

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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Intermezzo* (Sonata IV)

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Processional Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

Lauda anima

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 299

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 280 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Clergy 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: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that

you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Today's psalm is sung by the choir. Please see music note following the announcements regarding psalm singing.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I

come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 685 “Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Toplady

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock,

he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them

received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of

them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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 *Like as the hart*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :

so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night :

while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

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

Clergy Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *Beati quorum via*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1937-2010)

*Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

Communion Hymn 309 "O food to pilgrims given"

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sinfonia (from *Cantata* 29)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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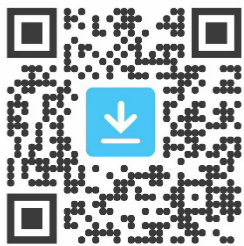
Please join us for the parish picnic at 845 Washington St. following the service.

Parish Prayer List

Cynthia Scott, Patricia, Asher Griffin, Carol Haynes Nelson, Alison Gregory Larson, Caroline Gregory, Gertrude Hughes, Cam Czubek, Barbara Henderson, Leslie Holmes, C.J., Landis Greathouse, Shelby Pierce, Pat MacKinnon, Stephen, Marina, John Cigan, Michael Vanin, Tomoko, Ralph Mercer, Donald, Katherine, Wayne, Barry, Trip, Joan W., Susan Link, John Wright, Rosie, Kiki H., Betsy C., Annie, Duke Devlin, Lianne Young, Pat Gillooly, Olivia Guagliano, Beverley Moran, and Laurin Baldwin.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Kennedy, father-in-law of Mark Benjamin, who died this week.

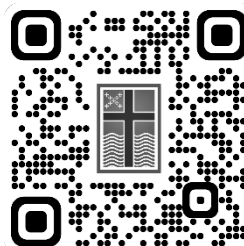
How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



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 flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Marian and Harry Heher by Dr. Eliot Heher.**

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Becky Hamlin, Debbie Lorenz, Linda McCammond, Debbie Monti , Caren
Parker, Laura Hewitt Riley, Liz Rogers, Susan Schaefer, Pamela Tusiime, and Betsy
Veidenheimer

Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering

Thank you to our ushers for serving at the 8am and 10am services

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Katherine Svendlund; Torch, Abby Dietz; and Torch, Ben Mahoney

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Greeters Laura & Madison Riley

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Suzy Littlefield, Erica Gelser,
Joe Hamilton, and Ann Johnson

Readers Nora Tracy Phillips and Debby Rempis

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)

Icon of the Week

St. Jerome

341-420

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. 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 curmudgeonly 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.

Parish Picnic

Please join us for fun, food, and games **after the 10am service today, at the Hunnewell home, 845 Washington St.** This is a wonderful way to connect with the parish community! Casual attire is encouraged at both church and the picnic.

9am Christian Learning Starts Today

Join us **today, September 20**, in the **parish hall or on Zoom** for our first class: *The Divine in Mary Oliver's Poetry*. Oliver, a Pulitzer Prize winning poet, lived and wrote on Cape Cod, and she combined her love of nature with her love of divine things. When we think we are reading about a grasshopper, or a heron, we are really reading about something else. Everyone is welcome. Come once or once a week. —Margaret

The Ministry Fair

Join us for the third annual ministry fair on **Sunday, September 27, 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.

Mah Jongg Begins September 23

Mah Jongg begins **Wednesday, September 23, from 6pm to 8pm** and will continue on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Harvey Room. We would also be happy to offer a daytime gathering if there is interest and volunteers to host. Please see Sarah Harris or Sarah Robbins-Cole for more information or to volunteer.

Join the Usher Ministry!

We're looking for adult parishioners to join St. Andrew's fantastic team of ushers! It's a wonderful way to deepen your faith through service and expand your relationships with fellow parishioners—all while enjoying the Sunday services you normally attend. You only need to usher one Sunday per month so the commitment isn't overwhelming (plus you'll receive a special name tag!). Spots are open for both the **8 am** and **10 am** services. If you are interested please reach out to Terri Rawson-Wakefield.

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 the membership vestryperson.

Bishop's Visitation to St. Andrew's

The Bishop of Massachusetts, the Right Reverend Julia Whitworth will be preaching and presiding at the **10am service on Sunday, October 4**. This will be the bishop's first visit with us and I hope you will all make a big effort to come to the service. It will be a chance to meet the bishop and to show her St. Andrew's at our best. After the bishop attends coffee hour, she will meet with the vestry.

Blessing of the Animals

Our much-loved Blessing of the Animals service will be at **5pm on Sunday, October 4**. 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.

Parish Prayer List

We are organizing our prayer list in a new way. The full parish prayer list will be printed in the weekly bulletin (after the postlude) and in the weekly E-pistle. Each Sunday during the services we will pray for a quarter of the list, so that all the names on the list are prayed for each month. Every other month, we will ask you to resubmit the people you would like to keep on the list—this helps us make sure loved ones don't remain on the list after their need for our prayers has passed. Please contact Adrian with questions.

