



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude "Adagio" from the *Toccata and Fugue in C minor* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe den Herren*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal) William Mathias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord

not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The

harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then

has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79:1-9

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm



- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your ¹holy ¹temple; *
they have made Je¹rusalem a ¹heap of ¹rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for
the ¹birds of the ¹air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones ¹to the ¹beasts of the ¹field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every ¹side of Je¹rusalem, *
and ¹there was ¹no one to ¹bury them.
- 4 We have become a re¹proach to our ¹neighbors, *
an object of scorn and de¹risi¹on to ¹those a¹round us.
- 5 How long will you be ¹angry, O ¹LORD? *
will your fury ¹blaze like ¹fire for ¹ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who ¹have not ¹known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not ¹called up¹on your ¹Name.
- 7 For they have de¹vo¹ured ¹Jacob *
and ¹made his ¹dwelling a ¹ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your ¹compassion be ¹swift to ¹meet us; *
for ¹we have been ¹brought very ¹low.

+ 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the ¹glory of your ¹Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our ¹sins, for your ¹Näme's ¹sake.

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the

knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 475 “God himself is with us”

Tysk

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He

said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful

with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No

slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *My eyes for beauty pine*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

lyrics by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine

My soul for Goddes grace:

No other care nor hope is mine

To heaven I turn my face

One splendour thence is shed

From all the stars above:

'Tis named when God's name is said

'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love

And every gentle heart

That burns with true desire

Is lit from eyes that mirror part

Of that celestial fire.

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *Never Weather-Beaten Sail*

Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.

Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,

Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:

O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.

Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:

Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:

O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Communion Hymn 309 "O Food to pilgrims given"

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 368 "Holy Father, great Creator"

Regent Square

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in C major*

J.S. Bach

Copyright: Music reprinted and streamed with permission
under OneLicense #A-736732. All rights reserved.

Join us for the coffee hour in the parish hall.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



For parishioners who use Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, we use the *ListenWiFi* streaming service to enhance your personal listening. Download *ListenWiFi* from your app store and follow the instructions at the ushers table to connect your app to the church system.



If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Marian and Harry Heher by Dr. Eliot Heher, and
Elizabeth Diane Cigan by Eric Cigan.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Becky Hamlin, Debbie Lorenz, Linda McCammond,
Debbie Monti, Caren Parker, Laura Hewitt Riley, Liz Rogers,
Pamela Tusiime, and Betsy Veidenheimer
Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell
Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Peter Mahoney; Torch, Tanner Francour; and Torch, Ben Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Debbie & David Osborn, Ryan Osborn
Lay Eucharistic Ministers David Hamlin, Meg Harris,
Ann Johnson, and Peter Mahoney
Readers Nora Tracy Philips and Lisa Howe
Ushers David Boghosian, Lisa Howe, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the North Shore Deanery
St. Peter's Church, Beverly
St. John's Church, Beverly Farms
All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers
St. John's Church, Gloucester
Essex County Community Organization (ECCO)



Bible Reading Questions

1. In Jeremiah ...

- a. The prophet weeps for his people
- b. The prophet thinks Israel deserves to suffer
- c. The prophet thinks the world is always fair
- d. The prophet needs a doctor

2. In the Psalm 79 it says ...

- a. The speaker thinks Israel should suffer more
- b. The speaker asks God to save his people
- c. Israel has behaved faithfully
- d. God is pleased with Israel

3. In 1 Timothy he says ...

- a. The speaker thinks Israel should suffer more
- b. The speaker asks God to save his people
- c. Israel has behaved faithfully
- d. God is pleased with Israel

4. In the passage from Luke it says ...

- a. We should be dishonest
- b. God loves sneakiness
- c. We need to be honest and upright, even when it is hard
- d. God doesn't mind if we cheat in business

