# the CNIMES of st. andrew's

March 27, 2019 Lent

#### **DEAR FRIENDS,**

I have a couple of items to share with you. Firstly, I'm very excited to inform you about the first big kickoff of our Growing Into Our Future campaign. The Vestry, at their March meeting, upon hearing about the funds in hand from the campaign, voted to approve a search for an assistant. This means that we could have an assistant minister by this fall! I'm really excited by this prospect and now it's time to get to work. I've invited a few people to join me in a search team and we will be scheduling our first get-together in early April. Our work will be to review our job description, begin advertising for the position, and then to assist in reading letters. The culmination of this process will provide us with, we hope, several candidates and discernment in moving forward from there. Please keep us in your prayers as we move to realize the early fruits of our campaign!

Secondly, the Lenten program has been really an enjoyable endeavor with the three other pastors in town talking about the Liturgy and Language of Lent. I suggested this topic purposely to help all of us get a better understanding of the liturgies of Lent and Easter. One reason for doing this is that I'm re-introducing the Easter Vigil as a part of our Holy Week experience. My hope and prayer is that we will acquire an understanding of the Vigil and appreciate it as a part of the rich tradition of our faith that has been handed down to us over the millennia. The specific date that we will be speaking about the vigil in our Lenten program is April 10 at St. Michael's parish. The previous session will address the Triduum, or the great three days from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church.

Hope to see you at one of these gatherings and if not, I'll see you in church!

Clyde+

### FRIDAY MEDITATION SERVICE MARCH 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

This Friday come for half an hour of meditation and contemplation as we continue our monthly prayer service. It is a quiet, restorative way to end a busy week and month.

#### MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH

Thank you to everyone who has donated this month to the pantry—the donations are so appreciated. This Sunday is the final collection day. Especially needed right now are cereals (not Cheerios), canned fruit and applesauce, hearty soups (not chicken noodle), and sugar and flour.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

Mar. 27	Lenten Program, St. Andrew's
Mar. 29	Friday Meditation Service
Mar. 31	Book Group
Apr. 3	Lenten Program-St. Stephen's
Apr. 8	Memorial Flowers Deadline
Apr. 9	Memory Café Returns
Apr. 10	Lenten Program-St. Michael's
Apr. 13	Saturday Night in Marblehead
Apr. 14	Palm Sunday
Apr. 18	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 19	Good Friday Noon Service
	Good Friday Cantata
Apr. 20	Easter Vigil and Reception
Apr. 21	Easter
Apr. 26	Chimes Deadline

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#### **EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS**



Ash Wednesday is over and we are well on our way into the Lenten season. Can Easter be far behind? If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the lovely flowers that adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please give me a call or leave your names in an envelope with my name on it in the office or in the collection plate. The

cut-off date for including names is Monday, April 8.

Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's Altar Guild and either left at church or mailed to me at 15 Sparhawk Terrace, Marblehead. Any amount you would like to contribute is greatly appreciated. Any extra monies received go towards Altar Guild expenses during the year—candles, communion wafers, wine, etc.

Thank you again for supporting this important ministry. I wish you a Happy Spring and an especially Happy Easter!

-Kathy Loveland

#### **LENTEN PROGRAM**

The Lenten program, "The Language and Liturgy of Lent," is continuing on Wednesday nights. We are joining three other congregations —St. Michael's, Clifton Lutheran, and St. Stephen's Methodist—to discuss the history of everything from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, how these liturgies developed, and how they have come to be expressed in our own esoteric manner in each of our congregations.



Additionally, we are reading Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Speaking of Sin, the Lost Language of Salvation*. Our conversation will center around how we speak about redemption and what we mean by that term. The perspectives of three denominations and four pastors should make for some interesting dialogue.

The locations for the rest of Lent are:

March 27 St. Andrew's Church

April 3 St. Stephen's United Methodist Church

April 10 St. Michael's Episcopal Church



#### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

#### Dear St. Andrew's Family and Friends,

All of you are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Allow for a time frame of about 30 minutes for this event. We will all meet in the Parish Hall after the service to receive the instructions and the materials we need to get started.

The eggs have no candy or toys in them; they are filled with objects that will help teach the story of Easter. Do not open the eggs until the end when we all gather together to hear the story of Easter. Containers will be provided, feel free to bring them back when you are finished and we will reuse them next year. We ask that you and your children/friends, work as a team on the exploration. We also ask that each child take no more than one of each egg, numbers 1-12, so we can ensure all children get a chance to participate.

All eggs will be hidden in fairly open places. Feel free to hunt in classrooms 1 & 2, the Guild Room, and halls. Please do not allow the children to rummage through class materials and supplies.

No eggs will be hidden in closets, offices, the Co-Op nursery school, the alcove (Children's Chapel), the sanctuary, bathrooms, or the kitchen—safety first.

