



The Fisherman's Net

The newsletter of St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea

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Vicar's Greeting

Onward friends...Onward. I have written and said this word quite a bit lately. These past two years have been challenging and life altering in ways that are too numerous to count and yet life continues, and new life emerges.

Summer worship returned in the chapel, and we look forward to our Caroling Celebration in a few weeks. This is good news.

While these past two years have been wearying, we have also learned a great deal. One gift of the past years is that we have been forced to live much more fully in the present. One practice that I offer you as we enter Advent and then Christmas is to take some time to reach out to people. We all love the note from a friend that "just shows up for no reason" or the phone call that brightens our day. I encourage each of us to take some time each day and think about someone who might need a little encouraging word. One of the wonderful byproducts of this practice is that it not only connects us to each other, but it also reminds us that we are surrounded by a circle of friends and support.

I am grateful to be your Vicar and to work with you to share the Gospel both near and far. Do not lose heart, reach out your hands in love, and remember that you are loved with a love that is stronger than death. Onward friends...Onward.

**Faithfully, your Vicar,
Rob Stevens, Jr.**



As we approach the end of this challenging yet momentous year, I look back at the summer season with awe. We did it...we found a way to gather again in our beautiful, historic chapel safely and were able to worship together, share fellowship and music, celebrate weddings and memorial prize loved ones, even have our community concerts again. I took over this position with very little knowledge of what it would entail, in the middle of a pandemic, where the future was unknown and uncertain. We had to make a few difficult decisions and rethink the way we come together to worship in order to stay safe. Together, we did it...we are a strong, resilient and resourceful community.

All summer I was moved by the hard work and commitment of the many volunteers, from officers and chapel committee members to those who give of their time here and there. I realized that St. Andrew's is not just a place we go to worship, it is the people who make it happen. Our experience is only as good as the effort we put into creating this community.

This Advent I ask you to think about what St. Andrew's means to you and what you can do to be more involved in this wonderful community we have. There is not one aspect of the chapel that does not need more volunteers. From Altar Guild to Garden Committee, wedding assistance to hospitality, ushering to helping with building maintenance, there is something you can do, and might enjoy, even if it is a one time only volunteering. Besides being an important part of the inner workings that make a season happen, volunteering is a great way to become more connected with others at St. Andrew's. I met one of my dearest friends helping out at hospitality 6 years ago, and being involved has allowed me to get to know some really amazing, and fun, people I would not have met if I had just come to worship. That connection is what makes a community. I challenge you to find a way to become a bigger part of St. Andrew's in 2022...you may find, like I have, that it makes your experience that much more fulfilling. I welcome you to contact me to discuss opportunities to be more involved in our community.

Candlelight Caroling is happily back this year, with the addition of our wonderful new musicians, organist Savannah Curro and vocalist Joey Dalton, who made the summer music experience fantastic. To you and your family, may this Advent season be joyful and may the new year be filled with health and happiness.

Anne Richter Arnold, Senior Warden

Mission Statement

St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea is a historic seasonal chapel that strives to provide inspirational and inclusive worship, fellowship, and outreach support in the greater community.

Junior Warden Report

This year we completed work on adding new piers to support the nave floor. This work was completed in January. A new and larger sump pump was added to replace the smaller pump. During the rainy summer months this year the pump had a work out. The middle section on the lychgate wood is beginning to rot. We have contracted with our carpenter to replace this failing wood. The new wood will be purchased, milled and painted over the winter. It will be replaced next spring. The lower section of the lychgate was replaced five years ago.



We submitted a grant application to New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to repair the failing mortar on the chapel walls. We are requesting a grant of \$32,000 from LCHIP. Total cost of the project is \$76,000.

Greg Kann, Junior Warden

Hospitality Report

Hospitality happened! It was hosted by a wonderful group of new and returning volunteers this past summer. We enjoyed some challenging weather conditions so were flexible as to where and what we served. We had some wonderful food offerings and delicious conversations. The best place to meet new and returning friends is by serving at our hospitality table. We always have room for new volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us next summer! Please contact me, Anne Nettleton at 201-294-1933, to reserve your Sunday.

Anne Nettleton

Garden Committee Report



We are delighted to welcome two new team members – Sarah Boss-Sullivan and Mary Ellen Senton, to our garden efforts. With the help of Greg Kann, we pulled out the few plants on the side wall and spread grass seed which has grown in nicely. We are considering adding something to

the Robert Southworth shed; love anyone's suggestions! Some of the perennials in the center garden are outgrowing their space, such as the evergreen, so in the next couple years, we may have to do some major renovation. Meanwhile, we continue to have a great time together, weeding, planting, watering and fertilizing. Being on this committee, requires a sense of humor, a willingness to get a tad dirty and a love of being outside in a beautiful space. It is not a heavy lift, we have two 'work' hours every year – one in the spring to plants and one in fall to put the garden to bed. During the summer, we all just water, weed, deadhead as we can to keep it flourishing. All are welcome!

