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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2012 Newcomers Guide

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to St. Andrew's! We are so glad that you have come to worship with us, and we offer you this booklet to help you learn more about our parish family. Perhaps you are looking to get involved, or perhaps you are simply seeking refuge and renewal. Either way, your presence is a blessing. We pray that you will visit again and that in time you may find a spiritual home here.

If you wish to inquire about membership or to meet with the Rector for any reason, please contact the parish office. Also note that we offer Newcomer Classes in the Winter/Spring each year for those who are interested.

OUR MISSION

St. Andrew's is a parish of worship, spiritual growth, acceptance and healing centered in the Eucharist. We reach beyond ourselves, striving to allow God to work through our hands as Christ's own. In our role of stewards of God's gifts we embrace a comprehensive concept of stewardship as central to our ministry. As a place of hope for all people, we celebrate with joy through grace our oneness in Christ.

OUR CORE VALUES

Spirit of Warmth and Welcome

We strive to love widely and deeply. We are an inclusive parish, comprised of people of all stages and walks of life. We bear witness to God's love by aiming to provide a place of hospitality, healing, and hope for everyone who comes through our doors.

Call to Mission and Ministry

We endeavor to reach beyond ourselves. The stained glass windows in our sanctuary depict scenes from Matthew 25, in which Jesus commends those who nourish the hungry and thirsty, care for the sick and needy, visit the prisoner, and welcome the stranger. These images inspire and define our call to ministry in the world.

Eucharistic Faith

Each week we come together to seek solace and renewal in the healing power of the Holy Eucharist. Our celebration of thanksgiving for Christ's resurrection binds us as a community, lifts our hearts, and enlivens our faith, and we carry that faith into our daily lives and work.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: BEYOND THE PARISH

Access AIDS Care Cook-In: On the third Sunday, six months of the year, parishioners and others from the community gather at St. Andrew's to prepare meals for families affected by HIV/AIDS. Contact Llew Roberts at 423-6310.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: St. Andrew's participates with other Ghent-area churches in hosting a monthly blood drive on a rotating schedule. Contact Deane Sobol at 623-0796.

Catholic Worker Sandwich Ministry: On the fourth Friday of each month, parishioners make and drop off sandwiches for distribution to those who receive food from the Norfolk Catholic Worker. Contact Robin Kruger at 451-0171.

Church Mouse: The Church Mouse is a gift shop housed at St. Andrew's and operated by the Women of the Church. Contact Jane Smith 627-2728.

Flower Festival: On All Saints weekend each year, St. Andrew's celebrates a community festival featuring food, arts and crafts, clothing and household boutiques, and fine choral and instrumental music. The highlight of the weekend is the sanctuary adorned beautifully with thousands of flowers. Contact Amber Pickrell at 627-9258 or Steve Batten at 545-2640.

Millennium Development Goals: Each year we devote 0.7% of our church budget to international projects in line with the Millennium Development Goals. Last year we supported school children in Ghana and Belize and a Sudanese refugee camp in Kenya. Contact Betty Wade Coyle at 625-3182.

Mission and Ministry Committee: This committee oversees our outreach ministry in the community and also determines grant support for local organizations such as Ghent Area Ministries, ForKIDS, the Lost Boys Foundation, Camp Wakonda, and more. Contact Betty Wade Coyle at 625-3182.

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team: NEST is a collaboration of local churches that take turns providing a week's worth of overnight shelter to 50-60 homeless men and women. St. Andrew's typically hosts two weeks each year. Contact Jim Rhodes at 627-5980 or George Utter at 686-3705.

Social Justice and Advocacy: Parishioners participate in nonpartisan advocacy efforts organized through the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Bread for the World, and other organizations. Contact Pat Hodge at 622-1429.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: WITHIN THE PARISH

Buildings and Grounds: Committee Chair, Ted Dey (625-6401).
Garden Guild: Contact Steve Batten at 545-2640.

Christian Formation: Committee Chair, KK West (489-5363).
Youth Leaders: Contact Josh Stephens at (904) 233-3414.
Nursery Volunteers: Contact Elizabeth Harris at 587-1610.
Sunday School Teachers: Contact Josh Stephens.

Communications: Committee Chair, Elizabeth Evans (625-7068)
Office Guild: Contact Dennis Sipes at 622-5530.
Web/Newsletter Support: Contact Dennis Sipes.

Finance: Committee Chair, Jim Rhodes (627-5980).
Treasurer's Office: Contact Larry Brett (627-1357).

Parish Life: Committee Chair, Becky Ruffin (440-0333).
Breakfasts: Contact Becky Ruffin.
Coffee Hour: Contact Dot Stedfast at 451-3201.
Receptions: Contact Dot Stedfast.

Pastoral Care: Committee Chair, Mavis Benz (467-1413).
Eucharistic Visitors: Contact Mavis Benz.
Flower Delivery: Contact John Chappell at 963-5850.
Pastoral Visitors: Contact Mavis Benz.
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Contact Deane Sobol at 623-0796.

Stewardship: Committee Chair, Ann Dodson (627-1353).

Worship: Committee Chair, the Rector (622-5530).
Acolytes: Contact Doug Tillberg at 499-6008.
Altar Guild: Contact Ellie Ankerson at 623-0597
Brass Polishers: Contact Ellie Ankerson.
Children's Chapel (Godly Play): Contact Dot Stedfast at 451-3201.
Choirs and Music: Contact Jim Kosnik or Richard Rigg.
Flower Guild: Contact Steve Batten at 545-2640.
Lay Readers and Chalcers: Contact George Utter at 686-3705.

