



# The Network

February 2021



## St. Andrew's by-the-Sea

Dear Friends,

With all who have ever sought you,  
 With all who have ever found you,  
 With all faithful people in the Body of Christ,  
 I come to you, O God.  
 Out of my doubts and fears, I come to acknowledge you.  
 Out of my forgetfulness, I come to remember you.  
 Out of my indifference, I come to love you.  
 Out of my pride, I come with humility.  
 Out of my sin, I come with repentance.  
 Out of my discouragement, I come with trust.  
 Out of my darkness, I come to your light.  
 Out of my weakness, I come to your strength.  
 Out of my restlessness, I come to your peace.

*M. L. Yeats*  
*Praying our Days*

It is that time of year again when the lessons of the Epiphany season light our souls. As the earth moves from its solstice in December, we are aware of the days beginning to lengthen. We have confidence in our hearts as we begin to round the corner from winter to spring, and urgent anticipation as we yearn for the relief of immunity from the coronavirus. It is still February, though, and in the midst of waiting, we live in the hope of God's grace in our lives.



*The Reverend  
 Lynn Orrville*

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There are two days that come to mind in February. The first is Valentine's Day, this month on the last Sunday of Epiphany, when we revisit Mt. Tabor and the Transfiguration of Jesus. When Peter wants to memorialize the experience, God speaks and says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We move from observation of the miraculous event to participation in the life of God's Son, Jesus, as we are called to listen to him.

Hearing and obedience go hand in hand. The etymology of obedience is two root words in Latin: *ob* "in the direction of" and *audire* "hearing." To listen to the Beloved Son of God is to obey him. Three commandments Jesus iterates for us: to love God with all our hearts, souls, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves, both ancient commandments; and a new one, to love one another. It is oddly fitting that we contemplate God's love of Jesus and our love of God and each other on Valentine's Day. Our obedience is the sign that we have heard Jesus.

Loving one another, loving our neighbor as ourselves and loving God with all we have are the baseline standards for what it means to be Christian. And try as we might, in this endeavor to love, we most often fail. That brings us to the second day, the one of utmost importance. This February, Ash Wednesday is on February 17. It is the day that we turn again to God, confessing our sinfulness and our need to have our hearts cleansed by God. The prayer above is a good prayer to begin praying in February and throughout Lent. It is a prayer to orient us toward God and the obedient life of a Christian.

Ash Wednesday will be different this year. We will distribute ashes, which you will come to the parish to pick up, and then we will have a Zoom Ash Wednesday service, and you will have the ashes to impose on yourself and your loved one. Ashes will be available from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. for pick-up at the church (drive-by pick up). The Ash Wednesday service will be at 5:00 p.m. I hope you will plan on joining us this year for this service of repentance and dedication.

While the secular world equates love with romance, we have been given the knowledge that true, all-encompassing love is from God and is incarnated in the person of Jesus Christ. As part of the Body of Christ, that love is incarnated in us, and we are called to return love to God and bear God's love to the rest of the world.

When you think of February, think of love. Let your actions be love for all whose paths cross with yours. The time is ripe for love.

Grace upon grace,  
Lynn+

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## Wardens Corner

With the holidays behind us, I can't help but take stock of the year we have been through and glimpse at the future. I am amazed at how well we have weathered the unexpected and prolonged challenges. (I'll refrain from further harping about the obvious cause.) Most importantly, our faith remains strong. The consistently encouraging number of us who join for Morning Prayer each Sunday, despite the obvious compromises of Zoom, shows a deep commitment. Also, I can't look back without appreciation for the talent and dedication of many among us. For example, last Sunday at the Annual Financial Meeting, Doug MacFall presented a succinct and thorough picture of the St. Andrew's fiscal position, showing that the parish is financially healthy and outlining the challenges ahead. Doug's report represented many hours of work and analysis and should facilitate developing our budgets in the future. Similarly, Craig Curtis reported on a successful stewardship campaign, to which he devoted untold hours for months. Part of the success can be attributed to Craig's efforts to communicate with each of us personally.

Let me bring you up to date on a couple of issues that the vestry is currently addressing. As you know, St. Andrew's has hosted two Alcoholics Anonymous groups in the church basement for many years. While the pandemic compelled us to close the building for the AA meetings, as well as for services and other activities, the vestry has decided to approach AA for the purpose of inviting the two groups to resume their meetings when we are able to reopen. AA provides an invaluable service to the community, but hosting the groups has not always gone smoothly. We have drafted a written agreement in an effort to define and improve the understanding we have with AA about use and maintenance of the basement space the groups have used. We expect to meet with them in coming weeks to discuss the proposed agreement.

