

2025 Services

Sundays at 9:30 am

One Service Only

June 22nd - August 31st

Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 17th

Following the service

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Dear Friends,

Spring is here as I write this, with tulips and azaleas blooming, birds chirping and the warm sun staying up past the dinner hour. The summer season is just weeks away and I look forward to the St. Andrew's bell ringing and the seas breeze drifting in the open windows.

Even though the chapel has been "closed" for months, many volunteers have done much work behind the scenes. First, I must applaud the arduous work of the "Angels" who made this last Candlelight Caroling an incredible success. Lillian Kahn and her team of volunteers are amazing! And a huge round of applause to all the Executive and Chapel committee members as well as volunteers who have worked hard to prepare for the 2025 season. From budgets to schedules, they make the magic of St. Andrew's happen.

This season we have a wonderful line up of guest clergy, with some very familiar faces and some new ones. And we welcome our first summer with our new Vicar, Rev. David Holroyd, who brings the spirit of fellowship with his ever-present smile and enthusiasm.

This summer will be my final one serving as senior warden and I am humbled by the opportunity to be part of the St. Andrew's community in this role since the pandemic. It has been a long, unpredictable journey, but this summer, as we bring back the chalice, I will be leaving with things finally back to "normal."

I look forward to seeing many of you at the chapel during the summer and share in the joy that St. Andrew's brings to all of us.

Peace,

Anne Arnold, Senior Warden



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Happy Places & Happy Moments

I have had the honor and privilege of celebrating and blessing many marriages during my nearly 58 years as a Priest in the Episcopal Church. More recently several of those marriages have occurred at St. Andrew's, long before I became your new Vicar.

Ofentimes I have begun a wedding rehearsal by simply welcoming the wedding party and guests and then sharing with them two of my several Happy Places: ST. ANDREW'S CHAPEL and FENWAY PARK!

People who know me understand quite quickly that I am not only an Episcopal Priest. I am also a sports addict and lover of all things Boston: Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots, and Bruins.

Why is Fenway Park a Happy Place for me? When I was child of about ten, I played most of my baseball on sand lots and dirt, even before my Little League days. One day my Dad and older brothers took me to Fenway for the first time. When we walked up the ramp and I saw the field it took my breath away! Beautiful green grass with perfect infield carved in, the stands packed with fans on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, and the Green Monster left field wall in the distance! I have never forgotten that moment. As often as I have returned to Fenway over the years, that moment comes back to me, and it always will.

But something else happened when I was around ten. I was on summer vacation here on the New Hampshire Seacoast with my parents who always looked for a church to attend and happened to choose our jewel on the seacoast! Although I was not as awe-struck as I was with Fenway, there was something special about this beautiful summer chapel that was never to be forgotten.

More journeys to St. Andrew's-by-the Sea would cause St. Andrew's to gradually become another Happy Place as an adult. A Sunday morning service here many Sundays ago when Bob Golledge greeted me and my spouse with your special hospitality. A request to perform a wedding here about twenty years after that. An invitation to come here for a Sunday morning service and more requests for weddings and baptisms.

These moments added up to a special realization. Each time I made the turn onto Church Road from Ocean Boulevard, I would begin to experience a sense of calm, peace, and serenity, even after a day of difficulty or helter skelter. St. Andrew's was becoming a Happy Place!

Fenway happened all at once and St. Andrew's has happened over a much longer period of time. But I am convinced that God has been at work in both situations and has prompted me to proclaim at wedding rehearsals that I have two Happy Places: ST. ANDREW'S and FENWAY PARK! And of course, I do have more!

What are the Happy Places in your life? How has God been at work in you? Do you get awestruck or does God just gradually sneak up on you? Or is it both?!

Your Vicar,
David Holroyd

Our lovely chapel-by-the-sea wintered well without any damage and spring work is underway prepping the building and grounds for another summer. As of this writing we have repaired, repainted, and reinstalled the chapel signs and brackets on both Ocean Boulevard and Church Road. Inside, light bulbs have been replaced, and the sound system, piano, and organ are up and running, ready for the first service of the year.

Of note is that we changed ground maintenance companies after the previous contractor declined the job going forward. The new company works on all the other properties on Church Road which makes for nice continuity and additional pride in their work. Both the grounds and the parking lot have been cleaned and look great, the garden edged and mulched. The granite/brick near the rear entrance was reset to eliminate the tripping hazard and the granite benches have been leveled to be more inviting to sit and reflect.

Work is on-going in getting the pavilion closer to reality. Once LCHIP approved the project, we pulled together a structural engineer and architect to fine tune both the foundation and structure. We hope to get permitted by August for spring 2026 construction.

