



2022 Services

Sundays @ 9:30 am
One service only
June 19th - Sept. 4th

Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 21
Following the service

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Dear Friends,

As St. Andrew's enters its 146th season, I am thrilled to say that we are going to have somewhat of a "normal" summer. While we will still be following pandemic guidelines as necessary, 2022 should look a lot more like past years. There is much to be excited about this season. You will see some new faces this summer with guest clergy and preachers, and we will have three concerts benefiting community partners that address housing insecurity: Haven, New Generation, and Community Toolbox. After two years of "being flexible," it is now time to gather and worship together at our beautiful historic chapel. Having started as Senior Warden during the pandemic, I am especially excited about the summer.

There are two things I ask of you this season, both very important to the continued viability of the chapel. One is to talk about our chapel and invite friends, neighbors or just someone to St. Andrew's. It can be for services or just for concerts. Spread the word about the chapel as there may be some others who would like a summer place to worship. Second, please find a way to give of your time to the chapel. As an all-volunteer organization, the work of keeping things going often falls on too few shoulders. There are many "one off" volunteer opportunities (ushering, reading, hospitality, weddings, and other events) where your commitment is only an hour or two. Together, one hour from each of us adds up to a lot of volunteering and keeps our chapel running smoothly.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this summer,

Anne Richter Arnold, Senior Warden

An Invitation from the Altar Guild

St. Andrew's Altar Guild is inviting you to join in to help. Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer, meet new people, and become an integral member of the St. Andrew's community? 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:

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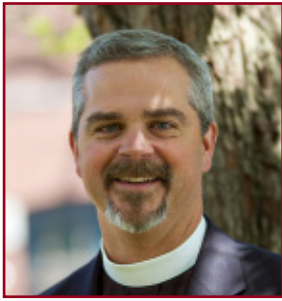
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An Episcopal Summer Chapel



When you think about St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea what do you think about?

It is not a trick question, but one that may reveal a great deal. There are, no doubt, countless answers to the question. However, I imagine that they all fall into two distinct categories: St. Andrew's gifts or St. Andrew's needs or deficiencies. While all answers are valid, it is important to note the difference between these two postures. The major difference is that one posture builds community and the other posture limits community. It is a simple concept, but one that is often overlooked. In Peter Block's book Community, The Structure of Belonging he writes,

"Communities are built from the assets and gifts of their citizens, not from the citizens' needs or deficiencies. Organized, professionalized systems are capable of delivering services, but only associational life is capable of delivering care. Sustainable transformation is constructed in those places where citizens choose to come together to produce a desired future."

This is much more than simply the power of positive thinking, it is a Gospel imperative. Throughout Jesus' life he proclaimed a message that was

counter-cultural in His time and remains counter-cultural today. It is a message of abundance. This notion of focusing on gifts rather than deficiencies to build up the body of Christ is nothing new. It just seems that it is very difficult for many of us.

This is not only true for our churches, towns, and various communities. It is true in our own lives. We live in a culture that has an extreme case of the "if onlys." If only I had this, or if only they would do that...then I would be happy and fulfilled. It is a posture that isolates and makes meaningful and abundant living impossible.

The Good News of the Gospel is that we do have a choice. We can choose to focus on our deficiencies as a community and individuals and experience isolation or we can choose to focus on our gifts and move toward to authentic community and abundant living. The choice is ours.

I invite us all to choose wisely and enter this summer with our best posture, our best selves. May we listen to Jesus' message of abundance and grace as we enter into the new season and focus and build upon the tremendous gifts we have been given here at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea.

Faithfully,
Your Vicar,
Rob Stevens, Jr
Rector@stjohnsnh.org

Junior Warden's Report

The chapel is in great shape and is getting better. This spring we will be replacing the center section of the lychgate. There are many places where the wood in this section has rotted. The bottom section was replaced about six years ago and is in fine shape, as is the top portion. Also, in the spring we will be adding a number of new memorial stones to the Memorial Garden. Many of the new memorial garden stones have already been sold. You may have noticed some of the memorial stones on the west side have sunk below grade and become over grown by grass. We will be raising these stone. Hopefully all this will be done before our first Sunday service.