Summer Concert Team

St. Andrew's Summer Concert series once again graced our historic seaside summer chapel. The return of the three part concert series was greeted with delight and enthusiasm by our community. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and the commitment of our volunteers we were able to contribute over \$1700 to support Gather and End 68 Hours of Hunger. The addition of a new sound system which brought the music outdoors as well as indoors provided a truly "All Are Welcome" experience!



We look forward to continuing our summer concert tradition next year with new and exciting music venues.

Donlyn Ray

Treasurer's Report

Our 145th year saw the chapel come to life again with wonderful worship, wedding and baptism celebrations, and glorious summer music. Thanks to the generosity of all who attend and support St. Andrew's we continue in a solid financial position. Approaching the re-opening season, we budgeted accordingly for the Covid-19 related changes we needed to implement. I am pleased to report that while we have not yet returned to a pre-Covid state, our operating metrics in terms of income and expenses are in line with our budget.

On the endowment side, our funds managed by the Diocese directed investment manager has produced another year of strong gains. The decision to move our endowment accounts to the Diocese in 2019 has proven to be a wise decision. Similarly, our smaller investment reserve accounts held at Vanguard in highly rated, low-cost mutual funds, have appreciated solidly during a lengthy period of rising equity markets.

We are grateful to all within the extended St. Andrew's community who generously support our mission of maintaining a beautiful chapel for worship, celebration, and offering outreach support to our community.

Ken Hooper, Treasurer

Altar Guild

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer, meet new people, and become an integral member of the St. Andrew's community? St. Andrew's Altar Guild is looking for help. Working in small teams, we prepare the altar for Sunday services, baptisms, weddings and memorials. To learn more about this rewarding opportunity to be a part of our wonderful summer chapel, please contact Lillian Kann (603-770-9272, lilliank@comcast.net) or Darleen Chadwick (603-379-2147, dchad21396@comcast.net)

Lillian Kann and Darleen Chadwick, co-chairs

Wedding Coordinator Report

This past wedding season at St. Andrew's was especially joyful for many couples who had to postpone their special day because of the pandemic. We managed to host fifteen weddings thanks to the support of our faithful Wedding Volunteers. We continue to welcome Seacoast couples to experience the quaintness and intimacy of our "Chapel by-the-Sea".

As we prepare for the 2022 wedding season, we invite you to consider joining St. Andrew's Wedding Volunteer Committee. Please email sgavutis@gmail.com to learn more about this important ministry. We welcome you.

Sandra Gavutis, Wedding Coordinator

Memorial Garden Report

Thank you to Donlyn Ray for serving as interim chair of the Memorial Garden Committee. We worked together throughout the late spring and summer to update all records and documents, including creating web-based forms. She passed the baton to me, and I am pleased to be taking it forward. Thank you, to Greg Kann for coordinating memorial services throughout the year. Looking to 2022, plans are set for maintenance and expansion of the existing garden.

Shelley Lord, Memorial Garden

Outreach Throughout our Communities

Especially during this challenging year of Covid, it is so encouraging to see the shining light of St. Andrew's by extending our ministries to those in need through our community outreach.

Thanks to our continued endowment growth and support of our St. Andrew's community, we have been able to continue our support of organizations reaching out to women, children and families that currently exist during this critical time of family and economic hardships.

The missions of these organizations and their impact in our communities are extremely significant:



GATHER – to meet the ever-growing needs of food security throughout our seacoast communities.



Hampton Trinity Food Pantry – provides essential food and personal hygiene products to local families.



End 68 Hours of Hunger – provides essential food for children between Friday's free lunch in school and Monday's free breakfast.



Seacoast Family Promise – helps homeless families find stable housing and a return to self-sufficiency.



Thistle Farms – serves to heal and provide hope for survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction that includes a national network of 50 sister communities, and through the global market of Thistle Farms, helps to employ more than 1,800 women worldwide.



HAVEN – provides violence prevention and support services to improve the well-being of women, men and children affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Please consider making a donation to help continue the mission of St. Andrew's, and to make a difference in our extended communities.

Looking for a thoughtful Christmas gift?

Inspired by its beauty, St. Andrew's Chapel Committee Volunteer Kay Ruma graciously commissioned an oil painting of our historic summer chapel. Then, based on the painting, she had a limited number of beautiful Giclée prints made. For anyone who has taken part in the life of St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea there is no more wonderful keepsake than one of these fine art prints. And thank you to Kay for her generous donation as all proceeds go to support our chapel and programs. Please go to www.standrews-by-the-sea.org/gift-shop for details and how to order.

And while you are in our virtual gift shop, please take a look at the wonderful chapel notecards available there, too.



Please consider making an important contribution to St. Andrew's. Please use the form included or by PayPal at www.standrews-by-the-sea.org/giving. Thank you.

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Annual Candlelight Caroling

Please join us on Friday, December 17 at 5pm.
Dress Warm! Hot cider & treats to follow.

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for details and possible Covid protocols.*

For more information and upcoming announcements,
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