In the meantime, we are planning on setting up the hospitality tent again this year at 9:00 am on June 7th (rain date Sunday the 8th) with a small crew of volunteers. PLEASE feel free to come by and lend a hand if you can. The extra help would be very appreciated!

Like you I'm sure, I am looking forward to another year of summer services and continued enjoyment of the efforts of all the dedicated volunteers who work together to make our summer season happen.

JM Lord, Junior Warden

Junior Warden's Report



Summer 2025 Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 22 – August 31

One service at 9:30 am

*All are welcome at our Summer Chapel. We look forward to seeing you.
Celebrate with us and join in for hospitality after our services.*

Date	Visiting Ministers
6/22	The Rev. Jay Hutchinson Chaplain, Holderness School, Plymouth, NH <i>Opening service with bagpipes</i>
6/29	The Rev. Alanna van Antwerpen Missioner, Episcopal Church of NH, Concord
7/6	The Rev. David DeSalvo Chaplain, Teacher, Senior Master (Retired) St. Andrew's School, Middletown, DE <i>Thank and Honor our Veterans Sunday</i> <i>Join us after the service as we pay tribute to our veterans with the Portsmouth Brass ensemble performing</i>
7/13	The Rev. Dr. Robert (Odie) Odierna Retired Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH
7/20	The Rev. Fred Reynolds Retired Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rochester, NY
7/27	The Rev. Linda J. Spinella Healthcare Chaplain (Retired), Exeter Hospital, Exeter, NH
8/3	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson Retired Rector and current Assisting Priest for Pastoral Care, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Hopkinton, NH
8/10	Rev. David Pace Priest Assistant, Trinity Episcopal Parish, Menlo Park, CA and Grace Cathedral, San Francisco
8/17	The Rev. David Holroyd Rector Emeritus, St. George Church, York, ME Vicar, St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Rye Beach, NH <i>Annual Meeting to follow - Please come to hear the good news and support all the wonderful work at St. Andrew's.</i>
8/24	The Rev. Johanna Barrett Retired Rector, Trinity Church, Topsfield, MA
8/31	The Rev. Charles A. Wynder, Jr. Dean of Chapel & Spiritual Life, St. Paul's School, Concord, NH <i>Closing service with bagpipes</i>



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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that our financial condition remains positive. This past year we were able to operate within our budget while increasing our Outreach support to the community and completing our stained-glass window project. We are grateful for our weekly worship donations, our generous benefactors, past and present, and for the grants we receive from the NH Land & Community Investment Program.

Our endowment funds, professionally managed by the Diocese directed investment manager, grew by 7% in 2024. Our self-directed investment funds, held at Vanguard,

increased by 15%. The combination of professional management, a long-term investment horizon, and the placement of our assets in lower fee, highly rated broad based funds, positions us well for weathering market fluctuations.

We are grateful for all within the St. Andrew's community who generously support our mission of maintaining a beautiful chapel for worship, celebration, and offering outreach to our neighbors in need.

Ken Hooper, Treasurer



An update from our Music Coordinator

Dear Beloved Friends in Christ,

It is my delight to share with you an update regarding our musical offerings this summer at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea. As a community dedicated to the support of young musicians, I am saddened to share that Mr. David Kenney Jr. will not be able to join us this summer as he continues his organ studies at Mercer University in Macon, GA. However, I am delighted to announce that Ms. Mariana Stauble, a senior music major at St. Anselm College, has committed to join us most Sundays this summer as our organist!

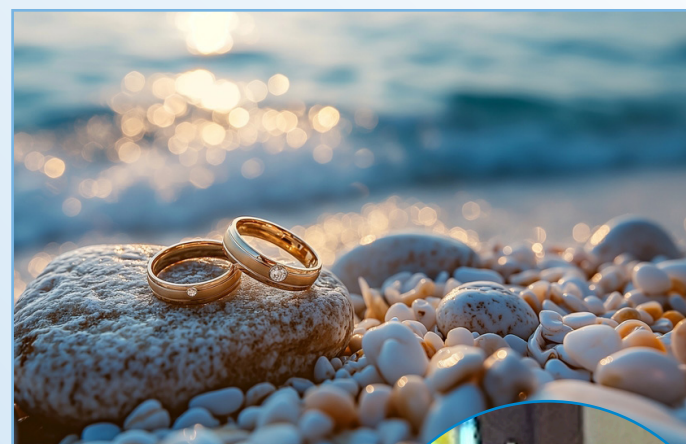
Ms. Stauble regularly substitutes at St. Patrick's Mission Church in Hampton. She hopes to one day be a music educator, in addition to, a professional church musician. Outside of music, she is a writer and digital media producer. Please give Mariana a warm welcome on June 29th, her first Sunday of the season.