Simultaneously, the vestry is evaluating part of the basement and the former apartment on the second floor as possible spaces to rent. Some renovations would be necessary. We are considering renting space in the basement to an upholsterer or other business and renting the former apartment for use as an office or residence.

Please don't hesitate to talk with me or other members of the vestry if you have questions or comments.

Charles Findlay  
Senior Warden



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# ST. ANDREW'S COMMITTEES

**Committee**

1914 Society Committee

Altar Guild

Building

Chalice Bearers

Choir

Communications Committee

Finance Committee

Flower Committee

Greeters

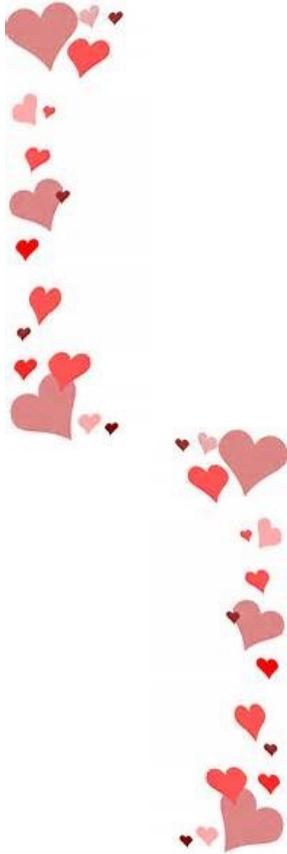
Grounds

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Outreach Committee

Parish Life Committee

Ushers



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## YOUR VESTRY

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Kit Barnum, Clerk  
Charles Hall  
Jane Moffett

Barbara Jansen, Jr. Warden  
Elaine Bristol  
Michael McGill  
Judy Swan

Doug MacFall, Treasurer  
Scott Burns  
Beth Maxted



at  
The Barn in Adamsville

**Cancelled until further notice.**



*Ladies' Luncheon*

**Cancelled until further notice.**



**Birthdays in February**

Craig Curtis	6th	Judy Melanson	15th
Edward Schmults	6th	John Farr	16th
Janet Field	7th	Jason Burchard	21st
Lora MacFall	7th	Linda Findlay	23rd
Barbara Watterson	9th	Sally Havens	26th
Richard Keigher	12th		



**Anniversaries in February**

Craig and Lynne Curtis      4th

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 2:30 pm: Outreach Meeting	<b>2</b> 2:00 pm: Book Discussion	<b>3</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn  7:00 pm: Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	<b>8</b> 4:00 pm: Vestry Meeting	<b>9</b> 2:00 pm: Book Discussion	<b>10</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn  7:00 pm: Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer  	<b>15</b> 4:00 pm: Vestry Meeting  	<b>16</b> 2:00 pm: Book Discussion	<b>17</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn  12-1:30 pm: Ash Distribution  5:00 pm:    7:00 pm: Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2:00 pm: Book Discussion	<b>24</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn  7:00 pm: Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer						

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**Serving in**



**LECTORS**

- Feb. 7: George Maxted
- Feb. 14: Bea Gormley
- Feb. 21: Doug Orville
- Feb. 28: Lora MacFall

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- Feb. 7: Doug MacFall
- Feb. 14: Bea Gormley
- Feb. 21: Doug Orville
- Feb. 28: Charles Findlay

If you are not able to read on your scheduled day please call Rev. Lynn Orville.



**Deadline for March 2021 Network:**

**Monday, February 15th**



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## Treasurer's Report

The coronavirus pandemic has caused a great deal of uncertainty and confusion, not only about people's physical health, but about economic conditions as well. In March it looked quite bleak for church finances. First quarter pledge income covered only about one-half of operating expenses. With the church closed and with the COVID restrictions on gatherings, many of our other sources of income also dried up. We decided, as did most churches in the Diocese, to apply for a loan from the Payroll Protection Program. That allowed us to keep Lynn+, Alicia and Karin at the same number of hours as pre-pandemic. This was important as all three found their work more difficult and time-consuming than before. As you remember, the stock market also took a big dip and took a good chunk from our investments.

