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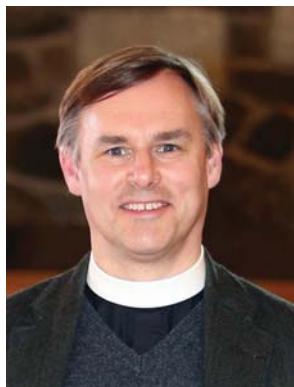
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Andrew's

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED in learning more about St. Andrew's Church. We are a vibrant community of all ages, and we welcome everyone, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

We hope this booklet helps you to know us a little better, and that you will give us the chance to get to know a bit about you! Members of the clergy and the congregation would love to speak with you about St. Andrew's anytime. Inside this welcome booklet, you will find contact information for the clergy and for specific ministry areas. Please feel free to set up a welcoming appointment with one of our clergy to learn more about each of our ministries, services, and life as a community.

Yours in Christ,
Adrian Robbins-Cole, rector
and the membership committee



Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
rector



Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
associate rector



Rev. Catherine Healy
assistant rector

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Mission Statement

Mission *What we do*

We are an Episcopal church that celebrates and shares the transforming love of Christ.

Vision *Where we are going*

Our vision is to grow our parish in breadth and depth by strengthening our worship, community, and ministries. Our hope is to deepen the faith of existing members, and attract new people to our parish so that they can experience Christ's love. We wish to help people recognize their God-given talents and use them to serve God and their neighbor.

Values *What guides us*

- We are guided by Jesus' Great Commandment to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe we are called to share our faith, and the love of God we have experienced in our lives, with those outside our church community.
- We strive to be an open and inclusive church in which all people are welcome.
- We believe we are called to nurture future generations in the faith so that they may know Christ's love.
- We place a high value on the community life of our church. Through our shared community life we support one another and help each other to experience God's love.
- We emphasize the importance of worship in meeting the spiritual needs of our parishioners by offering a range of worship services within the Episcopal tradition.
- We value the engagement of the intellect in our approach to our faith and are guided by the "three-legged stool" of the Episcopal Church: scripture, tradition, and reason. We strive to be theologically inclusive and value the insights that dialogue between theological opinions brings to our Christian faith.
- We uphold the importance of putting our faith into action by serving the wider community on a local, national, and international level.

Statement of Affirmation

St. Andrew's Church affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, or difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Services

Sundays

- 8am Holy Eucharist every Sunday throughout the year
- 10am Holy Eucharist every Sunday throughout the year, except the month of August
Church School September through June
All-Parish Eucharist includes children kindergarten and older
- 5pm Holy Eucharist from the Sunday after Labor Day through June

During August, St. Andrew's parishioners gather with the members of other Wellesley churches for joint worship services at 10am. Preachers and locations rotate through the various Protestant churches.

Midweek

- Weekdays 8:45am Contemplative Prayer in the Children's Chapel
- Wednesday 7:30am Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer in the Transept Chapel

Meditation services with gentle silence and Taizé chanting are scheduled throughout the year. Check leaflets or website for current offerings.

Additional Services

Baptisms Baptisms are celebrated in the Episcopal Church during the major worship service on specific Sundays throughout the church year. At these times the full community of faith can participate in the initiation rite and welcome the newly-baptized into the Body of Christ. Traditional dates for Baptism are All Saints' Day (November), the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (January), the second Sunday after Easter (March or April), and Pentecost (May or June). Baptisms occasionally take place at the 8am or 5pm Sunday worship services.

Contact Catherine Healy, assistant rector, catherine@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Funerals and Memorial Services Funerals and Memorial services can be quickly and easily arranged by contacting the church office and speaking with the clergy. The officiant will work with the family to choose music and readings, following the rubrics of The Book of Common Prayer. Funeral services can be performed in the church or at a funeral home, as the family wishes.

Contact Katharine Clark, parish administrator, kate@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Weddings Weddings at St. Andrew's are truly joyous events in the life of the parish. To be married here, at least one member of the couple must be a baptized Christian. Up to four pre-marital counseling sessions with the officiating clergy person are also required.