This fall we will begin a two-year project to re-point the deteriorating chapel mortar. This work is being funded by a partial grant from New Hampshire Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The work will start mid to late summer and continue into early fall. Then it will begin again in the spring and again in the fall. There are temperature limits on working with mortar that prevent it from being applied when it is too cold or too hot.

Greg Kann, Junior Warden

Summer 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 19 – September 4

One service at 9:30 am

June 19

Rev. Walter Thorne

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

June 26

Rev. Robert (Odie) Odierna

Retired Rector Church Good Shepherd,
Nashua, NH

July 3

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

Thank and Honor our Veterans Sunday

July 10

Rev. David Holroyd

Priest Associate, Christ Church Exeter, NH

July 17

Rev. Johanna Barrett

Retired Rector of Trinity Church,
Topsfield, MA

July 24

Rev. Steven (Steve) B. Klots

Chaplain, South Kent School, CT

July 31

Rev. Jay Hutchinson

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

August 7

Rev. Anne Williamson

Associate Rector, St. John's, Portsmouth, NH

August 14

Rev. Alanna van Antwerpen

Missioner, Episcopal Church of
New Hampshire, Concord, NH

August 21

Rev. Rob Stevens

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

Sermon by Tina Pickering

Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Church of
New Hampshire, Concord, NH

Annual Meeting to follow

August 28

Rev. Kit Wang

Priest-in-Charge, Seacoast Shared Ministry,
York, Maine

September 4

Rev. Cynthia Park

Assoc. Rector, Grace Episcopal Church,
Gainesville, GA



Music-by-the-Sea

Join us at 4 pm for three wonderful and diverse concerts.

Sunday, June 19

Mike Effenberg Trio
Summertime Jazz and Classics

Sunday, July 10

Aliento Chamber Players Quintet
Mozart and Coleridge-Taylor

Sunday, August 7

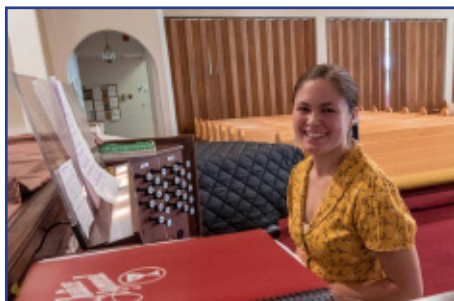
Portsmouth Brass Ensemble
From Bach to Broadway

Suggested donation is \$10 per person, \$20 per family with children. All proceeds benefiting community partners that address housing insecurity:

HAVEN, New Generation, and Community Toolbox.



A big thank you to our Music-by-the-Sea sponsors: Philbrick's By the Sea, Atlantic Grill, Partners Bank (direct support to HAVEN, New Generation and Community Toolbox), Aero Dynamics, Carey & Giampa Realtors, Rock Crest Gardens, RiverWoods Exeter, Coldwell Banker -House Finch Team and, From the Vine to Wine.



A Note from our Music Director

As my junior year at Mercer University ends, I am pleased to announce that I will be returning as the Music Coordinator and Organist for another summer season on the Seacoast. I look forward to continuing to welcome talented musicians from New Hampshire and Greater Boston to participate in our liturgies.

In the uncertainty of COVID-19's impact on congregational singing, in Summer 2021, Joseph Dalton joined us as our cantor. Joey enriched our worship with his enthusiasm and vocal ability. Joey will be engaged in a number of recording projects and employment in a traveling wedding band that will take him away from Rye this upcoming season as he performs throughout New England.

This past year has been full of much to celebrate. I am excited to continue to apply the skills that I am learning as an organ performance major to my work with you and elsewhere. On May 25th at 7:30 pm, I will be performing at Methuen Music Hall. This concert featuring young organists from Massachusetts and New Hampshire will be aired on American Public Media's Pipedreams radio show.