Faith and Current Affairs Forum

You are welcome to come to **Room 2** on **Sunday, September 27, at 11:30am**, for a parishioner-led discussion group, Christian Faith and Current Events. This, the first of four planned sessions, will be led by Paul Criswell and will explore *Faith, Democracy, and Good Government—What Does Our Faith Tell Us to Do?* This will not be a political debate, but rather a chance to learn, discuss, and explore how our Christian faith and the doctrines of The Episcopal Church guide our attitudes and actions regarding public affairs. There will be some brief reading available, including official releases from The Episcopal Church, short articles, and discussion points. This is intended as a chance to discuss our faith and beliefs in an open and respectful forum. If you are interested in participating or contributing, please contact Paul Criswell.

Fall Book

Witness to Belief, edited by Russell J. Levenson, Jr. is our summer/fall book! This book interviews 12 famous actors, scientists, musicians, and politicians about their faith in God and the religious lives they lead. Prepare to be inspired. Jane Goodall, Sam Waterston, Amy Grant, Admiral William H. McRaven and others share how faith carries them through their demanding days. Margaret can help you order it at a discount through Wellesley Books. Email her if you want a copy. Cost: \$24 (Save \$5 by ordering with us.) —Margaret

Music Notes

This Morning's Music

This morning's choral music was composed by two important figures in the history of Anglican church music: Charles Villiers Stanford and Herbert Howells. Stanford was a prolific composer who made a significant contribution to the development of English sacred music through his many years of work teaching at the Royal College of Music, where his students included such towering figures as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst.

While Stanford's music is firmly rooted in the harmonic language of the 19th century, Howells gradually transformed that inheritance into a far more individual harmonic language, characterized by modal ambiguity, extended chromaticism, unusually long melodic lines, and an intense response to the acoustics of particular churches and cathedrals. It's sometimes helpful to think of Howells as a Tudor composer who wandered into a smoky jazz club. — Andrew

A note about Psalm Singing

As Anglicans, we are the fortunate inheritors of a rich tradition of psalm singing, both choral and congregational. Last week, choir and congregation sang the psalm together to a simple melody known as Simplified Anglican chant. Today, the choir will sing a choral setting of the psalm to traditional Anglican chant. When visiting a cathedral or collegiate chapel in England for worship, today's choral version of psalm singing is the norm. Our plan is to settle into a pattern of alternating these two vibrant traditions of psalm singing on a weekly basis.

A note about the Fraction Anthem

The Fraction Anthem for this season will be sung as it is outlined in the Hymnal at S151 (the "S" numbers are at the front of the Hymnal). A cantor will sing "Alleluia" three times, with the congregation repeating. A cantor will then sing "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast", followed by the congregation repeating the Alleluias once more.

Gratitude

Soul Sisters

Thank you to everyone who led us in flower arranging, brought food to share, and joined us for Soul Sisters on Tuesday. It was a lovely evening! Our next two meetings are on **Tuesdays, October 20 and November 17.**

Children and Youth

Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.

Calling All Church School Families!



Please register for church school/youth programs by scanning the QR code.

Kids' Place Childcare

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 11:45am**.

Church School

- **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 (Grade 8): Meets in the Harvey Room, **Sundays from 4pm to 5:30pm on September 20 and 27.**

Rite-13

Rite-13, for sixth and seventh graders, is **today, September 20**. Meet for dinner in the **parish hall at 5:30pm**.

Youth Group

Today, Sunday, September 20 we will meet at 5:30pm for ice cream and Bible study.

- **September 27 5:30pm to 7pm** Dinner and meet with Betsy Veidenheimer for a discussion on college admissions
- **October 4 5pm** Blessing of the Animals followed by board night
- **October 11 NO Youth Group**
- **October 18** Meet in the Harvey Room for lunch followed by apple picking

St. Andrew's Choristers Grades 2–8

St. Andrew's Choristers is our choir for young singers. In the Anglican tradition, a *chorister* is a young member of a choir, and our program prepares children to participate fully in the musical leadership of worship.

Choristers are trained using the **Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)** curriculum and generally sing on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are Thursdays from **5pm to 6pm** followed by food and fellowship for choristers and their families. The first Sunday will be November 1.

Children younger than second grade who are able to read are welcome, as are older children who wish to participate. For more information, please contact Andrew or Sarah.

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

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Membership Amanda Curtis

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Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Tom Faust

Ginny Snow

Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Anna Lee Wahls

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.

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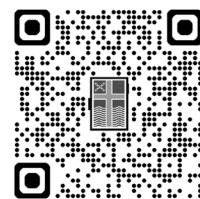
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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays** at 8am, 10am (*also online*), and 5pm. Our weekday online 8:30am Monday through Thursday Morning Prayer service by scanning the QR code.
- **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.



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 Rite-13 • 5:45pm youth group

Thursdays • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm St. Andrew's Choristers
• 7:30pm St. Andrew's Choir

First and third Saturdays at 8am • men's Bible study

Second Tuesdays at 11am and **second Wednesdays** at 7pm • open Bible study

Sunday, September 20

11am parish picnic

12:30pm Episcopal 101

Monday, September 21

7pm vestry meeting

Wednesday, September 23

6pm Mah Jongg

Thursday, September 24

4pm confirmation class

Friday, September 25

6:30pm parent circle



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