



The Network

December 2020-
January 2021



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

Dear Friends,

The busyness of the semester is over, and my papers are finished. Our Thanksgiving was quiet, with Doug and I celebrating with our dog, Ten-ten. I am sure that she did not notice any difference except maybe that Daisy, her sister, is no longer with us. Without friends or Rachel and Hubertus (our new, almost son-in-law), who live in Germany, it was quiet. We went on Saturday to pick out our Christmas tree. It will not be cut down, of course, until much closer to Christmas.

It will be an Advent quite unlike any other we have experienced. Isolated at home, hoping loved ones who traveled for Thanksgiving will not become sick, our preparations for a quiet, reflective Advent will probably have a decidedly blue cast to it. I have not met or talked to anyone whose patience is not growing thin these days. It is normal to feel down and anxious, bored, and struggling with real grief over the life we led before. Before. Before Covid-19, before lock-down and quarantine; before... We can fill in the blanks.

On Sunday, we lit a single candle in a ring of four. From now until the week of Christmas, we will light another each week. On the 22nd, we will put the white Christ candle in the middle as we wait for Christmas. There is something about that single candle burning in the dark, almost as a protest that no matter how dark it is, the light from that single flame will not be overcome.



*The Reverend
Lynn Orville*

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When we walk in the dark or by candlelight, we don't race around, but rather take measured steps. Dark times call for steadiness, which is difficult, when we want to scream our impatience, lash out and do what we want to do. When I was a teenager, I found a quote that speaks to the trials of this particular Advent: "A stone is not polished without friction, nor a man perfected without adversity." From Seneca, a Roman philosopher around the time of Jesus, this thought has given me much comfort when adversity and trial overwhelm. I think of the rhythmic motion when polishing stones as they roll around and around the grinder. While the grinder swirls the rocks in fairly fast motion, it is steady in its movements and the stone eventually comes out smooth and shiny (depending on the rock, of course). In Advent we are called to steadiness even under pressure.

We are also called to trust God, and in that trust is our hope. Hear for a moment in your mind's ear this second stanza of Psalm 62:

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

People were moving all about, going to their homes, responding to yet another oppressive Roman edict, this time a census. People without enough to eat, traveling across country to get home, tax collectors and all the usual diseases. That was the first Advent. Ours is like that one, difficult and painful. And yet, in the midst of the darkness, the light doesn't go out.

A candle in the darkness, bearing the light of hope into our dark world. We are not alone.

Lynn +



Wardens Corner

Thanksgiving is only a day away as I write, and it has naturally prompted me to think of reasons for thanks. It's been such a strange and disruptive year that it's easy to diverge and ask "what reasons?" After all, the pandemic has inflicted hardship on many, not to mention its most serious consequences, and it has caused incessant inconvenience for everyone. The election seems to linger forever with many races still unresolved. And uncertainty seems to pervade our lives.

But we truly have much to be thankful for. We are blessed with medical technology that, with unprecedented speed, has produced vaccines likely to relieve us of the threat of Covid-19. We have the right to vote, and our votes count. We are privileged to live in towns that, to me at least, are of incomparable beauty, and we have a church community that draws us together and enriches our lives. It's hard to imagine a better place to be if we have to isolate ourselves. (I'll spare you the countless thanks in my prayers for the blessings bestowed on my family and me.)

I feel special thanks for the remarkable resilience of St. Andrew's during this difficult year. We all agree that the church doors can't open for services a day too soon. However, in accordance with recommended precautions, worshipping at St. Andrew's has never ceased, including Morning Prayer by Zoom with music from Karin and outdoor Evening Prayer when the weather was mild. (What would we do without Zoom in these times? Lynn has deftly taken advantage of it, though it does not lend itself to snap-of-the-fingers adaptation.) With the help of Zoom, Lynn is also leading Bible study, book group, weekly coffee hour and innumerable meetings. The Vestry has not missed a beat either, again with the benefit of Zoom. It has given constant attention to worship in these trying times and has undertaken several initiatives, such as acquisition of the new piano. Finally, as you've heard me say previously, it's been gratifying to occasionally join other masked parishioners on the church grounds to keep things in top order for our return.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and beginning of Advent.

Yours-in-Christ,
Spinner

Happy
Holidays!