Inquiring Minds and Open Hearts

We bring inquiring minds and open hearts to our journeys of faith. We know that we do not have all the answers and we enjoy exploring the questions as we seek a deeper knowledge and love of God.

Sense of Beauty and Wonder

We value the simple elegance and ritual of Episcopal worship. We appreciate the beauty of sacred music, the familiarity of our prayers, and the comfort and tradition of our sanctuary. We also celebrate the wonder of God's creation by using our flowers and gardens as instruments of praise.

OUR PAST AND PRESENT

Founded in 1911 to serve the newly developed Ghent section of Norfolk, St. Andrew's began its life in a small wooden chapel which stood on the same property as the present church. The first rector was the Rev. Myron Marshall, who conducted his first service on December 3, 1911. By the end of 1912, the fledgling parish counted more than 100 families as members.

The current sanctuary was built in 1921 and was designed by the noted architect John Kevan Peebles, himself a parishioner at St. Andrew's. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, St. Andrew's briefly merged with two other Ghent-area churches, Christ Church and St. Luke's Church. The merger dissolved in 1940, and St. Andrew's was reestablished as an independent parish while Christ and St. Luke's remained together.

In 1948, members expanded the 1921 structure with a two-story brick parish house that contains the present-day auditorium, with stage, classrooms and church offices. In 1959, a narthex was added to the sanctuary entrance on Graydon Avenue, and in 1968, the church constructed White Hall, a social hall named for St. Andrew's third rector, the Rev. Beverly Tucker White. Most recently, in 2003, members commissioned 18 new stained glass windows in the nave. Together, they depict scenes from the corporal acts of Matthew 25, a call to service that inspires our ministry in the world.

Over the years, St. Andrew's has been blessed with remarkable stability. Of six rectors called by the church since its founding, three served for more than 20 years. The longest-serving rector, the Rev. Charles Joy, retired in 2007 after 25 years of gracious leadership. Our current rector, the Rev. John Rohrs, began his journey with us in the fall of 2009. Our parish is now poised for a new era of growth and service as we enter our second century.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
	9:00 AM	Christian Formation for all ages
	9:00 AM	Nursery opens
	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
	10:15 AM	Children's Chapel, Guild Room
Wednesdays	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with Healing, Chapel
Summer Schedule	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
	10:00 AM	Nursery opens
	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church

MUSIC AND CHOIRS

We are blessed with a rich tradition of sacred music at St. Andrew's. Our choirs and musical groups are open to anyone. To learn more, see the contacts below.

Senior Choir: Dr. Jim Kosnik (627-2179)

Youth and Handbell Choirs: Richard Rigg (487-3655)

Gospel Lights (strings band): Richard Rigg

SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTAL RITES

Holy Baptism: Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which a person is born into new life with Christ and received into the community of faith. We celebrate baptisms on Sundays throughout the year and on special feast days.

Holy Eucharist: Holy Eucharist, or communion, is our principal act of corporate worship. We celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and Wednesday throughout the year, in addition to special feast days. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine at God's altar.

Holy Matrimony: Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant made in the presence of God. Parishioners, family members of parishioners, those interested in joining the church and others with special affiliations are welcome to inquire about being married at St. Andrew's.

Unction (Healing) is offered weekly at the Wednesday Eucharist. *Confirmation* for youth and adults is offered annually. *Reconciliation of a Penitent* (Confession), and *Burial of the Dead* are offered by request. Please contact the Rector at 622-5530.

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Nursery: We offer qualified, compassionate nursery care for children ages six weeks to four years. Contact Elizabeth Harris at 587-1610.

Children's Chapel: This interactive worship experience for children follows the Godly Play model and takes place in the first half of the 10:15 a.m. service. Contact Josh Stephens at (904) 233-3414.

Sunday School: Sunday School runs from 9:00-10:00 AM most Sundays during the program year. We utilize a variety of activities to nurture our children and youth in their journeys of faith. Contact Josh Stephens.

Youth Group: Youth in grades six through twelve gather on Sunday evenings and other times for food, fellowship, and mission.. Contact Josh Stephens.

West Ghent School: We are proud to house West Ghent School, an independent and well-regarded preschool. Contact Laurie Reilly at 622-4403.

ADULT FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Adult Forum: This is our flagship formation offering for adults. Sunday mornings we gather at 9:00 AM in Room 207 for discussions and presentations on a variety of topics related to the practice of faith. Contact Pat Hodge at 622-1429.

Education for Ministry: EfM is a lay education program featuring weekly seminar discussions of the Bible, theology, history, and more. Contact the Rector.

Newcomers Class: This five-week class is for newcomers who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's. Contact the Rector.

Wine and the Word: Wine and the Word is a fellowship and book discussion group for young women in the church. Contact Margaret Blair at 377-9502.

Women of St. Andrew's: This is a fellowship and service ministry for all the women of the parish. The Women make grants toward church and community needs and sponsor various special events. Contact Judy Blevins at 489-0854.

Fellowship Opportunities: We gather for fun and fellowship year round. Events include Coffee Hour and Receptions, Foyer Dinners, Sunday Breakfasts, Lenten Dinners, and a Parish Picnic. Contact Becky Ruffin at 440-0333.