After your team has found all 12 eggs, we will all join together in the Parish Hall for a short, interactive story. After the story time I will hand out goodie bags to each child.

P.S. I have bags for every child, so if you can't stay for this event, please come see me before you go so that I can make sure your child receives a goodie bag.

Love and Easter Blessings,

Shauna Le Blanc, Director of Christian Formation

#### **WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS**

Gather in the chancel of the sanctuary at noon on Wednesdays to seek respite from daily stresses. Invite a friend to share the peaceful service.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA**

Good Friday, April 19, is the date for the annual "Good Friday Cantata," *Meditations on the Passion*, by Bob Franke. The performance will be at 8:00 p.m.

Vocal and instrumental performers from New England and beyond will participate in the cantata, which offers songs about Christ's Passion (including "Roll Away the Waters") as well as songs about contemporary people who have faced figurative crucifixion. In addition to Bob and our choir, vocalists include Geoff Bartley, Howard Bursen, Chuck Hall, Reggie Harris, Doug Johnson, Kate Katzberg, Sally Rogers, Claudia Schmidt, Kate Seeger, Cosy Sheridan, and Kim Wallach. Instrumentalists include Paul Combs, Martin Grosswendt, Joshua Levin-Epstein, Franke, and Dave Mattacks.

The cantata, first performed at St. Andrew's in 1980, has been performed here nearly every year since. Bob says, "Many friends from the music world as well as many fine singers from the parish have been with the production throughout its lifetime. You will find the names of various cast members and musicians over the years on some of the finest recordings and writing in the classical, pop, folk and jazz worlds."

"Although the story we retell here is at the core of Christianity, it is not necessarily about being a Christian," he writes. "It's about being human in the presence of the Divine, and it's about the presence of Redemption in the midst of the most horrific and tragic dimensions of the human condition." Clyde adds, "This is art, but it is also a true offering of Midrash, that is, commentary on the scripture."

A requested donation of \$15 is payable at the door.



### THE GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA MUSICIANS' SUPPER

S. Andrew's welcomes the instrumentalists and vocalists with a meal prior to the performance. If you are moved to help in this ministry, please see the sign-up sheet on the table near the Parish Hall or contact coordinator Tere Nyren, who would welcome your help.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT IN MARBLEHEAD

Saturday Night in Marblehead continues its series of concerts on **April 13** with singer-songwriter David Roth. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the music begins at 8:00; a donation of \$15 at the door will be requested.

David Roth strikes many chords, hearts, and minds with his unique songs, offbeat observations, moving stories, sense of the hilarious, and powerful singing and subject matter. As singer, songwriter, keynote speaker, and workshop leader, David has earned top honors at premier songwriter competitions – and taken his music, experience, and expertise to a wide variety of venues in this and other countries full-time for three decades.

David's songs have found their way to Carnegie Hall, the United Nations, several *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, the Kennedy Center, Peter, Paul, & Mary's "Discovered" (Warner Brothers), the Kingston Trio's "Born at the Right Time," NASA's Goddard Space Center ("Rocket Science" went up on the Space Shuttle Atlantis's May 2009 mission to repair the Hubble Telescope), the classic folk song books "Rise Up Singing" and "Rise Again" (sequel), and 14 CDs.

David has also taught at many songwriting groups and associations around the country. David is founder/director of the Cape Cod Songwriters Retreat and creator/host of Cape Cod's "Full Moon Open Mic" that for the past 14 years has provided a forum for musicians to connect and be heard while at the same time collecting donations (\$14,000 to date) for local non-profits to help neighbors in need.

#### **BOOK GROUP**



Date: Sunday, March 31, 3:00 p.m. Hosts: Bonnie Howard's home,

bondonhoward@comcast.net

Book: Judas, by Amos Oz

With an infrequent foray into fiction, we are reading *Judas*, a love story and coming-of-age novel that is an allegory for the state of Israel and for the biblical story from which it takes its name. All are welcome!



#### **CLOISTER GALLERY**

Paintings by Dale Greene February 24-April 11

The Cloister Gallery features a show by artist Dale Greene. The exhibit runs through Thursday, April 11.

#### **CENTURIES, CHURCHES, AND . . . US**

St. Andrew's approaches its century mark. So do I, lagging by just a bit. St. Andrew's 94; John 74.

Both of us are showing our age. This spring, a fair piece of St. Andrew's roof will be stripped to mimic my own scalp's shiny emptiness. Although St. Andrew's roof will soon sport new shingles, my follicles are dormant for good. Stained glass may soon be removed for restoration; both my eyes have experienced the same.

Medicare is behind my medical patchwork; but the church's restoration is on us—the Century Campaign, Growing Into Our Future. It's our job to make sure that the church is here for the grandchildren of those cherubs that now skip into the nave as Eucharist begins.