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A prior divorce, while requiring additional paperwork from the bishop's office, is not a serious impediment to the wedding ceremony. We hope that, barring a move to another city, the newly-married couple will worship regularly at St. Andrew's after their wedding day. Explanations regarding the use of the church, fees, flowers, photography, and other matters are outlined in the Wedding Guidelines Pamphlet, available on our website or from the church office.

Contact Katharine Clark, parish administrator, kate@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310



General Information

Coffee Hour We offer refreshments most Sundays after the 10am service. We gather in our parish hall downstairs except in the summer, when we gather in the front garden for iced tea. Please do join us!

Parking Church parking is available in the lot at the corner of Washington Street and Cottage Street. Street parking is also available along Washington Street and Denton Road, but it is limited. Please observe the posted parking restrictions. The public lot located on the corner of Weston Road and Washington Street is also available on Sunday mornings.

Parish Hours and other Contact Information

September through first week of June office hours

Monday through Thursday 9am to 5pm

Friday 9am to noon

Saturday 8am to noon

June and July office hours

Monday through Thursday 9am to 3pm

Friday 9am to noon

Saturday 8am to noon

August office hours

Monday through Friday 9am to noon

Saturday 8am to noon

During office hours Call the parish office at 781/235-7310 to speak to a member of the staff. When the office is closed, please leave a voice mail message for the church office or a personal message for a particular staff member.

Mailing address St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 79 Denton Road, Wellesley, MA 02482

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Christian Formation Programs

CHRISTIAN LEARNING is a life-long process that involves the deepening of faith and understanding in every phase of life. As such, the Christian Learning Programs at St. Andrew's fall into three categories: Children, Youth, and Adults.

Children

Please contact Rev. Catherine Healy at catherine@standrewswellesley.org or Susan Jackson at susan@standrewswellesley.org regarding any of the information below.

Babies' Place Babies are welcome in church. If babies or parents need a break, there are two rooms at the bottom of the stairs in the narthex with a play area, a changing table, and seats for parents.

Kids' Place For children ages one though four, we offer a program that includes music, simple worship, and playtime. It is staffed by parents on a cooperative basis. Professional childcare is available on Christmas and Easter.

Kindergarten/Elementary Grades Children in kindergarten through fifth grades attend grade-level classes most Sundays, beginning at 9:45am. Grades K through five are brought into church at the time of the Peace to join their families.

Holy Communion Preparation (Grades One and Two) The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized Christians of any age to receive the Eucharist during worship. However, we do encourage all children (whether or not they are already taking communion) to participate in our Holy Communion Preparation Class. This class involves teaching for both children and parents and is held once a year.

Junior Choir (Elementary and Middle School Grades) This choir meets most Sundays from 9 to 9:45am and performs occasionally at the 10am service and on other special occasions at St. Andrew's and in the wider community.

Church School Meditations Parents and church school teachers are invited to receive a weekly email that contains a spiritual reflection by clergy on the lesson being taught that week in church school.

Youth

Please contact Rev. Catherine Healy, assistant rector for youth and family, at catherine@standrewswellesley.org or Susan Jackson at susan@standrewswellesley.org regarding any of the information that follows.

Sixth and Seventh Grades Rite-13 is a program designed specifically for sixth and seventh graders, led by a fantastic team of male and female adult parishioners. With the guidance of these mentors, Rite-13ers deepen their understanding of Christian faith, participate in games and group activities, take field trips, and forge new friendships amongst their peers. The Rite-13 group meets primarily on Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

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About once a month, there is an additional event, generally on a weekend evening or Sunday afternoon.

Eighth Grade The sacrament of Confirmation offers young people a chance to make an adult commitment to the Christian faith and to be strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. During Confirmation class, students will deepen their understanding of the Christian church, reflect on faith and contemporary issues, and engage in Christian spiritual practices. All classes begin by attending the 5pm Eucharist on alternate Sunday nights, followed by a class meeting that ends at 6:30pm. An introductory meeting for parents of prospective Confirmands meets at the end of September, and classes start in early October.

Ninth to Twelfth Grades The high school youth group meets bi-weekly on Sunday nights, from 6:45 to 8pm. Each meeting includes games, snacks, fellowship, and worship. The youth group also goes on monthly outings, including camping trips, bowling, laser tag, whitewater rafting, and more. All high school students are welcome at any of our meetings and may bring friends!