Reading and Sermon Notes



Icon of the Week

St. Jerome

c.347-420

At age 18, St. Jerome went to Rome where in six years he mastered Greek and Roman literature. He took Cicero as a model for his rhetoric. He was baptized at Rome but claims that worldly distractions diluted his Christianity. For several years after 366 he lived as a monk near his hometown on the Adriatic Sea. When Jerome traveled to Antioch in 374, he fell ill with a high fever. In a delirium he dreamed he was before Christ's judgement seat: "Who are you?" a voice asked. "I'm a Christian," Jerome said. "No, you're a liar. You're Cicero's disciple, not mine." Jerome responded by withdrawing into the Syrian desert for five years of prayer and fasting. Afterwards, Jerome undertook biblical studies with St. Gregory at Constantinople. He launched his life project of producing an accurate Latin Bible. Over several decades he translated afresh most of the Old Testament and corrected the text of the New Testament. For 15 centuries, his edition of Scripture, called the *Vulgate*, was the benchmark translation of the Bible in the western church.

Jerome's sharp tongue and curmudgeon disposition made him many enemies. He was seldom pleasant, but he was never dull. His nastiness marred his reputation. Sexual temptations plagued him, but he distracted himself by studying Hebrew. He was forced to relocate to Bethlehem in 385. Yet, St. Paula and other high-born women joined him. The two saints founded a monastery for men, a convent for women, and a hospice for visitors to the Holy Land. St. Jerome died there in 420.

His feast day is September 30.

After 404, barbarians overran Rome, and many Christians fled to the Holy Land. At Bethlehem, Jerome dropped all his biblical studies. "Today," he said, "we must translate the words of Scripture into deeds, and instead of speaking saintly words, we must act them."



Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page.

Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

The Ministry Fair

Join us for the third annual ministry fair **today, September 21, after the 10am service in the parish hall**. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's—from volunteer ministries to fellowship and education programs.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Adult Christian learning class continues **today, September 21, at 9am in Room 2** with our series on *Personal Faith and Discipleship*. Our second class is *Talking with Atheists*. On **September 28**, Adrian leads a class on *Personal Faith in Challenging Times: Hooker and Bonhoeffer*. Join us for every class or just for the classes that interest you. Meet in person or **on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). —[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Kids' Place Childcare on Sundays

Kids' Place is for children three and under, or any older child who would prefer to be in nursery care rather than church school, and is open **from 9:45am to 11:30am**.

Church School Today

- **Godly Play I** pre-k to first grade meet in the **children's chapel**
- **Godly Play II** grades two and three meet in **Room 201**

- **Upper School/Way of Love** grades four and five meet in **Room 204**

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class meets **today, September 21, at 4:30pm in the Harvey Room**.

Youth Group

- **September 21 12pm** meet for pizza and apple picking. Return to St. Andrew's approximately at **3pm**.
- **September 28 5:45pm to 7:15pm**
Cooking night and Bible study
- **October 5**
 - **After church** *common cathedral*
 - **5pm** Blessing of the Animals
 - **5:45pm to 7:15pm** Dinner and Bible study, also prepare for Agassiz Village trip
- **October 12** Agassiz Village service trip and retreat
 - **October 11–13, Saturday to Monday**
Teen-focused retreat with intergenerational opportunities, free time, games, Bible study, and worship, including Sunday worship with Christ Church, Norway.
 - **October 12–14, Sunday to Tuesday**
Adults join in for extended service and retreat time. Accommodations are dorm-style (double rooms); additional space and day visits are available.

Rite-13

Rite-13, for sixth and seventh graders, is **today, September 21, at 4:30pm in Room 202.**

Pilgrimage to England June 2026

In the next few weeks, Adrian and I will send out the full itinerary and ask people to commit to our trip. We have a lot of interest in this pilgrimage, so we may generate a waiting list. There will be a day in early October when everyone can sign up. We look forward to traveling with you. —[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Join the Children's Choir

We would love you to join us! We learn all about music, singing in choir, and our Episcopal liturgical music tradition using The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) curriculum. Children's choir sings during our all parish Eucharists (typically on the first Sunday of the month).