ST. ANDREW'S COMMITTEES

Committee

1914 Society Committee

Altar Guild

Building & Grounds

Chalice Bearers

Choir

Communications Committee

Finance Committee

Flower Committee

Greeters

Grounds

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Outreach Committee

Parish Life Committee

Ushers

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Doug MacFall, Treasurer
Craig Curtis
Beth Maxted



at
The Barn

Cancelled until further notice.



Ladies' Luncheon

Cancelled until further notice.



Deadline for February 2020 Network:

Tuesday, January 14th



Every Tuesday at 2pm

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP



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it's the most
DECEMBER
wonderful time of the year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:00 pm: Book Discussion: The Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine	2 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	3	4	5
6 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	7 2:30 pm: Outreach Meeting	8 2:00 pm: Book Discussion: The Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine	9 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	10	11	12
13 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	14 4:00 pm: Vestry Meeting	15 2:00 pm: Book Discussion: The Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine	16 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	17	18	19
20 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer 5:00 pm: Christmas Carols and Concert	21	22 2:00 pm: Book Discussion: The Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine	23 Office Closed 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	24 Office Closed 4:00 pm: Worship Service	25 Office Closed 9:00 am: Worship Service	26
27 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	28	29	30	31		

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JANUARY

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	4 2:30 pm: Outreach Meeting	5 2:00 pm: Book Discussion	6 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	7	8	9
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17 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	18 Office Closed  Martin Luther King Day	19 2:00 pm: Book Discussion Deadline for February Network	20 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	21	22	23
24 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer	25	26 2:00 pm: Book Discussion	27 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee with Lynn 7:00 pm: Bible Study	28	29	30
31 10:00 am: Zoom Morning Prayer						

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Serving in



LECTORS

- Dec. 6: Michael McGill
Dec. 13: Doug MacFall
Dec. 20: George Maxted
Dec. 27: Lora MacFall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Dec. 20: Charles Findlay
Dec. 27: Bea Gormley

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



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Serving in **JANUARY**



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Jan. 10:	George Maxted
Jan. 17:	Lora MacFall
Jan. 24:	Bea Gormley
Jan. 31:	Michael McGill

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Birthdays in December

Joyce Whittle	7th	Bettyann Crowell	24th
Daniel Murphy	9th	Ellie Field	24th
Lee Havens	12th	Sheri Massa	25th
Alicia Rodriguez	16th	Abby Carr	29th
John McJennett	20th	Phoebe Meehan	29th



Birthdays in January



Robert von der Lippe	1st	Judith Swan	14th
Sidney Clifford	3rd	Ralph Watson	16th
Anna Hitchcock	3rd	Greg Prior	20th
Diane Schmults	3rd	Doug Orville	20th
Peter Lisle	11th	Elizabeth Maxted	22nd
James Field	12th	Cynthia Murphy	24th
Pooka Truslow	13th		



Anniversaries in December

John Ingalls and Ellie Field 21st

Anniversaries in January

Jim and Barbara Watterson	1st
Henry and Judy Swan	23rd
Ed and Barbara Vatcher	26th



The Treasurer's Report that I presented to the Vestry on November 16th showed that we continue to be on a good path towards finishing this difficult year on a sound financial basis. Your faithful gifts make this possible, and

I thank you all so much! Pledge income in October was above the budgeted amount, and we are 86% of the way towards reaching our year-end pledge goal. Things usually pick up in November and December, so I'm quite confident we will make (or maybe exceed) the goal, with your help. Our 1914 Society endowment and Reserve fund investment accounts were flat for October, and are flat for the year. As I said last month, given the market gyrations this year, that's not bad. Expenses are running somewhat under budget with some building related costs reduced, but most of our expenses are fixed in nature. The November Treasurer's Report is available for you to review by clicking the Documents button in the footer of our redesigned website (www.standrewslc.org, password is: sakonnet) (note: all lower case in password).

The 2021 budget development process is well underway. The Finance Committee will do a thorough review of the draft budget on December 1st, and the resulting budget will be presented to the Vestry for their review and decision-making at the December Vestry meeting. In support of this, the Vestry is engaged in looking at new ways to generate income through fundraising events and possibly renting unused areas of our facility. As you know, our stewardship mission is the largest source of our operating funds. Craig Curtis is leading our stewardship mission and is doing a great job! I hope you will support his work, as you have done so faithfully over the years.