Summer Youth Mission Trips Some years, the high school youth group plans a mission trip to learn about other countries or communities and to offer Christian service to people and places in particular need. Recent destinations have included the Gulf Coast and Navajoland. Students who have completed ninth through twelfth grades are eligible to participate.

Youth Acolyte Program All young adults in eighth grade and older are invited to serve as acolytes, banner bearers, Gospel bearer, and crucifers during the 10am worship. Generally, teens are assigned to a set crew that serves once per month. Training and vestments are provided.

Adults

Please contact Rev. Margaret Schwarzer, associate rector for adult formation and membership, margaret@standrewswellesley.org, regarding any of the following information.

Adult Forums On certain Sundays following the 10am service, there are gatherings for discussion on a topic of current interest. These are usually led by parishioners.

Bible Circles Each year group members select a book of Holy Scripture to study during the academic year. We read scripture, consider scholarly commentaries, and share personal insights and experiences. Bible Circles meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Harvey Room, and/or on the second Wednesday night of each month at 7pm in Room 2. All are welcome.

Christian Learning Series Our adult class meets from 9am to 9:45am on the second, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month from mid-September through May in Room 2. You can learn about our current offerings by opening the LEARN tab on our website and clicking on ADULT, or by reading St. Andrew's communications. Recent topics have included spirituality, history, scripture, theology, and prayer. Please join us as time and interest allow.

Faith and Practice Series On the first Sunday of the months of October, November, February, March, and April, we offer a Faith and Practice class that invites members of our parish to deepen their own practice of Christianity. This intergenerational class is held from 11:30am to 12:15pm in Room 2. You can learn about our current offerings by opening the LEARN tab on our website and clicking on ADULT, or by reading St. Andrew's communications. All are welcome as time and interest allow.

Lenten Series On Wednesday evenings during Lent, members of the parish gather for a potluck supper from 6 to 6:30pm in the parish hall. After supper, all are invited to an adult program from 6:45pm to 7:30pm. Please join us.

Men's Bible Study Group Our men's Bible study meets on the first Saturday of each month at 8am. Group members select one book of the Bible to study for the academic year. Through reading Holy Scripture, discussing scholarly commentaries, and reflecting on personal experience, members discern the implications of God's Word for their own work and ministry.

Men's Book Club Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Harvey Room for fellowship and discussion of selected works of non-fiction.

Reading Mavens This is a book club for both men and women and we include fiction and non-fiction suggested by participants. We not only discuss how well we liked or didn't like the books, chat about literary impact (or ignore it), but look for any spiritual or biblical resonance in the readings. We meet in the Harvey Room on the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

Wellesley College Student Ministry Wellesley College students at St. Andrew's meet bi-weekly on Sunday nights for Bible study at 7:30pm and participate in other special events throughout the year, including brunch gatherings and retreats



St. Andrew's Ministry Opportunities

THE SUCCESS of a thriving church depends on parishioners volunteering to support various activities that make us a strong community. Below are numerous opportunities for participation. If you are interested in any particular area, please be sure to reach out to the vestryperson identified as the contact.

Christian Learning

The vestryperson for education works with the staff and parish volunteers to plan and implement a wide array of educational programs for parishioners of all ages. These include the church school curricula and various classes offered to adults.

Care of Toddlers Each Sunday from mid-September to mid-June, children between the ages of one and three are in Kids' Place, a room with toys and activity appropriate for their age group. The room is run on a cooperative basis by parents and volunteers, with professional childcare major holiday weekends.

Teaching in the Church School The church school at St. Andrew's is staffed by volunteers who bring a wide variety of gifts to their ministry with children. Interested parishioners need not be parents themselves or have children in the program to teach in the church school. A desire to share one's faith with others and to witness to the love of God in a patient and flexible way is all that is required. Numerous opportunities for involvement exist—teachers, teaching assistants and coordinators, special events coordinators, substitute teachers, chaplains, musicians, and administrative helpers.

The church school year is divided into two semesters (September through December and January through June). Usually a team of two or more teachers has responsibility for a class for one semester. Teacher training and support sessions are offered throughout the school year. Past teaching experience is not required.

