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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Praeludium in F major — Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Processional Hymn 462 "The Lord will come" — *York*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation — Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Clergy 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 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 O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ances tors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

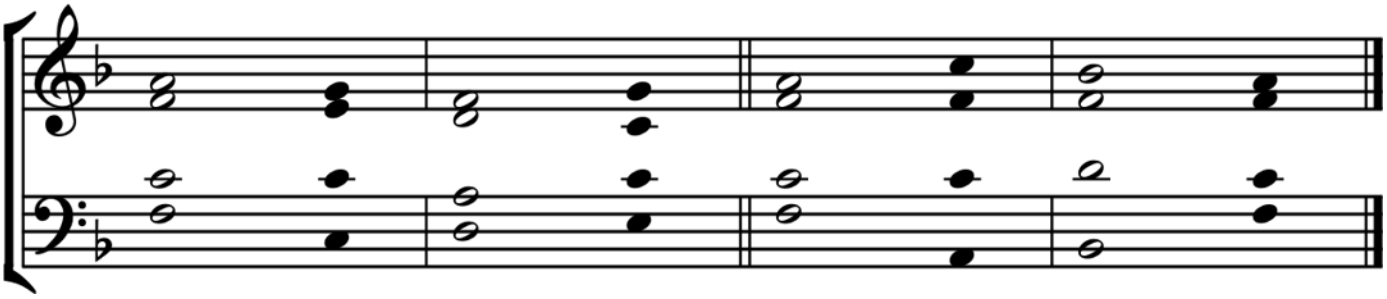
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

Simplified Anglican Chant
Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

Today's psalm is sung by the congregation.



1 Hear my teaching O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words of my / mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide from their / children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has / done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for / Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their / children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un- / born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their / children;

†7 So that they might put their trust in / God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com- / mandments;

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers" *Llangloffan*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 *Vigilate* William Byrd (1540-1623)

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando Dominus domus veniat,
sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane.
Vigilate ergo, ne, cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico; Vigilate.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh,
at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning,
lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.
And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

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

S 129 *Sanctus* (front section of hymnal) Robert Powell

Breaking of the Bread

Clergy Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S 151 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) David Hurd (b. 1950)

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.
Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

Communion Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh" *Picardy*

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 436 "Lift up your heads" *Truro*

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praeludium in G minor Dietrich Buxtehude

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Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour hosted by Karen & Tom Melican.

Parish Prayer List

Cynthia Scott, Patricia, Asher Griffin, 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, Nancy, Pat, Amy Plante, Harry Grey, Emily, Sara, and Laurin Baldwin.

Prayers for the Dead

We pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Jane Vickers Jenkins, sister of our Pastoral Associate, Rev. Karen Vickers Budney, and for the repose of the soul of Roger Earl Jenkins, Karen's brother-in-law.

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
David Giele by Janet Giele and their children.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Dell Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Kim Francour, Erica Gelser, Peter Mahoney, Heather Schaefer, and Harriet Thompson

Altar Flowers the flower guild

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

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Emmy Svedlund and Torch, Katherine Svedlund

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Greeters Sarah Klein & George Fischer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sarah Harris, Keileigh McReynolds, Cam McCormick, and Peter Mahoney

Readers Becky Hamlin and Lauren Murphy

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Taunton River Deanery
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, the Attleboros
St. Mark's Church, Foxborough
St. John's Church, Franklin
The Diocesan Convention
Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women

St. Andrew's Cheerful Givers

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7

225 of target 300 givers through November 4, 2026

Every effort has been made to be as current as possible.
If you have questions, please reach out to Joanne Butler.