As this issue of the *Network* covers December and January, I want to remind you that we will have our annual financial meeting near the end of January. We will brief you on the 2020 year-end financial results and explain the 2021 budget that the Vestry has approved.

Again, I want to express my thanks to all of you for your generous support during these trying times. For the past 106 years, St. Andrew's has always come together to meet the challenge, and you are upholding the tradition!

Faithfully,

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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 – Don’t forget about our freezer ministry! We still have lots of delicious meals and soups for anyone who may need and enjoy a home-cooked meal. It is available to all; just help yourself or give me a call at 860-966-9405 and I can meet you at church, or I will be glad to deliver them right to your door.

Afi – Afi and her family in Togo are having their challenges with COVID-19, too. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Even with the struggles that Compassion is having with access to some of the countries that they serve, they are still keeping in touch with all the children and their families to make sure that they are well and their basic needs are being met. Letters are the best way for all of us to keep in touch with Afi and let her know that we are keeping her and her family in our hearts and prayers. She will be turning 9 on December 2nd, and I encourage you to offer a special prayer for her on her special day. If you would like to write to her, you can send her a letter. Please be sure to include the following:

St. Andrew’s # 08505041 Afi # TG071200133. And send it to:

Attn: Child Correspondence Dept.
Compassion International
Colorado Springs, CO 80997-0004

Compassion International – There are hundreds of children in need of sponsors, and you can help! Compassion International is Christ-centered, Church-based and Child-focused, by fighting poverty and providing love, health care, education, supplements, Christ-centered guidance and recreational activities and hope to each of their children. Consider making a commitment of sponsoring a child this Christmas, or give the gift of sponsorship to one of your own children this year.

This Christmas we are having our 2 children and their families go online to Compassion’s website and choose a child to sponsor from the hundreds that are available. They will choose the country the child is from, their age, gender, or birthdate. They will establish a relationship with their sponsored child and exchange letters, keep them in their prayers and watch their growth. Steve and I are making the long-term monetary commitment of \$ 38.00 per month for each of those children. We would love to have you join us and know the joy of making a difference in a child’s life.

2020 Outreach in a nutshell – For 2020 we were not able to accomplish most of the things that we had planned for the year, but we were still able to make a positive impact on our communities.

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A delicious dinner was served at The Salvation Army that services Newport County in January.
A tasty lunch was served at the LC Senior Center in February.

3 talented chefs prepared 39 yummy meals and filled the freezer for our Feeding Friends Ministry.

We gratefully accepted 3 separate donations of frozen meals from Panera Bread and several cases of Blount Soup for our freezer. Several deliveries were made to parishioners and folks in the community.

Our monetary donations went to support

- The Westport Food Bank and The Little Compton Food Bank in the form of \$25.00 gift cards to Stop and Shop.
- Annual sponsorship for Afi and a gift to her family for animals to be used to generate income.
- The Bishops Charity fund to feed hungry children in Rhode Island.
- The Westport Fire Department to be used to support their elder care program.
- The Rector's Discretionary fund.
- Thank-you gifts to the Police and Fire Departments and First Responders in Little Compton, Tiverton, and Westport.

We look forward with joy and hope to continue our mission in 2021 and thank you all for your support.

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Bristol 860-966-9405



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Step Up For St. Andrew's

Rising to the Challenge: What would Love Do?

Love practices generosity and compassion , unselfishly sharing whatever we have: \$10010—\$20000
our faith, our care, our stories, our resources, and our time. \$834—\$1667/Mo.
4 Stewards

We are all God's stewards for St. Andrew's

Your pledge is both an expression of gratitude to God and an investment in our spiritual lives, which connect us to God and give us meaning, purpose and a firm moral foundation.

With God's help, we can each pray and discern what we can do to support our mission.

Please be as generous as you can, and **Step Up**

\$1010—\$2000
\$83—\$167/Mo.
9 Stewards

\$510—\$1000
\$43—\$83/Mo.
15 Stewards

\$10—\$500
\$.42—\$42/Mo.
7 Stewards

\$8000—\$10000
\$667—\$833/Mo.
3 Stewards

\$6010—\$8000
\$501—\$667/Mo.
1 Steward

\$4010—\$6000
\$334—\$500/Mo.
11 Stewards

\$2010—\$4000
\$168—\$333/Mo.
22 Stewards



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Distribution of pledges and gifts to St. Andrew's for 2020

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021



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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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