

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

*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.*

**Third Sunday of Advent  
and the Christmas Pageant  
December 14, 2025**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise be to you, Jesus Christ)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus" *Stuttgart*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burn-ing and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Savior and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever.

*People* Blessed be God for ever. *Amen.*

**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

Trisagion S102 (front section of hymnal)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

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Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray,

*People* Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Christmas Pageant

*The congregation remains seated during the pageant.*

*The choir and the congregation will sing all carols.*

Hymn 83	O come, all ye faithful (vs. 1-3)	<i>Adeste fideles</i>
Hymn 79	O little town of Bethlehem (vs. 1-2)	<i>St. Louis</i>
Hymn 101	Away in a manger (vs. 1-2)	<i>Cradle Song</i>
Hymn 96	Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1-2)	<i>Gloria</i>
Hymn 99	Go tell it on the mountain (vs. 1-2)	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
Hymn 111	Silent night (v. 1)	<i>Stille Nacht</i>
Hymn 128	We three kings of Orient are (vs. 1-5)	<i>Three Kings of Orient</i>
Hymn 100	Joy to the world (vs. 1-4)	<i>Antioch</i>

Homily

Kara Eichelberger

Peace

Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Salutation Carol* 15th cent. English carol from the Bodleian Library  
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### **Refrain**

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!*

*This is the salutation of th'angel Gabriel*

*Tidings true there be come new*

*Sent from the Trinity*

*By Gabriel to Nazareth*

*City of Galilee*

*A clean maiden and pure virgin*

*By her humility*

*Shall now conceive the Person*

*Second in deity. Refrain*

*When he first presented was*

*Before her fair visage*

*In the most demure and goodly wise*

*He did to her homage*

*And said, "Lady, from heav'n so high,*

*That Lordes heritage,*

*The which of thee born would be*

*I am sent on message. Refrain*

*Hail, virgin celestial*

*The meek'st that ever was!*

*Hail, temple of Deity!*

*Hail, mirror of all grace!*

*Hail, virgin pure! I thee ensure,*

*Within a little space*

*Thou shalt conceive, and him receive*

*That shall bring great solace Refrain*

*Then bespoke the maid again*

*And answered womanly*

*"Whate'er my Lord commandeth me*

*I will obey truly"*

*With "Ecce sum humillima (I am the most  
humble)*

*Ancilla Domini*

*Secundum verbum tuum" (according to  
your word)*

*She said, "Fiat mihi" (Let it be done for  
me.) Refrain*

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. Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

S 156 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover*

Gerald Near (b.1942)

Communion Anthem *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood  
That we might saved be*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!*

Communion Hymn 265 "The angel Gabriel from heaven came"

*Gabriel's Message*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

*Llangloffan*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich BWV 605*

J.S. Bach

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour**  
hosted by Hillary & Lou Madge.



# Christmas Pageant Cast

Gabriel ..... Annabelle Reaves  
Innkeeper ..... Cal Brigham, Billy Scott and Will Shirley  
Joseph ..... Ben Dietz  
Mary..... Caroline Schmidt  
Narrators ..... Imogen Heuer and Henry Brigham  
Speaking Angels ..... Nell Kenary, Lizzy Scott  
..... and Arthur Schmidt

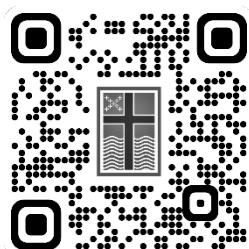
## Chorus of angels, shepherds, and animals

Brooks Boghosian, Sydel Boghosian, Alexis Brigham,  
Heidi Dietz, Annabelle Estey, Anna Farrow, Margo  
Farrow, Clarke Kenary, June Kenary, Ella MacAusland,  
Kai MacAusland, Brutus Mitchell, Fiona Mitchell,  
Maisie Mitchell, CJ Schmidt, Eliza Stein,  
and Kate Stein

## How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *ListenWiFi* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *ListenWiFi* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how 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 in memory of**  
Samuel P. Cochran by Jesse Cochran and family,  
and Grant Warner Eustis, Nancy Eustis, and John P. Eustis by the Eustis family.