Here are a few hints of what we hope to accomplish before our 2024 Century Party. These projects will be the responsibility of the Fabric Team of the Vestry:

- First, visible cosmetic renewal—fresh paint in our entryways, meeting rooms, and hallways;
- Restoration of our beautiful stained glass, and replacement of badly weathered protective exterior glazing now masking its beauty from outside;
- A list of 40 specific projects that have been deferred because of costs—water infiltration, floors and carpets, additional handrails, etc.
- Another nine projects in our rectory.

We are in good company with other old churches. Peg and I just made a short pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, Mecca for Episcopalians, founded in A.D. 597. That vasty pile of sculpted rock was shrouded all about with scaffolding, temporary muddy walkways, warning signs, and large construction equipment. It survived almost 500 years before its first complete rebuild, 400 years later was rebuilt into roughly what we see today. It's now in the midst of a five-year, major restoration costing over \$30 million, over half funded by the British National Lottery. It's here for us to celebrate in, because Anglicans have maintained it continuously for 1,400 years.

Viewing all that put our puny tasks into perspective, but this is our church, with no chance of lottery support. It is our responsibility to undertake its preservation for the same reason England is restoring Canterbury. This work is our gift, our legacy, to our children's children and beyond.

The Century Campaign has three additional ambitious major objectives:

- Hiring an ordained assistant, and investment in new programs focused especially on Christian education, to foster parish growth;
- Exterior appearance, including parking lot redesign to have more lighting, additional spaces, safer walkways, landscaping, security of the playground;
- Structural changes in the sanctuary and transepts, opening sight lines and incorporating those spaces into the nave more completely, to accommodate more worshipers.

As we begin the physical work to take these dreams from plans to reality, there will be many, many opportunities for everyone to be involved. We won't ask anyone to drive a bulldozer, but I'll be happy to hand you a paintbrush, or welcome you to work with us in planning, overseeing, and shaping these projects. We all "own" this place—come help us prepare it for the next generations.

And here's the inevitable

DONATE

button—own a part of the funding effort, too, at whatever amount.

Please return your Century pledge cards and help us make these plans into a refreshed, renewed, spirit-filled place of worship, fellowship and service.

-John Howard

#### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**



#### PALM SUNDAY: The Sunday of the Passion, April 14

"Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Passion reading 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Passion reading with choir At the 10:00 a.m. service, please gather in the Parish Hall for the Procession of the Palms.

The entire week is summed up in this liturgy as we begin by welcoming Jesus with palms and shouts of "Hosanna," and then read together the story of his betrayal, trial, abandonment, and crucifixion.

#### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 17

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist



"I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you."
"On the night before he died for us Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread."

6:15p.m. Simple supper 7:15 p.m. Hand washing, Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar

We read Holy Scripture as we break bread together, then wash one another's hands as Jesus washed his disciples' feet to teach us servanthood. On this night he instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood to teach us self-giving love and commanded us to love one another as he has loved us.

#### GOOD FRIDAY, April 19

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."



12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy with music

8:00 p.m. Cantata Presentation

Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by Bob Franke

On this day Our Lord is missing from our lives. We do not consecrate the bread and wine today and when we confess our sin there is no absolution.

#### HOLY SATURDAY, April 20

"In the midst of life we are in death. From whom can we seek help?"

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service
Music offered by St. Andrew's choir
All are welcome to a champagne and chocolate reception following the service.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 21**

"Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."

8:00 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist with music 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist with choir





Easter Egg Hunt for children after the 9:30 a.m. service

#### **GROWING INTO OUR FUTURE**



As you know, our centennial is coming up in 2024. Our community has healed and grown over the past several years and as folks enter our space they convey a sense of welcome to one another. That is

because of you and the ministry of hospitality that we share, seeking and serving Christ in all whom we meet. Recognizing a desire to build on our hospitality and to strengthen our faithful community, we are investing in the following projects to orient ourselves for another hundred years:

- An assistant minister to build programs for all ages and expand our capacity for outreach;
- Maintenance projects—windows, roof, rectory furnace, and more;
- A safer parking lot and "greener" grounds;
- Improvements in light, sound, and sight lines in the nave.

To date we have received 60 pledges totaling over \$600,000, but we are well short of our campaign goal of \$760,000. Most of you have received the campaign brochure and pledge card, but if we somehow missed you, please let the office know and we'll get those materials to you right away. Help us complete this major part of our campaign by April 20, in just a few weeks.

Thank you to all who have already pledged. Thank you to all for caring and helping to continue St. Andrew's loving community for worship, fellowship, and stewardship.

-Clyde Elledge, Peg Voss Howard, and Charlie Milner

#### MY BROTHER'S TABLE

Come be part of a team to help serve dinner the first Tuesday of every month at My Brother's Table,
Lynn. **April 2 is the next date.** 



If you can help, please contact Tim Parker at 781-631-5335.