As Psalm 100 states so beautifully, this season, let us look forward to making a joyful noise unto the Lord, coming before our God with singing, and serving the Creator with gladness.

Peace and Blessings,
Savannah Curro
Chapel Organist & Music Director

Outreach For Our Communities

As we continue to emerge from the past couple of years dealing with Covid, we are reminded of how important our outreach is for our extended communities. Consistent with our St. Andrew's mission for outreach support in our greater communities, and especially in these continuing and challenging times, we are grateful to support organizations that consistently reach out to women, children, and families.



GATHER – continues to address the ever-growing needs of food security 365 days of the year throughout our seacoast communities.

HAVEN – is the largest violence prevention and support services agency in NH serving Rockingham and Strafford Counties to improve the well-being of women, men and children affected by domestic and sexual violence.

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

Thistle Farms – serves to heal and provide hope for survivors of abuse, addiction, trafficking, and prostitution as a community of survivors, advocates, employees, interns, volunteers, and friends from across the world. Thistle Farms believes in the end, love is the strongest force for change in the world.

End 68 Hours of Hunger – provides essential food for children between Friday's free lunch in school and Monday's free breakfast. Our support also addresses the greatest need for children to have food during the summer throughout our seacoast communities.

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

By our supporting these organizations, St. Andrews continues to live out the mission and commitment to make a difference in the lives of women, men, and children in our extended communities.

**For more information
please visit
www.standrews-by-the-sea.org**

Treasurer's Report

As we approach our 146th year of worship and celebration, our financial foundation remains solid. We continue to operate within our budgeted means while having ample funds to undertake our important projects. We are grateful for the LCHIP grant and our benefactors, both past and present, for providing the funds necessary to care for our Chapel.

Our endowment funds, professionally managed by the Diocese directed investment manager, had another solid year of growth in 2021. As a result, we will receive an 8.4% increase in our quarterly payout rate this year. While the financial markets may experience above average turbulence in the near term, the combination of our long-term investment horizon along with maintaining our assets in lower fee, highly rated, broad-based funds, has us positioned appropriately.

We are happy to announce our new banking relationship with Partners Bank in Rye. Like St. Andrew's, they are a locally focused institution dedicated to serving their depositors while contributing to the health and vibrancy of the Seacoast community.

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

Ken Hooper, Treasurer

Wedding Bells at the Chapel

One of our couples' favorite part of their wedding day is ringing the chapel bell upon becoming husband and wife. It is a very special moment for all in attendance. I am told that beach goers often hear the bell ringing, too.

St. Andrew's season begins in mid-May. Every year is different, and all our couples are special. The wonderful commitment of our Wedding Committee volunteers makes this all happen. We always need more volunteers. Please join us.

Sandy Gavutis, Wedding Coordinator

Garden Committee

The Garden Committee is pleased to be back for another season of good companionship among the flowers! Please join us – all that is needed is some garden gloves, tools if you have them and a sense of humor – we particularly like that! And, if anyone has thoughts or suggestions about a few plants near the shed, we would love to hear them.

Reach out to any of us – Shelley Lord, Donlyn Ray, Mary Ellen Dalzell, or me!
Martha Byam, Chair
martha.byam@gmail.com

Hospitality

St. Andrew's hospitality provides coffee and refreshments following our Sunday service. This is a wonderful way to welcome new and returning worshipers and to enjoy fellowship each week at one of the most scenic spots on the seacoast. We need volunteers weekly after the service. If you are new, we will pair you with an experienced host/hostess. Please consider volunteering one or two Sundays this summer.

To volunteer please contact Anne Nettleton at: anne.nettleton@nemoves.com



Candlelight Caroling - 2021

With great excitement, we were pleased to open our beloved chapel for the "Caroling at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea" event on Friday, December 17th! It was wonderful to see the chapel lit up for the evening of song and fellowship – with a mix of traditional carols and joyful holiday voices. Many thanks to all those who helped put the evening together and to the many cheerful participants, all contributing to an old-fashioned good time. Please mark your 2022 calendars and plan to join us on Friday December 16th, when we'll do it all over again.



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