Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

March has arrived with its ever-changing weather. When I was a girl, we would go early in March to find a kite to fly. March seems synonymous to blustery windy days, white clouds scudding across the bright blue sky, just waiting for children and kites (and adults, too).

March this year, the entire month, is wrapped in Lent. Even the word, Lent, comes from a word that is also translated lengthen. Lent comes to us as our days grow longer. It is easy to remember and works—well, it works for the Northern Hemisphere. For our sisters and brothers who live in the Southern Hemisphere, Lent takes place as the days shorten and become cooler.

When we lived in Woomera, I was new to the Anglican Church, new to Lent, new to liturgical seasons, in general. Because I learned about Lent in Australia, it was natural for Lent to be an autumnal observation. Our Air Force Episcopal chaplain was very patient in answering all my questions about why to have Lent, at all. My second Lent, I understood so much more and found it to be a time to reflect on sinful patterns in my life that needed to die like the plants in the world around me.

The Air Force took us to Nebraska before my third Lent, and it seems strangely out of place to me. Lent and springtime seem so opposite. Granted, Easter is a spring holiday, and it seems natural in the spring, but not so Lent.
The incongruity of the seasonal aspect of Lent, though, is overshadowed by its importance. It is necessary to have time to reflect on our lives, to evaluate our thoughts, words and actions; change the direction of so many thoughts, careless words and wrong actions; turn to the Lord in repentance.

This year, at our Lenten Soup Suppers, we will be building on what folks like most about being together for these Wednesday evening events: we will be talking with each other over supper. We will have some short readings of familiar texts and we will talk about the readings around the table or the living room. We will end with a brief coming together, comparing thoughts about what we heard at dinner that touched our hearts.

It seems to me that flying a kite is a good time to reflect on the beauty of God’s creation and our responsibility to care for it. It is also a good time to begin our Lenten reflections. Who knew that flying kites could be a religious experience?

I look so forward to this Lent with you.

Grace and peace,
Lynn+
As Epiphany draws to a close, I wonder where winter has been hiding and how Lent could be so close at hand? The Lenten suppers are planned, and I imagine the Flower Guild is already deciding on flowers for Easter, giving nary a thought to snow which has festooned many Easters in the past, and could again. The Vestry is focused on administrative duties, reports to be completed, By-Laws to be reviewed and financials to be presented. The Parish has attended the annual financial meeting, and was rewarded with a delicious brunch provided by the Parish Life Committee. We are thankful to all who work so generously to keep our church beautiful and nourishing, in every sense of the word.

Now we can leave our paperwork and planning aside to pause in the stillness of Ash Wednesday and to prepare ourselves for Lent. What shall we do and what shall we not do? Surely we will continue to celebrate the Eucharist together and to pray for our Parish and the world. Maybe we will go to a few Lenten suppers to enjoy the companionship of our fellow parishioners. We are blessed with a convivial group of good cooks! I hope to find a few moments each day to be still and listen for the voice of God, even in the midst of awful chaos. I hope to study a passage of scripture every day as we do at the beginning of each Vestry meeting. An on-line lectionary is my best resource for daily Bible readings (satucket.com). As a fellow parishioner reminds me, life was also wildly chaotic in biblical times and yet with God’s help, life has gone on.

Thanks be to God.
Barbara Jansen
Junior Warden
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YOUR VESTRY

Charles Findlay, Sr. Warden | Barbara Jansen, Jr. Warden | Doug MacFall, Treasurer
Kit Barnum, Clerk | Jason Anderson | Elaine Bristol
Craig Curtis | Charles Hall | Michael McGill
Beth Maxted | Jane Moffett
Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30 a.m. is the date for the next breakfast. Come for coffee, good food and conversation with your fellow parishioners.

