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To Our Beloved St. Andrew's Community

Greetings in these most unusual of times. Our Summer 2020 Chapel Season will look very different this year at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea. The Covid 19 virus has paused our tradition of gathering each summer with family and friends in celebration of faith and community at our treasured seaside chapel. Summer services are cancelled; weddings, memorial services and concerts will be rescheduled. For the first time in over a century, the doors of St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea will not open to welcome guests, to draw people into the serenity and peace inspired by the inside of the Chapel.

In just a few weeks, we were to greet the opening of the summer season with our precious series of events - the chapel ready for services, the hospitality tent in place, the organ tuned up, the bagpipes ready to draw us into the first service of the summer. We will all miss the intimacy of community inspired by the seaside setting of our chapel.

Though our doors are closed, our grounds and parking are ready to welcome individuals into the quiet of the pause. Our lawns will be tended, our garden will be weeded and flowers will be planted. We offer a beautiful setting for reflection. And there is the HOPE for the grand celebration of community reunited inside the chapel at Candlelight Caroling in December.

Until we gather together again, we wish you physical and spiritual health and appreciation of the gifts of living during this time of quiet.

Gary Fincke, Senior Warden



St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea
An Episcopal Summer Chapel

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his
Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.

This summer will be one like no other. The chapel will be shuttered, and no services will occur, yet it is important to remember that while the building is empty, the Church continues to be light and love in a world that so desperately needs it. I am sad beyond words and pray daily for this community. Together we will endure, and I believe thrive when we are able to gather once again.

The Psalms have been such a gift during this time of physical distance. There is much wisdom to glean from them and I share today with you a very familiar one, Psalm 23. The comfort that this Psalm lends to me during this time of uncertainty and distance is truly soul reviving. I keep returning to the phrase, "He revives my soul." I imagine that many of us have felt depleted during the past month. I know that I have felt helpless at times and at a loss for what

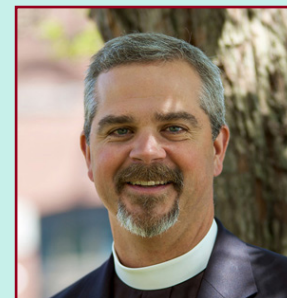
to do or how to do it. Wisdom often comes with a paradox. Right now, wisdom states, "Don't just do something...Stand there." I am a doer, and this need to be still is not easy or comfortable for me. Psalm 23 is a great way to start (or end) the day. A gentle but firm reminder that we are not alone, we are not left comfortless. This time of Exile, as our bishop has so rightly identified our current reality, is a trial, and it is also an opportunity to, as Psalm 46 states, "Be still and know that I am God." I am grateful for the gift of work, the opportunity to wonder with you in the midst of crisis, and how we continue to BE the church for one another. Please know my prayers are constant for this community. I offer to you, along with Psalm 23, a prayer for the morning from our Prayer Book on Page 461. It is amazing how these ancient prayers have such meaning in the now.

In the Morning

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Take good care and know that we shall be together again.

Faithfully,
your Vicar,
Rob Stevens, Jr.



Junior Warden's Report

No big projects this year. The lawn is very happy with all the sun it is getting and looks great. There is a rhododendron on the north side that has not seen sun in many years. It should be blooming soon. Upcoming projects are the shed roof and wood repair to the lychgate. We plan to re-submit our LCHIP grant application for structural repairs of the basement supports and re-pointing exterior portions of the chapel.

Greg Kann, Jr. Warden

Own a St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Memory



Inspired by its beauty, St. Andrew's Chapel Committee Volunteer Kay Ruma graciously commissioned an original oil painting of our historic summer chapel by classically trained artist, Cornelius Collins of Exeter, NH. Kay then had created and donated a limited edition of beautiful Giclée prints of the painting. For anyone who has

taken part in the life of St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea there is no more wonderful keepsake than one of these fine art prints. Go to: standrews-by-the-sea.org/own-a-st-andrews-by-the-sea-memory for details and how to order.



Treasurer's Report

With the uncertainty of the times due to COVID-19, we have evaluated the scenario in which the chapel does not have services this season. Based on our cash flow projections, I am pleased to say that the operations of the chapel will not be impacted, but unfortunately our ability to achieve our Outreach commitments will.

We will get through this and back on track as a faith community, but we welcome your help in sustaining our chapel and our Outreach mission to support the many organizations that count on St. Andrew's each year. Please consider making your usual Sunday offerings by mail or online through the chapel website.

Anne Arnold, Treasurer



Weddings

Please Join Our Wedding Committee Volunteers

St. Andrew's chapel continues to be a popular choice for many couples throughout the Seacoast and beyond. Many of our weddings are smaller in numbers and ideal for our historic chapel.

Some of our brides' parents were married at St. Andrew's and are excited to celebrate their wedding here as well, and one of our brides has dreamed of being married at St. Andrew's since she first came to a service here 22 years ago.

For anyone interested in getting married at St. Andrew's, my email address is sgavutis@gmail.com.

Sandra Gavutis, Wedding Coordinator

Unfortunately, because of the cancellation of our season we will most likely not be able to support these non-profits this year. However the work these organizations do is still very relevant during these stressful times for so many people.

If you are able, we encourage you to contribute with your support to any of the organizations we have partnered with in the past – vulnerable children and families struggling with homelessness, hunger, domestic violence and abuse; they need all of us like never before.

