebration, our finances are in good order. In 2022 we were able to operate within our budgeted means while increasing our outreach support by an additional \$5,000 over 2021. We are grateful to all our benefactors for providing the funds necessary to care for our Chapel.

Our endowment funds, professionally managed by the Diocese directed investment manager, experienced a decline in 2022 in line with the general market downturn. As a result, our 2023 endowment income we be lower this year. We have taken this into account for this year's operating budget. While the financial markets may remain choppy in 2023, we are pleased to have had a return to growth in the first quarter of the year.

In the coming years we will undertake some very important projects to both maintain and restore the Chapel. These will be in addition to the stone re-pointing project we will complete this fall. We are gathering the cost estimates now and will review and prioritize the projects at our next strategic planning session.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who so generously support the mission of St. Andrew's by-the Sea.

Ken Hooper, Treasurer

Memorial Garden Update

A restoration and expansion planned back in 2021 is finally coming to fruition. With the pandemic impacting even the delivery of new stones we have been in a holding pattern all this time. Now that the stones have arrived the new project will get underway this summer. Sixteen new flat stones will be added and with the excavated dirt the existing stones that have settled too far down will be brought back up to grade. Encroaching grass will be pulled back for a fully refreshed garden area. If you are considering purchasing one of the new sites for you or a loved one reach out to Shelley Lord at info@standrews-by-the-sea.org

Its Wedding Season!

The season started early this year with a May 5 wedding—well before our June opening for the summer. We were fortunate to have a beautiful, warm, and sunny day for the happy couple.

The number of weddings held at St. Andrew's vary from year to year. There have been as many as twenty-two a season to as few as five last year. Our faithful wedding volunteers continue to support our couples by being present at rehearsals and their wedding day. Members of the Altar Guild volunteer by preparing communion if couples request it. Thank you all!

Sandra Gavutis, Wedding Coordinator

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A Small but Mighty Army

As is well known, everything that happens at St. Andrew's is because of our wonderful army of volunteers. There's much to do and our reality is there are fewer people lending a hand to do it. We need your help and please know that just the littlest bit goes a long way when getting a job done. Our ranks need filling; our small army needs recruits.



The Altar Guild is a dedicated group making certain the altar is always ready for Sunday services as well as weddings, baptisms, and memorials. It's not a time-consuming job but one of the most important of the summer season. Join this welcoming committee and know that you are helping carry on a 147 year tradition.

Enjoy post-service hospitality? That takes its own battalion. Help us just one Sunday. We pair new Sunday helpers with seasoned ones. It's social and fun. A new General aka Committee Coordinator is needed, too. If you like putting together a puzzle, coordinating the group is just right for you.

Other interests? There are plenty more places to assist. Like weddings? Join that team and enjoy being onsite helping a couple go through their rehearsal and wedding day. What about helping plan our community give back strategy? Join the Outreach team. Have social media skills? Helping with a more robust presence there would be great.

Reach out to Anne Arnold, Sr. Warden, at 802-356-6066 or anne.richter123@gmail.com and she'll have the appropriate committee member get in touch to answer your questions, warmly welcome you to the ranks and, when ready, guide you through tasks.



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