**Birthdays in March**

- Steven Telford 5th
- Lisa Vincent 13th
- Scott Carter 15th
- Elizabeth Burchard 18th
- Karin Larsen 19th
- Cobbler Ingalls 22nd
- Alison Almeida 23rd
- Lynne Chisholm 27th

**AA Meeting Schedules**

- Mon.– Fri. 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Mon., Wed., Thurs. 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am

**Anniversaries in March**

- Rob and Brook Rowan 13th

No luncheon in March. See you next month.
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Mar. 8: Linda Findlay and Lora MacFall
Mar. 15: Rhea Brooks and Anne O’Brien
Mar. 22: Linda Findlay and Lora MacFall
Mar. 29: Rhea Brooks and Anne O’Brien

CHALICE BEARERS
Mar. 1: Tom and Barbara Jansen
Mar. 8: Bea Gormley and Charles Hall
Mar. 15: Tom Jansen and Jane McJennett
Mar. 22: Barbara Jansen and Bea Gormley
Mar. 29: Charles Hall and Lora MacFall

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Mar. 1: Scott and Cindy Burns
Mar. 8: Craig and Lynne Curtis
Mar. 15: Steve and Elaine Bristol
Mar. 22: Charles and Kathy Hall
Mar. 29: Michael and Lynne Ryan

Eucharistic Visitor
Mar. 9: Susan Samson

FLOWER ARRANGERS
Mar. 1: Lent
Mar. 8: Lent
Mar. 15: Lent
Mar. 22: Lent
Mar. 29: Lent

GREETERS
Mar. 1: Elaine Bristol
Mar. 8: Bettyann Crowell
Mar. 15: Jane McJennett
Mar. 22: Rhea Brooks
Mar. 29: Ellie Field

LECTORS
Mar. 1: Michael McGill
Mar. 8: Pooka Truslow
Mar. 15: Doug MacFall
Mar. 22: Lora MacFall
Mar. 29: John McJennett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Mar. 1: Lora MacFall
Mar. 8: Bea Gormley
Mar. 15: Rhea Brooks
Mar. 22: Diane Merdian
Mar. 29: Anne O’Brien

USHERS
Mar. 1: George and Bettyann Crowell
Mar. 8: Fred Buhrendorf and Doug Orville
Mar. 15: John McJennett and Barbara Jansen
Mar. 22: Steve and Elaine Bristol
Mar. 29: George and Beth Maxted

VESTRY
Mar. 1: Michael McGill
Mar. 8: Charles Hall
Mar. 15: Barbara Jansen
Mar. 22: Kit Barnum
Mar. 29: Beth Maxted

Deadline for April 2020 Network:
Monday, March 16th

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Lenten Series –

Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office if you would like to participate in this year’s Wednesday evening Lenten Series. A meal of Soup, Bread and Salad will be served.

Wednesday dates and host homes are as follows:

- **March 4th**  The McJennetts’, 10 Winslow Rd, LC
- **March 11th** The Wattersons’, 198 Old Harbor Rd, Westport, MA
- **March 18th** The Crowells’, 4 West Branch Rd, LC
- **March 25th** The MacFalls’, 58 Grange Ave, LC
- **April 1st**  The Brookes’, 285 West Main Rd, LC
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

Senior Lunch at LCCC - Mark your calendars! Our next Senior Lunch will be served on Friday, April 17th. Join us for a delicious lunch and a great afternoon of fellowship with our neighbors.

Salvation Army Dinner - We have another opportunity to serve dinner at the Salvation Army on Friday, March 20th at 3pm. Please check the sign-up sheet on the easel in the back of the church. Remember we only have space for 4 or 5 volunteers, so sign up early for this fun afternoon.

Feeding Friends – Thanks so much for our brilliant cooks Doug Orville and Marianne Pickett, who added their culinary skills to fill the freezer downstairs. It is full of delicious meals for you or someone you know. Help yourself to Beef Stew, Meatloaf, Chicken and Broccoli Casserole, Chicken and Pasta Soup, and Beef and Pasta Casserole. Take meals for yourself or bring a few to friends in need. These meals are available to all.

Blood Mobile – St. Andrew’s will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Mobile on March 26th from 2:30-5:30 in the Parish Hall, and we invite you all to join us.