#### SPUR GARDEN PLANTING

**Saturday, April 6, is** the date for planting this year's crop for the SPUR garden on St. Andrew's front lawn. Gather in the morning—rain date is April 7—and join in this community effort.

### PLANNING FOR THE INEVITABLE WITH PURPOSE—MAY 19

In May, we will initiate a series of occasional informational offerings dealing with end-of-life issues. I'd like to start by sharing something, a rubric (instruction) from the Book of Common Prayer:

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses. BCP p. 445

I read this rubric a little more broadly. I tend to think of it as the duty of all persons to make provision for their families. A part of this in my mind is not only the creation of bequests for loved ones and loved institutions, but also for diligent planning for the inevitabilities of life: What are your plans for the end of life aside from making a will? Have you communicated with your loved ones what kinds of life-saving/life-sustaining procedures you might consider if you are ill and infirm and cannot communicate your wishes? Have you made plans regarding your funeral?

This kind of thinking is not morbid, it is honest. Interestingly enough, the above rubric is found at the end of the service for the Thanksgiving for a Child. Whether you are 30 and have a little baby or 70 and have six grandchildren, it is important to make your wishes known about your health care and your dying care. You will hear more about this, but we are kicking off another season of highlighting this issue with several occasional offerings. The first one will be about talking with your family and loved ones about how you would like to manage the decisions around the end of life. We will be joined by Norene Gachingnard, a professional health-care worker and advocate for communicating end-of-life wishes with loved ones. Mark your calendars now for May 19 following the 10:00 a.m. service.

### PRESIDING BISHOP TO VISIT BOSTON IN APRIL

The Presiding Bishop will be making a visit to the diocese of MA from April 26-29. That Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Curry will hold an event at the cathedral in Boston for youth. It might be nice for us to attend, don't you think? There is a ministry fair at the cathedral after that, and a rally on the Boston Common at 5 p.m. The plans are still shaping up so I'll send out information as it becomes available. For information about the weekend, visit https://www.diomass.org/pb-visit.

#### THE MEMORY CAFÉ APRIL 9

The next Memory Café will be Tuesday, April 9, the second Tuesday of the month, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This will be a welcoming and safe place to gather for conversation, refreshments, and activities. You are not alone in dealing with a diagnosis of memory issues, either as an individual or caregiver.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

There are several open Sundays for Memorial Flower donors who might want to remember loved ones. The available dates are June 30, September 15, 22, 29, and October 6. Next year, 2020, available dates are January 19, February 17, and March 3. You may contribute for just one particular Sunday, or continue for many years. The cost for one Sunday is \$42.50, and if one splits with another donor, the cost is half. If interested, please call Janet Cook at 781-596-7030.

#### **DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m.

All are welcome to gather in the Guild Room. If you have questions, please contact margareteckman@comcast.net.



## SAVE THE DATE—May 18 Spring Grounds Cleanup

The annual Spring Grounds Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m. If you have yet to be a part of a spring or fall cleanup, please consider joining us. Many volunteers are needed to spruce up the exterior of our spiritual home, keeping it a warm and welcoming environment. This is a fun morning to gather with one another and work together to beautify the grounds.

**No gardening experience is required**—there are jobs of all kinds! More details about this will be in the next *Chimes*. Sign up outside the Parish Hall. Any questions, contact Phoebe Wysor at <a href="mailto:preawyer@comcast.net">preawyer@comcast.net</a>.

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

DRIVERS needed. Please contact the church office if you are able to provide occasional rides to parishioners for medical appointments, etc.

For a pastoral visit, please contact the rector, Clyde Elledge, directly at rector@standrewsmhd.org or at his cell phone (see below).

*In case of pastoral emergency*, please call Clyde's cell phone, 781-576-0329.

#### **LOTIONS AND POTIONS**





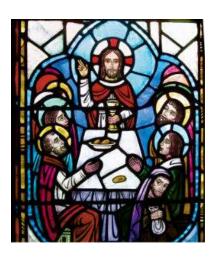


Please save your hotel-sized containers of shampoo, toothpaste, and other toiletries and drop them in the basket in the Guild Room. Diana Isbrandtsen will be making Easter gift baskets of these items to deliver to local shelters, such as Inn Between, Inn Transition, HAWC, and Lifebridge. Thank you.

### CHIMES SCHEDULE The Chimes is published monthly.

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#### **Mission Statement**

God calls us at St. Andrew's to grow spiritually and personally and to reach out to others as part of the global family. We will strive to respond to this challenge every day of our lives through:

- Worship that strengthens and inspires
- Love, mutual care, nurture, and fellowship
- Christian formation and teaching Christian discipleship at all stages of life
- Mission and outreach into the community and the world
- Faithful stewardship in gratitude for God's creation and gifts