With Marianna and other guest organists' support, we will be continuing our tradition of inviting highly skilled instrumentalists and vocalists to our weekly worship services. We will look forward to hearing world-class cellists, trumpet players, and singers, among many other talents.

I send my gratitude to you for your continued support of the music ministry at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea and request that you continue to pray for all who make this program happen.

Peace & Light,

Savannah Curro, Music Coordinator



Do you hear wedding bells?

Another wedding season at St. Andrew's-by-the-sea is upon us.

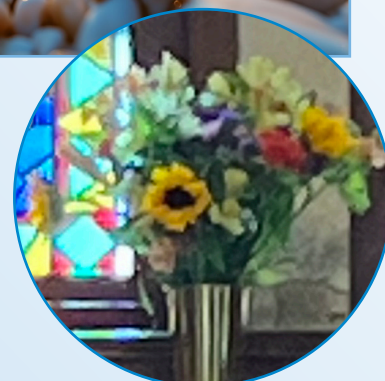
Our couples have been planning and preparing for their special day for months with assistance from our Wedding Coordinator and dedicated wedding volunteers. The 2025 season will begin in June.

Every time a couple requests a viewing of our beautiful chapel, we are reminded of how special this historic, seaside church is. Often couples share that their parents or friends were married at St. Andrew's and that is why they want to hold their marriage ceremony here.

We welcome couples of Christian denominations to share their joyful day with us. Weddings are scheduled from mid-May to mid-October. Please share our website with your friends and family. All the information regarding weddings can be found at www.standrews-by-the-sea.org/weddings.

Wedding volunteers are always welcome, so please join us. Contact is via our website, weddings@standrews-by-the-sea.org.

Sandra Gavutis, Wedding Coordinator





Back to Wine Again

After we returned to in person worship post Covid, we resumed having our Holy Eucharist with just "One Kind." In other words, we had bread only.

This season we will happily return to "Both Kinds" and go back to having wine. Eleven chalice bearers were recruited—one for each of our eleven Sundays, and our training is scheduled for June 7th.

On a personal note, I have taken the liberty of scheduling myself for our opening service on June 22. I will offer the chalice that day with our Celebrant, Jay Hutchinson, Chaplain of The Holderness School. I am doing this because the anniversaries of my Ordinations fall two days later on The Nativity of John the Baptist on June 24. I was ordained to the Diaconate on June 24, 1967, and to the Priesthood on June 24, 1968. What a wonderful ride it has been and still is!

David Holroyd, Vicar

Join us for Hospitality

It won't be long before we are gathering around the Golledge Table under our wonderful tent! We need everyone's help to keep the hospitality tradition of serving refreshments after the Sunday services going... No prior experience needed!

So more congregants can help, we have adopted a "Keep it Simple" approach to hosting. A small selection of breakfast breads or cookies, along with a Box O' Joe from Dunkin or lemonade are all that is needed. St. Andrew's provides the cups, plates, napkins, and offers reimbursement for any purchased items. Of course, those who prefer to bring home baked goodies are welcome to do so and always appreciated! Let us keep it simple and enjoy our fellowship as we gather to celebrate our 149th season. Please let me know what you are comfortable bringing!

Please contact me to host or co-host on a Sunday of your choice at **603-475-2999** or dhooper@haywardhooper.com.

Cheers and happy fellowship to all,

Dana Hooper, Fellowship Coordinator



Notes from the Garden

The garden committee is gearing up for the summer.

Our 'new' garden continues to grow, and we hope to have a good show this year! Pruning, fertilizing and assessing needs for annuals are the most pressing tasks; some of which has already been done by our garden team! Many thanks to Maryellen Dalzell, Shelley Lord, Donlyn Ray, Kerry Blazon, and Lydia Meade for their great efforts.

Anyone is always welcome to join us as we work

Martha Byam, Gardener

Did you know???

The 24" tall brass stepped cross was presented by Maude Abbot (1857-c1902) daughter of Edward and Mary Abbot on July 7, 1878. This cross was used for 94 years. It was stolen on Tuesday, August 15, 1972. There were no leads and no chance for recovery. It was normal at that time for the chapel to be left open all summer. We now lock the chapel and have an alarm system. Then, in June of 1974, out of nowhere, we received an unsigned letter "I'm sorry I took your artifact. You will find it in a locked box – in the Windsor Locks Connecticut airport, [Bradley International Airport]. The Windsor Locks Police were notified and opened the box at the airport and the cross was returned.