Did you know? Someone needs blood every 2 seconds. Each unit of blood is about 1 pint, weighs about 1 lb. and can be used to save up to 3 lives. It will take about an hour of your time. 30-35 minutes for registration, health history and a brief health assessment, 5-10 minutes for actual donation, 15 minutes for relaxation and refreshments. Join us – You won’t be sorry! Give the gift of life – All you will feel is GOOD!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Outreach is starting a new program for the community. Do you or someone you know need help with some small projects? Yard work, small repairs, painting, etc.? We are putting together a team of volunteers that can help get those done. We will also be working with Corporal Sue Cressman of the LC Police Department to work with folks in the community who may need some assistance. If you have a small project or would like to volunteer, please see an Outreach team member and we’ll take it from there.

Food Pantry – Don’t forget the food pantry. Please think about adding a few extra things to your grocery cart for our neighbors in need. Things they always need:


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Shred Day – Mark your calendars! Our annual spring Community Shred Day is set for Saturday, April 18th 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 18th 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!*

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Insurance Policies  
After you renew them

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
As you can see, I’m trying a little different approach for the Network’s Treasurer’s Report. I thought I’d try to write something each month to give you important/interesting information about church financials as they evolve during the year. The monthly Statement of Activities will be posted on the church bulletin board for those of you that want the monthly line-by-line details. So, let me know what you think about this approach as we go forward.

As you may know, I have been appointed Treasurer upon Fred Buhrendorf’s retirement from the position as of the first of this year. Fred has done a great job keeping church financials in order for a very long time, since the early 2000’s. I have been striving, with Fred’s help, to transition all of the many parts of the Treasurer role over to me. We are almost there!

The big event so far this year was the Annual Financial Meeting that was held after the Service on February 16th. For those who were unable to attend, let me hit the highlights here. I have posted the full presentation on the Church’s website (www.standrewslc.org). Note: It is password protected (password is: willow).

We have hired a local CPA, Kate Leary, to oversee our accounting practices and to perform certain of the tasks. She will do the expense side and perform the monthly reconciliations for all our financial accounts. Alicia will continue to oversee the pledge and plate weekly tabulation and enter that data into our cloud-based accounting system, Realm. Kate has already been very helpful with best practices advice on use of our double entry accounting system.

We begin 2020 with much improved financials. Our investments did very well as 2019 was a very good year in the equities markets. The most important story, however, is about the breadth of the love and support for St. Andrew’s. Craig Curtis told us how we significantly exceeded our 2019 pledge commitment by $12,000. He also said that we exceeded our 2020 pledge goal of $220,000 by $5,000. In his estate, Bob Brooks provided $50,000 for important needs as determined by the Vestry. Fifty-three gifts were received in Bob’s memory that totaled $11,000 for use with capital
projects. We also received $8,000 from a very generous parishioner for repair of the leaking sky light panels in the nave.

Finally, I presented the 2019 year-end actuals and the 2020 operating budget that had been approved by the Vestry at their January meeting. As you may have seen in the February Network, we ended 2019 with a $45,892 surplus. This is due to the additional 2019 pledge receipts and a larger than usual amount of pre-paid 2020 pledges. This allows us to enter 2020 on a good financial footing. The 2020 operational budget comes in at $261,500, a 1.8% increase over 2019. If you weren’t at the Annual Financial meeting, please take a look at the presentation on the website and let me know if you have any comments or questions (email: treasurer@standrewslc.org).


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March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.

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Fred Buhrendorf Retires as Treasurer

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank-you go to Fred upon his retirement as our long-serving treasurer as of the first of the new year! Lynn+ recognized his long and faithful service during the brunch after the Annual Financial Meeting on February 16th. We all wish Fred and Joan the very best!
EASTER FLOWERS

Please fill in and return this form to:
St. Andrew’s by-the-Sea
P.O. Box 491
Little Compton, RI 02837
Attention: Flower Committee

No later than Monday, April 6th, 2020

Checks should be made payable to:
St. Andrew’s by-the-Sea (and footnoted “Flower Fund”)

Please fill in the following:

In loving memory of


– OR –

In thanksgiving for


Given by


Suggested flower fund contribution: $25.00 for each remembrance

Total enclosed: $___________
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Website: www.StAndrewsLC.org

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Senior Warden………………………..Lora MacFall
Junior Warden……………………..Spinner Findlay
Director of Music……………………..Karin Larsen
Administrator………………………Alicia Rodriguez

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

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.