I think the Holy Spirit was certainly with us in many ways throughout the year. First, and most important, is our health. As a group, we have done well in the face of the pandemic, although I know some of us have relatives and friends who had the virus. Financially, although you would never have guessed it in the spring, we also did quite well. Hopefully, you were at the Zoom Annual Financial Meeting on January 24th, and saw that St. Andrew's is in sound financial shape as we enter 2021. If you missed the meeting, the presentation material is on the home page of our website, [www.standrewslc.org](http://www.standrewslc.org). Through your generosity, St. Andrew's was able to meet the pledge goal of \$220,000 and to maintain a healthy 5 month reserve in operational cash as we enter 2021. The stock market was good as well; our investments were up about 12% over the year.

We can't know what 2021 will bring, but as treasurer, I can tell you that the Vestry is looking forward to find ways to keep us a vibrant community, both spiritually and financially. Financially, we are seeking new fund raising approaches and are looking to invest in our facilities to develop rental sources of income for the long term from our unused spaces.

I want to express my thanks to all of you for your generous support during these trying times. For the past 107 years, St. Andrew's has always come together to meet the challenge, and you are upholding the tradition!

Faithfully,



*The mission of the Outreach Committee of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea is to represent the reconciling love of Christ Jesus as good servants to those in need within the parish, within our local communities, and in the world beyond.*

**“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”**

Mohammad Ali

**Feeding Friends** - This ministry has had a very busy year. It is time once again to restock our freezer with delicious dinners for those in need. We have several “chefs” working on it, but if you love to cook and would like to make something yummy for the freezer, too, we would love it. If you are interested, please let me know, and I will give you the additional info. Most welcome are – Soups, Casseroles, Entrees.

**Shred Day** – St. Andrew’s and UCC are working together again to sponsor our next Community Shred Day on **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-1**. Start saving all those personal documents that need to be destroyed in a safe manner.

**Outreach** is working on a project to help St. Andrew’s by-the-Sea to “Love Our Neighbor.” This will help meet the needs of those in Little Compton and Westport. Watch this column for more information next month! Stay tuned!

**Outreach Committee** – Want to be part of something really special? Want to make a difference in the parish and the community? Consider joining the Outreach Committee and be part of this exceptional team. Meetings are on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 2:30pm**. Let us know, and we’ll send you the Zoom link.

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**Shred Day** – Mark your calendars! Our annual spring Community Shred Day is set for **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-1** right here in our parking lot. Clean out all your old documents, bring them down, and watch them be safely destroyed right before your eyes. We will be looking for a few folks to volunteer to spend an hour or two helping direct traffic and unload boxes for our guests. Will also be looking for a few bakers to supply some goodies for our snack table.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm

**WHERE:** St. Andrew's by-the-Sea parking lot

**COST:** Donation of \$5.00 per box (size of a case of copy paper)

**Don't worry about removing staples or paper clips**

Here's a list to help decide what needs to save and what can GO!



*According to Consumer Reports Money Adviser – Conquer the paper piles!*

## DOCUMENTS

## SHRED

Bank deposit slips

Once you have reconciled your statement

Banking Statements

At year end store them with tax returns **if** needed to prove deductions

Brokerage. (401(k), IRA, Keogh,

Shred monthly, quarterly as new ones arrive.

Other investment statements

Hang onto annual statements until you sell the investments

Credit Card bills

After you have checked and paid them

Insurance Policies

After you renew them

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Pay stubs	After you reconcile them with your W-2
Receipts	After you reconcile them with your credit card or bank statements
Tax Returns and supporting documents	After 7 years
Savings Bonds	Cash them in when they mature
Social Security Statements	After you get a new statement, then shred the old one
Household warranties/receipts	After you no longer own the household items
Investment purchase	Keep until you sell the securities, then keep confirmations and 1099's them with your tax returns for 7 years
Safe-deposit Box inventory	NEVER, but update annually
Employer benefit plan	NEVER