Bonnie Akins
Hope Aldrich
Pam & Elmore Alexander
Jill Allen & Kenneth Graves
Zach Allen & Ryan Manchester
Jane Andrews
Frances & Mark Antonelli
Holly & Travis Anza
Laurin Baldwin
Wendy & Jonathan Barry
Maggie & Jonathan Baxter
Christine & Steve Beach
Dell Beggs
Peggy & Mark Benjamin
Barbara Bergstrom
Sally Blackman
David Boghosian
Judith & Giles Boland
Mark Bono & Beth Gilbert-Bono
Melissa & Jack Bradley
Dana & Christian Brennan
Dara & Christopher Brigham
Carrie & Grant Brown
Laura Brown MacKinnon & Bruce MacKinnon
Al Budney & Karen Vickers Budney
Joyce & Buck Bukaty
Megan & Sam Burns
Pam Byron
Victor Calcaterra & Mary Scanlon
John Carey
Kim & Carl Carlson
Emily Caspersen & Finn Caspersen, Jr.
Miranda Chapman & Michael Albrecht
Jean Childs
May & Thomas Chin
Marybeth & David Chung
Eric Cigan
Elizabeth & Stephen Clarke
Deborah Cole
Sally Collier
Kathryn & Harry Condon
Caroline Conlin
Patricia Cook
Zu & Chris Cowperthwaite
Paul Criswell & Pam Kubbins
Prudence Crozier
Amanda & Charles Curtis
Jean Dalton
Peter D'Anieri & Julie Koeninger
Penny & William Darcey
Elizabeth Dean
Elsie & Jim Deane
Margie & Dave DeFelice

Cathleen & James Dehn
Erika & Alex del Nido
Ashley Denton
Ruth & George Ecker
Nancy & Richard Ehrlichman
Heidi & Chris Emerson
Thomas Engels & Wendy Haering
Natalie & Caleb Farny
Catherine & Keith Farrow
Winnie & Tom Faust
Linda Specht Fink
George Fischer & Sarah Klein
Kim & Scott Francour
Victoria & Barry Gallup
Erica Gelser & Stephen Mahoney
Janet Giele
Christin & Pat Gillooly
Jane Givens
Blair Glennon & Wayne Kernochan
Katey & Chuck Goehringer
Hannah & Rick Goode
Nicole Goodnow-Hussey
Anne Grape
Harry Grey & Cam McCormick
Deedee & Corey Griffin
Sarah & Tyler Griffith
Emily & Michael Grosso
Lisa Guagliano
Roger Gustin
Elizabeth & David Guydan
Becky & David Hamlin
Heidi & Wade Harper
Meg & Clint Harris
Laura & Paul Hartnett
Yael & Eliot Heher
Anneliese Henderson
Jackie & Blair Hendrix
Alan Henrikson
JoLynn & Tad Heuer
Vivian & Stephen Holland
Barbara & Bernie Horan
Anne Marie & Mark Housel
Lisa Howe
Caroline & Bradford Hudson
Emily & Frank Hunnewell
Cynthia & Sam Hunt
Muffy & Peter Johannsen
Jeanne Johnsen
Ann Johnson
Angie & Scott Johnson
Scott Jones
Nancy & Allen Jones
Ingrid & Timm Kainen
Paul Kappel & Mary Reineman
Melissa Kaufman
Donna & Toby Kell
Sheila Kelley
Nancy Kelly & Paul Balamotis
Michael Kemp
Blair & Jim Kenary
Olivia & Steve Kistner
Earl Kivett
Ruthie Klinck
Debby & Chuck Klotz
Nancy Kohl & Robert Ware
Bernhard Kulke
Winston Kung
Scott Kwiker & Rita Sadowski
Leslie & Bill Lee
Suzy & Josh Littlefield
Debbie Lorenz
Patricia & Travis Lowe
Linda & Peter Lull
Isabel Lyndon
Lakey & Hugh MacArthur
Nan MacDonald

Ellen MacFadyen
Pat MacKinnon
Anne Manners
Paige & Herb Manning
Jennifer & Ansley Martin
Alison Martin
Karen & Jeff McAdams
Chris & Bill McAvoy
Kimberly & Brian McCaslin
Karen & Tom Melican
Karen Metcalf
Wendy & Eric Miller
Stephanie & Bradley Mitchell
Diane Mitchell
Fiona Mitchell
Lois & Douglas Mizzi
Patty & Tim Morgan
Marie Narcisse
Suzanne & Will Nystrom
Constance Oliver
Laurie Oliver-Taylor & Bruce Taylor
Lisa Onorato & David Welch
Debbie & David Osborn
Terri O'Toole
Costas Panagopoulos & Mark Ruggiero
Caren & Randy Parker
Karen Pekowitz
Fredrica Phillips
Nora Tracy Phillips & Tim Phillips
Jane & Richard Pirozzolo
Nancy Place
Betsy Powell
Paula & Alex Powers
Anne & Bob Prensner
Dot Reed
Debby Rempis
Sandra Rigney
Laura Hewitt & Madison Riley
Katie & Madison Riley
Sarah & Adrian Robbins-Cole
Elizabeth Robbins-Cole
Lexi & Will Robbins-Cole
Emily & Jon Roberts
Julie & Mason Ross
Barbara & Frank Rowbotham
Tammy & Jason Sanders
Jenny & Mark Sawyer
Susan Schaefer & Christian Halby
Nicole & Mike Schmidt
Ann Schwarz
Margaret Schwarzer
Cynthia & Larry Scott
Emily & Charley Scott
Martha Sears
Paul Shackford
Barbara & Paul Shellito
Andrew Sheranian
Cynthia & David Sheridan
Allison & Benjamin Shirley
Ginny & Drew Snow
Lynda Sperry & Bill Wiberg
Carol & Stephen Spinelli
Ellen Staelin
Jane Staffier
Jessica & Michael Stanton
Laura Stettner
Debbie & Peter Strzetelski
Carol Sullivan
Charlotte & Tim Surgenor
Elizabeth & Jonas Svedlund
Sara & Peter Swaim
Karen Robbins Taylor
Harriet Thompson
Lia Tron
Joann Tuytschaevers
Coryell & Greg Urban