Contact Susan Jackson, christian learning coordinator, susan@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Communications

Chaired by the vestryperson for communications, this committee disseminates information to the public and congregation about church events and activities through parish publications, website, local newspapers, external signs, and other media.

Contact communications@standrewswellesley.org

Fellowship

Chaired by the vestryperson for fellowship, this committee implements activities within St. Andrew's that nurture fellowship and community building. There are many ways to take part in this effort.

Bargain Haul At our rummage sale on the first Saturday in May, and during the work week preceding it, volunteers of all ages enjoy meeting new people and re-connecting

with old friends as they take part in a flurry of activity. Parishioners are encouraged to save gently-used items throughout the year for donation to Bargain Haul in the spring.

Coffee Hour Hosts Each week different people take a turn at hosting our Sunday refreshment hour. The coordinator provides instructions and can pair you with a hosting partner.

Fellowship Activities and Receptions Events, such as the parish picnic, teas, and adult potlucks, take place at various points in the year, sometimes in conjunction with other ministries. You are welcome to join a dedicated group of volunteers who contribute food and time to these activities and receptions as well as special musical events and funerals.

Contact fellowship@standrewswellesley.org

Finance

Chaired by the vestryperson for finance, this committee formulates and monitors the church's annual budget and, in consultation with the treasurer, the wardens, and the rector, makes investment decisions relating to St. Andrew's endowment.

Contact finance@standrewswellesley.org

Membership

Chaired by the vestryperson for membership, this committee welcomes new members and visitors to St. Andrew's and helps all parishioners become involved in the life of the parish.

Coventry Suppers Over one hundred parishioners—couples and singles—participate in this supper group program at St. Andrew's every year. Small groups of eight to ten are formed in the fall and gather monthly in homes for a simple shared meal. Groups meet on both weeknight and weekend evenings from October to June, depending on the preference of each supper group.

Greeters A wonderful way to say hello to old friends and newcomers at St. Andrew's is to greet them before the Sunday 10am service. We encourage individuals, couples, and families to sign up for this important role.

Newcomers' Gatherings Twice a year after the 10am service, the Membership Committee organizes brunches for newcomers, so that they can meet each other as well as the parish staff and other members of the parish.

Contact membership@standrewswellesley.org

Music

Music is one of the treasured elements of our worship together at St. Andrew's. While the great music of the Anglican tradition is fundamental to our program, St. Andrew's embraces a wide range of musical expression from the Renaissance through contemporary times. St. Andrew's is extremely fortunate to have a Juget-Sinclair organ, which was built for the church and dedicated in 2006. Accomplished organist and choral

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director Helen Ward Mannix leads and accompanies the senior choir. The choir, parish volunteers, is supported by highly trained professional vocalists.

Instrumental Talents Members of the parish who play an instrument may offer talents either as a soloist or as an accompanist to choral music.

Helen Ward Mannix, music minister, wardie@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Senior Choir The senior choir sings every Sunday at the 10am service from mid-September to mid-June, on major feast days, at Advent Lessons & Carols in December, and at Evensong in the spring. The choir is open to any adult parishioner, high school age or older, who loves to sing. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7:30 to 9pm, and on Sunday mornings at 9am through the 10am service.

Helen Ward Mannix, music minister, wardie@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Junior Choir This group, ranging in age from five to 13, sings occasionally at the 10am and on other special occasions, at both St. Andrew's and in the wider community.

Meets on Sunday mornings at 9am.

Amanda Kern, youth choir director, amanda@standrewswellesley.org

Outreach

Chaired by the vestryperson for outreach, this committee coordinates the mission work taking place outside the parish in Metrowest, Boston and internationally in Honduras. St. Andrew's is a community committed to putting Christian faith into action.

Contact outreach@standrewswellesley.org

To sign up to participate in an activity, go to St. Andrew's website, www.standrewswellesley.org and click on SERVE.

Some of our activities include:

common cathedral, Boston Twice a year parishioners participate in an "outdoor church" on Boston Common, serving lunch to the homeless, and gathering to worship with them on a Sunday afternoon

El Hogar Service Projects St. Andrew's sponsors several girls and boys attending the El Hogar Home and School in Honduras. This is a long-standing international commitment that has included several mission trips to Honduras. Service projects for El Hogar include letter-writing, and sending clothing and school supplies to support students throughout the year that live on 4 campuses.