**KEEP IN SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX**

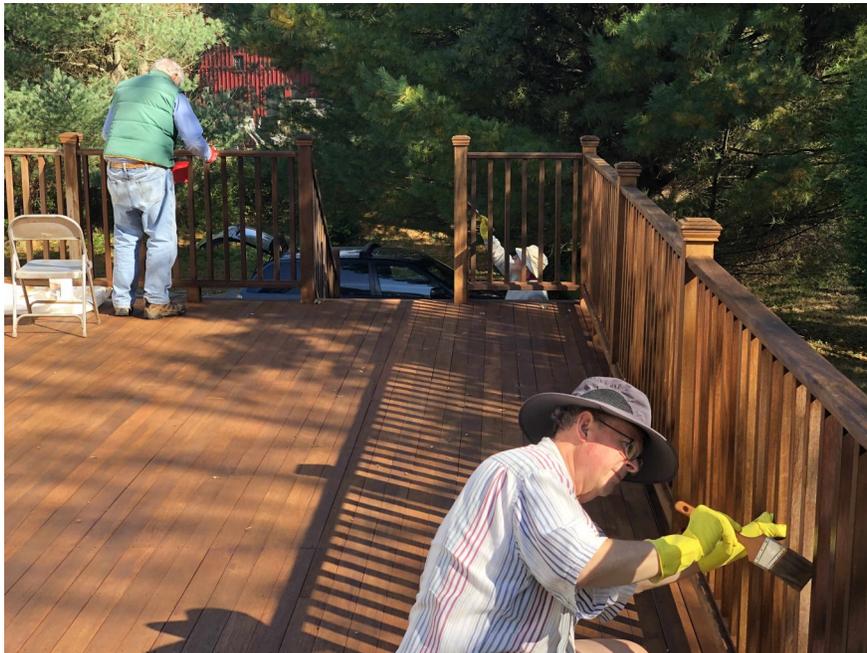
Birth and Death Certificates	NEVER
Estate Planning Documents	NEVER
Life Insurance Policies	NEVER or when policy has ended
Loan Documents	After you sell whatever the loan was for
Marriage license or divorce decrees	NEVER
Social Security Card	NEVER
Vehicle Titles	After you sell the vehicle



# Refinishing of our Deck

## What a Difference!

Our deck has been growing for the past few years, growing mold, lichens and algae. By the end of this summer, it was looking very bad. Black and green areas all over the deck planks and furry little green things on the benches. We got a quote from the painter for the deck refinishing for \$1,300 (not sure that included the benches). So, Spinner Findlay, Doug Orville, John McJennett and Doug MacFall got together and did the job over the span of a few days. Doug M. power-washed everything first and then used his paint sprayer to apply the stain to the deck planks. Then Spinner, Doug O. and John joined in to do the detail staining of the benches and all the railings (the hard part). We used a special stain that has ingredients to inhibit all those colorful things from growing. And to top it off, we received donations to cover the cost of the stain, so the project didn't cost the Church anything! Maybe we should find some more DIY projects ....



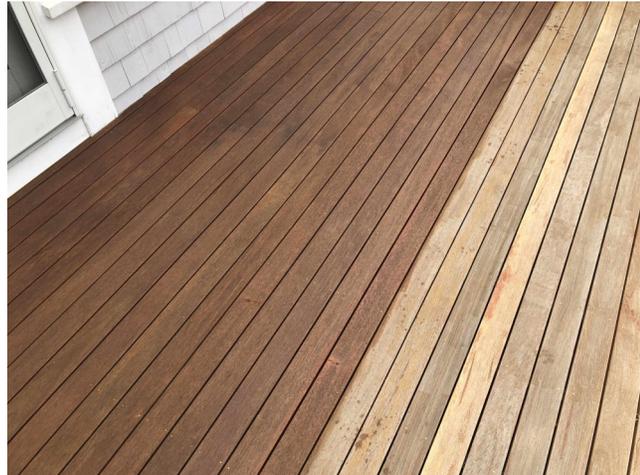
The crew in action

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Bench production line

Stain covering the power washed deck planks



You wouldn't sit there!

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## All About Presidents Day

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

-Information from History.com

[www.CDAtraining.org](http://www.CDAtraining.org)



# Happy Valentine

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and is recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.



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### **STAFF AND WARDENS**

Rector.....The Rev. Lynn Orville  
Senior Warden.....Spinner Findlay  
Junior Warden... ..Barbara Jansen  
Director of Music.....Karin Larsen  
Administrator..... Alicia Rodriguez

## **ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA**

St. Andrew's strives to be a vibrant caring community sharing the love of God as disciples of Christ through joyful worship and service to the world.

Welcome!

### **SERVICES**

Sunday Worship:  
10:00 A.M. Zoom

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m.

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