Annie & Andrew Urquhart
Kris & Michael Vanin
Betsy & Rob Veidenheimer
Sandy & Jeff Vickers
Katherine Vig
Elizabeth Von Kessler
Anna Lee & Justin Wahls
Sandy & Bob Warren
Adrian Webb
Sally & Robert West
Christy West
Jill & Jack Whiting
Virginia & Geoffrey Wickwire
Sidney Williams
Dudley Willis
Lorri Woodacre
Fred Wright
Karen & Michael Young
Star & Charlie Zabriskie
Margaret & Paul Zusky

Icon of the Week

Dorothy Day
1897—1980

Dorothy Day was a journalist, a Roman Catholic reformer, and a cofounder of the Catholic Worker and its associated autonomous communities. She believed deeply in social justice and strived to create communities that reflected those beliefs. She was born on November 8, 1897, in Brooklyn, NY. On her own initiative at the age of ten, she started attending an Episcopal church where she was baptized and confirmed at age 13. In college, Dorothy rejected organized religion because she didn't see "religious people" helping the poor. Her conversion to Catholicism is documented in her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*. She dropped out of college after her second year and worked as a journalist on staff at several Socialist publications. In 1917, she was arrested for picketing at the White House on behalf of women's suffrage and sentenced to 30 days in jail. She was released after 15 days, 10 of which she was on a hunger strike. The FBI monitored the Catholic Worker Movement from 1940 to 1970 and Day was jailed four times in those 30 years. She was jailed 11 more times for her activism; the last time, at 76, standing on a picket line with Cesar Chavez.

She was an important figure in the history of feminism and non-violent protests and she provided a platform for activists and pacifists. She devoted her life to serving the homeless and the poor, and was a tireless advocate for peace and justice. It was a deep belief of Day's that non-violence, pacifism, and anarchism, aligned with Christianity, would result in a radical shift to a new order.

Her feast day is November 29.

When asked, "Didn't Jesus say that the poor would be with us always?" Dorothy Day replied, "Yes, but we are not content that there should be so many of them. The class structure is our making and by our consent, not God's, and we must do what we can to change it."

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.

9am Christian Learning

Join us **today, November 8,** when Megan Burns leads a discussion on our fall book: *Witness to Belief*. Famous modern Christians share their faith in this book; come if you have read it, or even if you haven't Join us on **Sunday, November 15,** when Adrian Robbins-Cole leads a class on *Dostoevsky: A Christian Life.* Everyone is welcome. Come once, once a month, or once a week. We meet in the **parish hall** or on **Zoom**. —Margaret Schwarzer

St. Stephen's Youth Program Forum

Please join leaders from St. Stephen's Youth Programs for a forum **today, November 8,** in the **Harvey Room**, at **11:30am**. We will hear about exciting progress at this longtime St. Andrew's outreach partner, in its mission to support and empower children and families in Boston's South End. —Cam McCormick

Soul Sisters

Please join us for our next Soul Sisters gathering on **Tuesday, November 17, 6pm to 7:30pm**. Stephanie Steinsieck from Human Relations Services will lead a discussion on *Fears*. As usual, we will provide a main course for dinner **6pm to 6:45pm**, followed by our discussion **6:45pm to 7:30pm**. Feel free to bring a side salad or sweet treat to share. Questions to Heather Schaefer or Sarah Robbins-Cole.