Family Promise Metrowest Four times a year we assist in hosting homeless families at a Wellesley church by cooking meals, providing companionship, and a safe transitional shelter.

Contact familypromise@standrewswellesley.org

Health Care Without Walls Boston provides free medical care, laboratory tests, prenatal care, and over-the counter medications to women, children, and families, and assists patients in navigating the health care system in Boston. St. Andrew's has long supported this organization through the "Sox Box" and knitting ministry.

Salvation Army, Framingham Every fourth Tuesday of the month volunteers from St. Andrew's serve and/or make dinner for the homeless at the Salvation Army in Framingham.

Contact salvationarmy@standrewswellesley.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Boston St. Stephen's is an inner city mission church with a diverse population, which St. Andrew's has supported in many ways over the years—Summer Program, after-school programs, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas gifts for seniors. For the B-SAFE program there, St. Andrew's provides intensive one-week support for the inner city camp. There are many volunteer opportunities with St. Stephen's, both on a regular and occasional basis.

Other Vital Ministries The Outreach Committee also supports other initiatives for the church. Among these projects are:

- The Christmas mitten tree (warm mittens and hats for children) and winter coat collection
- Crafting handmade scarves, cowls, etc., by the St Andrew's knitters, for people at St. Stephen's and other needy groups
- Regular collection for the Wellesley Food Pantry

Walk for Hunger Every May, several outreach members organize a group of parishioners from St. Andrew's to participate in a sponsored 20-mile walk beginning and ending on Boston Common. Donations support Project Bread, which helps to feed the homeless in the greater Boston area.

Personnel

St. Andrew's personnel committee provides support to parish clergy and lay leadership relating to human resources issues.

Contact personnel@standrewswellesley.org

Office Volunteers Experience the nuts and bolts aspect of the Parish Office by volunteering your time and talent to help answer phones, assemble mailings, using the copier and folding machines, and in general, assisting the parish administrator with administrative duties.

Katharine Clark, parish administrator, kate@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Property

Chaired by the vestryperson for property, this committee plans for and supervises the upkeep and repair of the buildings and their contents, as well as the grounds owned by St. Andrew's.

Gardens Parishioners assist in maintaining gardens on church property.

Maintenance Parishioners assist by helping with routine maintenance chores.

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Recycling Volunteers are needed to take recyclables to the Wellesley RDF on a weekly rotating schedule.

Contact property@standrewswellesley.org or
Steve Killeen, Sexton, steve@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310

Stewardship

Chaired by the vestryperson for stewardship, this committee reminds the parish that every Christian is responsible for using money, time, and talents to the glory of God. It plans and implements the annual campaign, which generates revenue and talent to sustain the ministries in and from St. Andrew's.

Contact stewardship@standrewswellesley.org

Worship

Chaired by the vestryperson for worship, this committee serves in an advisory capacity to the clergy about issues relating to the spiritual and worship life of the parish.

Contact worship@standrewswellesley.org

Acolytes Acolytes (grade eight and above) assist in worship by leading processions and performing other duties during services. Acolytes are assigned to teams that serve one week per month.

Contact acolytes@standrewswellesley.org

Altar Guild The liturgy begins and ends with the work of the altar guild as members maintain and care for the sacred vessels, altar linens, hangings, and vestments. Members serve once a month, and the time of service is flexible. New members receive training and work side-by-side with experienced members as they learn. While the work of the altar guild is done in quiet and behind the scenes, it is seen and relied upon by the clergy and the congregation. Please reach out to the director of the altar guild if you are interested in joining in this ministry.

Contact altar@standrewswellesley.org

Eucharistic Ministry Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) assist the clergy in preparing elements for communion and in administering the chalice. Sometimes LEM take the Sacrament to those who are sick or shut-in. Some training is required for this ministry.

Contact lem@standrewswellesley.org

Flower Guild The flower guild arranges flowers for the altars each Sunday. It also decorates the church for the festivals of Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and St. Andrew's Day. A love of flowers, some knowledge of floral arranging, and a commitment of one month each year are all that is required to join.