**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Adele Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Kim Francour, Erica Gelser,  
Peter Mahoney, Heather Schaefer, and Liz J. Tecca  
*Flowers* the flower guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Harriet Thompson  
*Ushers* Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Christina; Lowe; Torch, Jason Lowe; and Torch, Bennett Farny  
*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt  
*Greeters* Becky & David Hamlin  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* David Hamlin, Sarah Harris, Tad Heuer, and Ann Johnson  
*Readers* Michael Kemp and Debby Rempis  
*Ushers* Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, Frank Hunnewell, and Justin Wahls

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Alewife Deanery*  
Christ Church, Cambridge  
St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge  
St. James' Church, Cambridge  
St. Peter's Church, Cambridge  
Diocesan Disciplinary Board







# Icon of the Week

## St. John of the Cross

1542–1591

John was born in 1542 at Fontiveros, near Avila, Spain. After his third birthday, his father died leaving his mother and her children reduced to poverty. John received elementary education in an orphanage in Medina del Campo. By the age of 17, he had learned carpentry, tailoring, sculpturing, and painting through apprenticeships to local craftsmen. After university studies with the Jesuits, John entered the Carmelite Order and completed his theological studies in Salamanca. By the age of 35 he had studied extensively, had been spiritual director to many including St. Teresa of Avila, and yet devoted himself to the search for God so fully that he reached the peak of the mystical experience: a complete transformation in God.

St. Teresa recruited St. John to help her crusade to return the order of the Carmelites to a life centered on prayer. Feeling threatened by this reform, The Carmelites of St. John's own order kidnapped him, locked him in a small dark cell, and regularly beat him. During this isolation of cold, and darkness, God gave him illumination and consolation, which St. John expressed in a series of mystical poems written in his cell. After nine months, he miraculously escaped. From then on, his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love. He expresses his journey in the spiritual classic, "The Dark Night of the Soul."

**His feast day is December 14**

*Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction. —St. John of the Cross.*



# Outreach Holiday Projects

*During the Christmas season, we are called to be generous to those facing financial poverty. Our outreach ministry invites you to make donations in the following ways.*

## Alternative Gift Fair (AGF)

For over 20 years we have offered parishioners a fresh way to give gifts to family and friends *without shopping and wrapping!* You can choose to feed, educate, provide shelter and warmth through our list of projects. The AGF sheets are in the narthex and the pews. Donations will be accepted until **Friday, December 19.**

## Hungry Neighbors

Here are two excellent nonprofits that are helping to feed our hungry neighbors: [The Greater Boston Food Bank](#) and [The Wellesley Food Pantry](#). Please go to their websites to learn more. — Adrian Robbins-Cole

## Circle of Hope

Circle of Hope seeks donations of new and like-new, casual clothing for all ages, and new toiletries, in their mission to support housing-insecure families in the area. Collection boxes are in the narthex (entryway) and the parish hall.

## The Giving Tree

At the rear of the church every year, a Giving Tree rises. Please leave your donations under the tree by **Monday, December 15.** There are two ways to participate:

- Children at St. Stephen's are given the chance to ask for specific gifts. You can take a tag, purchase and wrap your gift, then put it under the tree.
- Diapers for Bridges to Moms at Brigham and Women's: Diapers are a constant and an expensive need for these women. Please leave packages of diapers under the tree



# Christmas & Epiphany Services

## **Blue Christmas Service** Wednesday, December 17, at 7pm

If you or someone you care about has had a hard year, and you are longing to make room for spirit in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that God's love and grace endure. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or time we are acknowledging. Join us in the transept chapel.

## **Christmas Eve Services** Wednesday, December 24 *All services will be broadcast*

### **Children's Service** at 3pm

This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion).

### **Family Eucharist** at 5pm

This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's. The service ends with the church darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

### **Holy Eucharist** **Choral Service at 10pm**

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet.

## **Christmas Day Services** Thursday, December 25

### **Barn Service** at 9am

A service of carols, readings, and prayers among the hay bales, and animals. At the red Hunnewell Barn on Washington St. **Register on Realm, space is limited.**

### **Church Service** at 10am

A relaxed one hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

## **Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner** Sunday, January 4, at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner.