We rehearse Thursday evenings **from 5 to 5:45pm** followed by an opportunity for food and fellowship for participants and their families. To sign up please email [Benedict Hensley](#). • **Note:** We are offering this opportunity to children in grades two to six, but if you have a child outside this age range who is interested, please contact Benedict.

Prayer List

The prayer list has grown quite long over the summer. Consequently, at Sunday services, we will be splitting the list in half and reading one half one week, and the second half the following week. The complete

prayer list will be in the e-Pistle every week. We will be doing a quarterly refreshment of the list **in October**. If you have a loved one on the prayer list and would like them to remain on the list, [please email Adrian](#).

Your Realm Account

Realm is our parish database and online directory, where you can find contact information and photos of fellow parishioners. [Contact Kate](#) to request an invitation. Be sure to check your spam or junk folder for an email from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (notifications@onrealmmail.org). You can also download the **Realm Connect** app for your phone from the App Store or Google Play.

Name Tag Reminder!

As we return to church this fall and welcome new faces, please wear your name tag and introduce yourself to others. If you need a new name tag, contact membership@st-andrewswellesley.org.

Soul Sisters

Our next gatherings, open to all women in the parish, will focus on a book discussion of *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Our discussion will be led by Becky Hamlin.

- **Tuesday, October 14 at 6pm**
- **Thursday, October 16 at 10am**

Theo of Golden tells the story of a mysterious man who quietly transforms a Southern town through his gifts to strangers, sparking connection, curiosity, and community.

Join the St. Andrew's Usher Ministry!

If you like to attend the 8am or 10am Sunday service, please consider joining our incredible team of ushers! It's a wonderful way to serve St. Andrew's, and a great way to get to know more of your fellow parishioners. Training is quick and easy, and you are always in the company of veteran ushers who will help you learn the ropes. [Contact Terri Rawson-Wakefield](#).

Bible Studies

- **Weekly Beginner's Bible Study**
We meet on **Thursdays, from noon to 1pm**. In September, we will finish our exploration of St Paul's epistle to the Romans. In October, we will begin a new series with the Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome. Join us [online every Thursday](#). — [Adrian Robbins-Cole](#)
- **Monthly Open Bible Study** resumes on **Tuesday, October 14, and Wednesday October 15**. This year, we are studying the Book of Exodus. No preparation is needed; we read and reflect together. Join us on either the **second Tuesday of each month at 11am**, or on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7pm**. Come to the Harvey Room or join us online; the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle. — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)
- **Men's Bible Study** We will resume on **Saturday, October 4, at 8am**. New members are welcome. We meet on the first and third Saturday of each via Zoom. It is a great group exploring the bible from from a scholarly perspective and also discussing what the passages

mean to us in our lives. Contact [Adrian Robbins-Cole](#) who runs the group.

common cathedral



Please join in outreach support of *common cathedral*, the worship and lunch event on Boston Common which seeks to bridge the gap between unhoused and housed people. On **Sunday, October 5**, a group of parishioners will prepare 120 bag lunches and then travel to Boston to serve lunch and worship. We welcome everyone—kids as young as five can participate. [Sign up in Realm](#) or contact Cam McCormick at 617/584-9434.

Blessing of the Animals

Our much-loved *Blessing of the Animals* service will be at **5pm on Sunday, October 5**. The service will take place in the church and pets and animals of all kinds are welcome! We will sing a hymn, say some prayers, and the clergy will come around and individually bless each animal. We will also give thanks for all our pets who have passed away but whose memory we still cherish.

Fall Fellowship Event

Please add the fall fellowship event to your calendar for **Saturday, October 25, from 6pm to 9pm**. More details to come. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Coventry Suppers

A long-standing tradition at St. Andrew's, these casual potluck dinners are held in parishioners' homes and offer a warm, relaxed way to connect—especially for newcomers. Groups of eight to 10 people gather for simple meals and good conversation throughout the year. **Sign up [on Realm Connect](#), or by emailing membership@standrewswellesley.org and/or fellowship@standrewswellesley.org by Sunday, October 12.** After sign-ups close, groups will be formed and a “first convener” assigned to host the initial gathering. Most groups meet four to six times during the year.