Contact flowerguild@standrewswellesley.org

Lay Reading Lay Readers assist in worship services by reading lessons or leading the congregation in the prayers of the people. Lay readers are assigned to each service according to a rotation, and copies of readings are sent to readers in advance.

Contact lem@standrewswellesley.org

Ushers Ushers assist parishioners and newcomers at both Sunday services and at special services by distributing leaflets, helping people find seats, taking up the collection, and directing people to and from the altar during communion. Ushers serve in teams and are assigned according to a rotation.

Contact ushers@standrewswellesley.org



Vestry Members

THE VESTRY FUNCTIONS as the standing committee of the parish, helping the clergy and staff carry out the mission of St. Andrew's Church. They are elected by the congregation and serve for three-year terms. Each member of the Vestry is responsible for a specific aspect of parish life and works with a committee of parishioners to accomplish related tasks.

The wardens work closely with the rector and staff to oversee the daily operation of parish life. Together with the clerk and treasurer, they are the officers of the vestry.

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Pastoral Care

PASTORAL CARE at St. Andrew's Church is offered by the clergy and a lay pastoral care team of trained volunteers from the parish.

Whenever you have a concern or problem you would like to discuss confidentially, when a loved one is ill or has died, or whenever a visit with someone from St. Andrew's might be of help to you, please contact the church.

A staff member is available to bring communion to parishioners who are shut-in or ill, either at their homes or in a hospital or care facility. Short-term counseling, crisis intervention, and referral to other social service providers are also available.

Contact any member of the clergy.

Prayer List The parish community prays each week during all worship services for people who are ill, hospitalized, or have special needs. Anyone, parishioner or not, may be included on this list.

Contact Adrian Robbins-Cole, rector, adrian@standrewswellesley.org 781/235-7310



Frequently Asked Questions about Membership

How do I become a member at St Andrew's?

Once you fill out a welcome card with your details, you will be on our mailing list as a newcomer for a year or two. As a newcomer, you are invited to our newcomer events, such as newcomer brunches, receive the weekly e-Pistle via email, and are encouraged to participate in any of the activities or programs that interest you. Most active members make a pledge and participate in our services or programs regularly.

Do I have to be baptized or confirmed to be a member?

No, we welcome all who are drawn to our services and activities.

What if I am uncertain about my beliefs or religion?

We welcome all who are exploring spirituality or seeking a deeper experience of faith or knowledge of God.

What if my spouse or partner is of a different faith or no particular faith?

We welcome all who enjoy the beauty and spirit of our services or who are interested in our programs.

Do I have to make a financial pledge to the church in order to be a member?

People who attend do pledge during the fall stewardship drive to support the church during the following year. It is strongly encouraged as a commitment to and participation in the wellbeing of the church and its programs.

Is St Andrew's open and affirming to LGBTQ members?

Yes, our parish is open and affirming. The clergy are supportive of marriage and are open to discussing the particular needs of a couple.

How can I get involved?

Participate in a volunteer activity. Come to a fellowship event. Work at the annual *Bargain Haul* rummage sale in the spring. Attend an education event. There are many activities and ministries that make up our community life. Keep up with our communications.

How can I get a nametag?

Email the vestryperson for Membership with your name at
membership@standrewswellesley.org. Nametags help us get to know you.

What is unique about the Episcopal Church?

The Episcopal Church has a liturgy based on The Book of Common Prayer, which gives our services a rich depth of language and centuries-old beauty. The Episcopal Church welcomes questions and honest engagement with issues of faith and spirituality.

St. Andrew's and the Internet

Website www.standrewswellesley.org.

Among the items that can be found are:

- Adult Education
- Audio copies of sermons (and some text)
- Sunday service leaflets
- Calendars
- Copies of our newsletter, The Call
- Ministry information
- Volunteer SIGN-UP and SERVE
- Ways to make pledges or give gifts
- Photos and slide shows of recent events
- On-line parish directory

The weekly e-Pistle Once you have given us your information and email, you will receive a weekly e-Pistle on Friday from the rector and the parish office, which alerts you to activities during the current weekend and other upcoming parish events.

St. Andrew's on Facebook We have a Facebook site. If you "like" it, you will receive meditations and other interesting photos from the parish.



Notes



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