# 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.*

## Intergenerational Choir

Please join us in leading hymns **at the 5pm Family Eucharist on Christmas Eve**. The intergenerational choir will meet **at 3:45pm before the service on Christmas Eve in the choir room** to review the hymns. During the service we will help to lead the congregation from the choir loft at the front of the church. All ages are welcome, and entire families are strongly encouraged! Please see or [email Benedict Hensley](#) if you can join us.

## Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following best practices to **fulfil your 2025 pledge or contribute toward your 2026 pledge** in this calendar year:

- **Stock donations** Please have stock donations processed **by Monday, December 15** and send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2025 Pledge, 2026 Pre-paid Pledge, etc.)
- **In-person** Drop in the collection plate **by Sunday, December 28** or at the church mailbox outside 79 Denton Road by noon on **Wednesday, December 31**.
- **By mail** Please mail by **Thursday, December 18** to allow for holiday mail delays.

- **Realm** If paying through Realm, please process your request **by Friday, December 26**. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2025 statement if received in 2026.

**For your 2025 pledge balance**, log in to *Realm* and go to “Giving” where your payments and balance will be listed.

**For 2026**, you should update your automatic payments from 2025 Pledge to 2026 Pledge. If new to Realm, you can set up automatic payments within *Realm* specifying the amount and frequency as well as a start and end date to have your pledge payments paid and recorded. Please reach out with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew’s! —Joanne Butler

## 9am Adult Christian Learning

**Today, Sunday, December 14**, join us for a *Bible study of Luke 2:1-20* led by Margaret Schwarzer. Next **Sunday, December 21**, Margaret offers us a *Christmas meditation*. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the parish hall [or on Zoom](#). —[Margaret Schwarzer](#)



# Children and Youth

*Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.*

## Pageant

The Christmas Pageant will take place **during the 10am service today, December 14.**

## 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 12pm**. Kid's Place will be available next **Sunday, December 21**, but will **not** be available on **Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or Sunday, December 28.**

## Church School

The pageant is today, so there are no scheduled classes. There will be **no** classes on **Sunday, December 21 and Sunday, December 28**. Church School will resume on **Sunday, January 4.**

## Rite-13

The pageant is today, so there are no scheduled classes. **Sunday, January 4, at 5pm** Rite-13ers should attend the Epiphany Fireside service **in the parish hall.**

## Confirmation Class

- **Today, December 14 3:30pm** confirmation class is invited to join the youth group for their trip to the La Salette Festival of Lights (Attleboro).
- **January 4 5pm** with attendance at the Epiphany Fireside service **in the parish hall.**
- **January 11 4:30pm** classes will resume

## Youth Group

- **Today, December 14 3:30pm** depart for La Salette Festival of Lights (Attleboro).
- **January 4 5pm** with attendance at the Epiphany Fireside service **in the parish hall.**
- **January 11 5:45pm** class will resume





# Vestry

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- 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

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**Finance** Sam Burns

**Human Resources** Laurin Baldwin

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**Outreach** Herb Manning

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**Treasurer** Joe Hamilton

**Wardens** Tom Faust

Ginny Snow

**Worship** Erica Gelser

**Youth Formation** Pamela Grossetti

## Staff

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- 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.

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# 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, please ring the intercom) 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.



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

**Sundays** • 9am adult Christian learning • 9:45am Kids' Place • 9:45am church school  
• 11am coffee hour • 4:30pm confirmation • 4:30pm Rite-13 • 5:45pm youth group  
**Thursdays** • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir  
• 7:30pm senior choir  
**First and third Saturdays at 8am** • men's Bible study  
**Second Tuesdays at 11am and second Wednesdays at 7pm** • open Bible study

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### Sunday, December 14

10am Holy Eucharist and Christmas pageant

### Monday, December 15

7pm finance meeting

### Tuesday, December 16

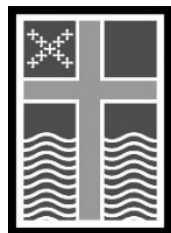
10am pastoral care meeting  
7pm vestry meeting

### Wednesday, December 17

7pm blue Christmas service

### Thursday, December 18

No children's choir



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