CityReach Overnight Service Trip

St. Andrew's CityReach overnight service trip in Boston **Friday, November 21, to Saturday November 22**, for middle and high schoolers, gives them the opportunity to learn firsthand about homelessness from people who have experienced it. During the 20-hour session, participants join CityReach staff in street ministry and offer hospitality, food, and clothing. This is followed by times of sharing and reflection. Registration is \$75 per participant/adult chaperone. **Please register by Wednesday, October 15 in Realm.** [Link to follow next week.](#)

Joint Luncheon with Village Church

St. Andrew's parishioners are excited to host our Village Church neighbors for a luncheon on **Tuesday, October 21, at 12pm in the parish hall.** (This luncheon has been a tradition between our churches since the mid-1970s!) Lunch will be provided and Sarah Robbins-Cole will be discussing the topic of *Happiness and Human Connection*. You can sign up to attend three ways: • [Sign up on Realm](#) • the Sign up sheet in the narthex, and • [email Ginny Snow](#)

Fall Read: *Inner Excellence*

Inner Excellence—Train Your Mind for Extraordinary Performance and the Best Possible Life by Jim Murphy. New York Times bestselling author, Jim Murphy is a performance coach for some of the best athletes in the world. His Christian faith and his own experiences as an athlete and coach to the Texas Rangers generated the wisdom in this book: how to live your “best possible life.” This is the book Adrian preached about in his Easter sermon. Order it online or send Margaret an email and she will order it for you for \$16.99. Adrian will lead a discussion of the book in a 9am adult Christian learning class. —[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Gratitude

Parish Picnic

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in helping to make the parish picnic a big success! It was great to see everyone again and have the chance to reconnect with old friends as well as welcome new members to the parish. A very special thank you to the Hunnewell family for hosting this wonderful event—what a glorious setting!

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications Betsy Veidenheimer

Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

Property Sam Schaefer

Stewardship Madison Riley

Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Tom Faust
Ginny Snow

Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

Rector Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

adrian@standrewswellesley.org

Associate Rector for Adult Formation and Membership

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

margaret@standrewswellesley.org

Associate Rector for Youth & Family

Rev. Dr. Sarah Robbins-Cole

sarah@standrewswellesley.org

Pastoral Associate Rev. Karen Vickers Budney

revkar7@comcast.net

Parish Administrator Katharine L. Clark

kate@standrewswellesley.org

Financial Administrator Joanne Butler

joanne@standrewswellesley.org

Music Minister Helen Ward Mannix

wardie@standrewswellesley.org

Children's Choir Director Benedict Hensley

benedict@standrewswellesley.org

Christian Learning Coordinator Susan Jackson

susan@standrewswellesley.org

Sexton Steve Killeen

steve@standrewswellesley.org

Assistant Sexton Bill Clover

Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** is offered online **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm** (the doors are locked at 1 pm) and **Friday, 9am to noon** (church access by appointment) unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** for the bulletin, the e-Pistle, or any email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



Regular weekly meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

- Sundays** • 9am adult Christian learning • 9:45am Kids' Place • 9:45am church school programs • 11am coffee hour • 4:30pm confirmation class
• 4:30pm Rite-13 • 6pm youth group
- Thursdays** • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir
• 7:30pm senior choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 21

11am coffee hour and ministry fair

Monday, September 22

7pm finance meeting

Tuesday, September 23

7pm vestry meeting

Thursday, September 24

9:30am altar guild meeting

Sunday, September 28

stewardship kickoff Sunday



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

79 DENTON ROAD

WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 02482

781.235.7310 • STANDREWSWELLESLEY.ORG