Bible Studies This Month

- **Beginner's Bible Study** Adrian leads this class every **Thursday** at **noon** on Zoom. We're studying Genesis. Everyone is welcome.
- **Men's Bible Study** Adrian leads this class which meets on the **first** and **third Saturdays** of the month from **8am** to **9am**. We are reading The Book of Acts.
- **Open Bible Studies** Margaret leads this class which meets on **Tuesday, November 10,** at **11am** and on **Wednesday, November 11** (Veterans Day), at **7pm**. We are reading 1 Corinthians, Chapters 6 and 8. Everyone is welcome. Come to the **Harvey Room** or join us on Zoom.

Circle of Hope project for Homeless Women

Our outreach ministry is seeking volunteers to assemble 50 gift bags for women experiencing homelessness; the bags will be distributed by Circle of Hope to many of the organizations it serves. Gather in **Room 2** after the **10am** service on **Sunday, November 15,** to participate. —Emily Caspersen or Herb Manning

Faith & Practice Class

Join us on **Sunday, November 15** at **11:30am** in the **Harvey Room** for *The Divine in Wendell Barry and Annie Dillard's Poems and Essays*. led by Margaret Schwarzer. Barry and Dillard, two American literary giants, see the divine in our natural world and invite us to join them.– Margaret Schwarzer

Wellesley Turkey Trot

Come join St. Andrew's team! You are invited to be a part of our St. Andrew's Turkey Trot team this year. Last year, 70 of us between the ages of 5-80 ran; let's do it again!

Please go to the Wellesley Turkey Trot website. When it asks you if you want to join a team, click "yes" and then find us —"St. Andrew's" in the list of teams running. Scan QR code to sign up. —Margaret Schwarzer

Water Table at the Turkey Trot Race

The Dubé family has been staffing our Turkey Trot water table for the past five years, but they can't do it this year. Is there a volunteer or volunteer family to: set up a St. Andrew's folding table, get big plastic water urns from the church, fill them, and hand out a few hundred little paper cups full of water at the one mile mark (across the street from our parking lot)? Homemade signs ready to hang up on the table, too. Please reach out to Margaret Schwarzer.

Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg meets **Tuesday, November 10,** at **3:30pm**; **Wednesday, November 11,** at **6pm**; and **Thursday, November 12,** at **1pm**, all in the **parish hall**. All are welcome, whether you are an experienced player or looking to brush up on your skills. Mah Jongg sets and cards are available for use. Each session generally last 1½ to 2 hours. —Sarah Robbins-Cole

St. Andrew's Day

St. Andrew's Day is just around the corner. We'll be celebrating at church on **November 22**. Wear red or tartan and join us at **10am** for a special service including bagpipe music. Then join us for a festive coffee hour. Have a favorite shortbread recipe? Please bake or buy traditional shortbread to share. —Sarah Harris

Gathering of the Greens

Join us for Gathering of the Greens on **Saturday, November 28,** at **9:30am** at the Hunnewell home, 845 Washington Street, Wellesley—rain or shine. This is an intergenerational event as we clip and gather greens that will be used for Advent wreath making on **Sunday, November 29**. Bags will be provided, but bring your own gloves and clippers. Dress appropriately for the weather. Contact Sarah Harris with any questions.

Gifts of Love: Thanksgiving Meals

It is our holiday tradition to donate Thanksgiving meal kits to families at our sister parish, St. Stephen's in Boston, and their youth programs. We will deliver 100 kits with either a turkey or equivalent gift card, plus a bag of fixings (rice, beans, cranberry sauce, etc, and fresh veggies). Help this effort through your generous donation (use the Holiday Dinners envelopes in the pews, or via Realm with "Holiday Dinners" in the memo). Our turkey and grocery costs are significantly higher than in 2025! You can also help by coming downstairs after the **November 22 10am service** to help pack bags for delivery!

Donated funds also support our Christmas gift bags for St. Stephen's seniors, which include warm items made by our busy Knitters, and homemade cookies. Any excess funds will be donated to local food pantries! Thanks! —Herb Manning

Advent Taizé-style Service

Join us on **Sunday, November 29,** at **5pm**, for 100 flickering votive candles, chanted prayer, and holy silence. This 40 minute service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France (taize.fr.en). —Margaret Schwarzer

College Care Packages

Sending college (and post-secondary school) packages is a tradition at St. Andrew's. Each year we send packages to 12 Wily Scholars and to parishioners who have graduated from high school. Wily Scholars are college students who have largely grown up in the foster care system and are now in college. The Wily Network helps support these students so they have all that they need to get through four years of college. Look for the SignUp Genius link in this week's e-Pistle. For more information contact Sarah Robbins-Cole or Susan Jackson.

Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agreed to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

> *We take regular photographs, videos, and live streams of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print, website and social media), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.*

For any more information please contact the vestry person for communication.

Clarifying Notes on Payments and Pledges

- **Checks** Please indicate the intended use of your gift in the memo line of your check so it can be credited appropriately.
- **Stock Gifts** If you are donating stock, please email me the name of the stock and the number of shares. We have already received two stock gifts for which we have been unable to identify the donors.
- **Monthly Payments and 2027 Pledges** If you have set up a monthly payment through Realm using **+Give** and then **Recurring Payment** but have not yet entered your pledge, please use the **+Pledge** tab to register your 2027 pledge or email me your pledge amount. Realm does not notify us of recurring payments until they occur, so we will not know your giving intentions until the payments begin in January. To confirm that your pledge has been recorded, check the **Giving** section in Realm, where your pledge should be displayed.

—Joanne Butler

Children and Youth

Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.

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 9:45 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** grades four and five meet in **Room 204**.

Rite-13

For sixth and seventh graders, is **today, November 8**. Meet for dinner in the **parish hall** at **5:30pm**.

Youth Group

Today, November 8, 5:30pm to **7pm**, meet for dinner in **parish hall**, carry your dinner up to the Harvey Room, and then we will have a Bible study on Matthew's Gospel.

Christmas Pageant 2026 Schedule

All rehearsals are from **11:15am to noon** on Sundays.

November 15 Pageant casting and parent info session

November 22 Pageant rehearsal #1 (for speaking roles)

November 29 optional carol sing/cos tume fitting

December 6 Pageant rehearsal #2 (for speaking roles)

December 13 Pageant rehearsal #3 and costume fitting (mandatory for all partic ipants)

December 20 at the **10am** service Christmas Pageant

We are delighted to welcome Boston native Brittany Rolfs, a singer, actor, and theatre professional, who will bring fresh ideas to this beloved Christmas tradition and help lead rehearsals. We are also recruiting a phalanx of parents to join the fun, helping with costuming, sheep wrangling, and more!

Our goal is for all children with speaking roles to know their lines by heart. If your child is interested in a speaking role, please attend the casting rehearsal and parent information session on **November 15 after church**. Attendance at all three rehearsals on **November 22, December 6, and December 13** is mandatory for speaking roles. —Andrew Sheranian

Music Note

Today's Offertory Anthem

The composer of today's offertory anthem, William Byrd (c. 1540–1623), one of the supreme composers of the English Renaissance, spent much of his career as a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal under Queen Elizabeth I. His five-part motet *Vigilate*, sets Christ's warning "Keep watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come." Byrd responds to this urgent text with extraordinarily vivid, almost theatrical word-painting. The music becomes hushed and languorous as Christ warns against being found *dormientes*—"sleeping"—, while *de repente*—"suddenly"—erupts in breathless, rapid imitation. Most memorable is an *galli cantu*—"at cockcrow"—, where exuberant rising figures pass through the choir like the crowing of a rooster. At the conclusion, the contrapuntal voices suddenly gather together to proclaim *omnibus dico*—"I say to all"—before the final command, *Vigilate*, rings out with renewed urgency. Byrd's brilliant fusion of Renaissance polyphony with the expressive techniques of the Italian madrigal transforms a brief Gospel admonition into a miniature sacred drama: restless, alert, and perfectly suited to the expectant character of this pre-Advent season.

Vestry

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

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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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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*)**, and 5pm.** Join our online **8:30am Monday-Thursday Morning Prayer service** on Facebook, our website, or YouTube.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday-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 • **5:30pm** Rite-13 • **5:30pm** 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, November 8
11:30am St. Stephen's Forum

Tuesday, November 10
7pm outreach meeting

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day
parish office closed
7pm open Bible study

Thursday, November 12
9:30am altar guild meeting
7pm altar guild meeting

Sunday, November 15
11:15am Pageant casting and parent info session
11:30am faith & practice class
11:30am Circle of Hope, gift bag packing

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