Lizzie Bristow, Outreach Chairperson



Consistent with St. Andrew's Mission Statement to "provide inspirational and inclusive worship, fellowship, and outreach support in the greater community," the Outreach Committee provided mission priorities, guiding principles and contributions consistent with the Bishop's Four Mission Priorities from Convention:

- 1. Address the needs for Congregational and Mission Vitality**
- 2. Invest in Leadership**
- 3. Support of Ministry to Children, Youth, and Families**
- 4. Advocacy for upholding the dignity of every human being**

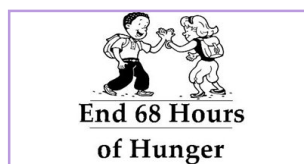
St. Andrew's had planned to support the following organizations through our yearly outreach efforts.



Seacoast Family Food Pantry Meals 4 Kids

A community program to ensure all children in the Seacoast are food secure 365 days a year.

Our support allows Meals 4 Kids to continue and expand throughout the summer.



End 68 Hours of Hunger

A private, not-for-profit confronts approximately the 68 hours of hunger children experience between Friday's free

lunch in school and Monday's free breakfast. Our support helps address the greatest need for children during the summer in our Seacoast communities.



St. Mark's, Groveton, NH Extended Summer Enrichment Program, Rev. Tim Brooks

Offers academic and enrichment programs for kids in surrounding communities through Tim Brooks' leadership and partnership with the Stratford Public School District. Our support helps children experience hands-on-learning while creating and establishing a sense of community and belonging.



Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians... with the needs of the world..., provides relief in times of

disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering..., struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease... around the world and in the US.



St. John's Choir School Program, Portsmouth, NH

Offers free piano and voice lessons to children in our Seacoast communities ages 8-12

during the school year. Our continued support assists the developing and training of future music lovers, and builds a warm and caring community for all students.



Christ Church Summer Camp & Theatre Program, Exeter, NH

Led by theatre professionals and educators, our continued support helps provide for children to rehearse musicals that are presented to friends and family, and take classes to expand their theatrical toolbox.



Thistle Farms

A sanctuary to heal for women survivors of abuse, addiction, trafficking and prostitution, this is a community

of survivors, advocates,

employees, interns, volunteers, and friends from across the world. Thistle Farms believes in the end, love is the strongest force for change in the world. This continues our support of Rev. Becca Stevens and her acclaimed work at Thistle Farms.



Seacoast Family Promise

Since 2003 Seacoast Family Promise has been helping families

experiencing homelessness to find stable housing and return to self-sufficiency. They engage over 1,400 community volunteers annually and are an affiliate of Family Promise, a national organization with 200 affiliates in 41 states.



The Barbara C. Harris Episcopal Summer Camp, Greenfield, NH

Our camp scholarship

support helps campers learn important life lessons and gain new perspectives as they live and play in a community centered on Christian beliefs and values.



HAVEN

Is the largest violence prevention and support services agency in

NH serving Rockingham and Strafford Counties, and is dedicated to address public health through violence prevention and improving the well-being of children and families. This continues our efforts to bring difficult topics to the forefront of community conversation, first initiated with inviting Becca Stevens and Thistle Farms.



For more information or to donate, please visit
www.standrews-by-the-sea.org/giving

Music-by-the-Sea Summer Concerts

The MBTS Committee is postponing our third season of music at our beautiful and historic chapel to 2021. We will again partner with local musicians to present three concerts throughout the summer, each with a different genre of music. All proceeds from these community events will benefit local nonprofit organizations. 2020 Community Partners were to be The Chase Home for Children, Community Toolbox, Gift of Warmth and Womenaid of Greater Portsmouth.

Anne Arnold, Music-by-the-Sea Chairperson



Music-by-the-Sea

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Jazz and Blues
with TJ Wheeler and Band

Sunday, July 4, 2021
All American Tunes concert from the
Portsmouth Brass Ensemble.

Sunday, September 5, 2021
String Quartet of the
Portsmouth Symphony.



Candlelight Caroling - 2019 & 2020



It's become a highlight of the Christmas Season ~ Caroling at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea. Part "White Christmas," part "Brigadoon," it's always wonderful to see the chapel brought back to life for one cold winter's night of song and fellowship. Young and old joined together to sing the traditional and the whimsical, enjoy hot cider and homemade holiday treats, and simply experience an old-fashioned good time. Thank you to all who helped put the evening together.

And make a note in your 2020 calendar for the Friday before this Christmas, December 18, when we will hopefully do it all over again.



Saying Good-bye to Paul Dykstra



As the chapel's Music Coordinator for the past twelve years, Paul has played the organ, coordinated our esteemed roster of weekly musicians, and stepped up in general whenever needed. (Including playing in the cold, challenging conditions of Candlelight Caroling, shoeless no less, so he could accurately work the organ!). Good news for them but sadly for us, Paul and his wife are leaving the Seacoast to return home in early July to their extended family in British Columbia.

We had planned a farewell get together but unfortunately now that can't happen. As a show of gratitude please think about dropping Paul a farewell note of thanks at: lakeside.park@gmail.com



Planned Giving

Please consider making a gift to help ensure our chapel, the place you have enjoyed and supported for so long, is here for generations to come. If you would like to learn more about making a gift through a will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance to St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea please reach out to Rob Stevens, our Vicar, or a member of our Executive Committee.

*If you would like to give a gift of thanks in gratitude for all that is special about St. Andrew's, especially this year, and for many years to come...
Please consider making a contribution to St. Andrew's.*

Name(s): _____

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Please check: _____ for \$ _____ to St. Andrew's buildings and grounds
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or to donate by PayPal, visit standrews-by-the-sea.org/giving