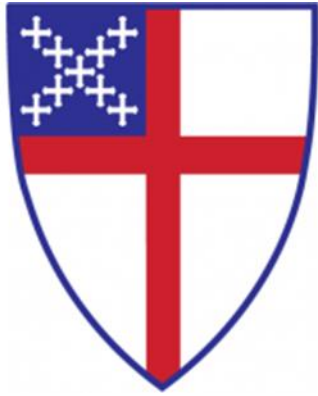


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Lines of Fishermen



We are a welcoming faith community of all ages in the service of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to witness God's presence and love.

Amma Susan's Vicars Corner



Flux

Amidst the continually changing tides in our lives there is one constant - the presence of God.

God's love encircles us all no matter what else is going on. That is something to hold onto. I imagine the chaos and confusion that Joseph and Mary endured in their journeys is no less than the struggle for our faith communities today.

Our beloved community of St. Andrew's has undergone much flux this year. Several long term parishioners have moved away, spurred on by changes in health or circumstances. Most recently, we gave our friend, Suzan, a hearty and tearful sendoff as she relocated West to receive the care and support she needs. Suzan served as publisher of our Lines of Fishermen, bulletins and other communications. Her wit cannot be replicated so we won't even try! And for those of you who've expressed concern that you've not been receiving these publications, now you know why! But we also welcome the talents of Sarah as our weekly publisher of bulletins and news, while Ann has stepped up to produce and edit a monthly Lines of Fishermen (a change from the bi-monthly issue).

Many of you may also be aware that another pillar of our parish, Jeni, has succumbed to her long battle with cancer. We pray for grace and strength for her husband Jim, her sister Melissa and all who knew and loved her.

Some among us have retired in concession to health demands. Others face new challenges. No doubt we are a hearty remnant of faithful who continue to encourage and strengthen one another walking the Way or Christ. And as the tides ebb and flow, we welcome newcomers into our midst who seek further knowledge of Christ and God's mission in the world - empowered by the

Holy Spirit. Christ has no body but the hands, feet, hearts , and hope of the church.

We will look towards our future with a new bishop diocesan of Maine to be elected on February 9th at the Special Electing Convention. Many who wished to meet the nominees attended the "Walkabouts" on January 18th in Augusta, on January 19th in Bangor and on the 20th in Portland. Before beginning their "Walkabout", the Nominees stopped for a visit to Saint Andrews. They wished to better understand how our shared space with the Friends works, and watched us transform the space from the Friends' worship pattern to our Episcopal one. They remained for an informal coffee hour before beginning their more formal itinerary. . Further details are available on the diocesan website, <http://www.episcopalmaine.org/> and on Facebook at Episcopal Diocese of Maine.

God meets us where we are - whether in a stable in Jerusalem or a place called Saint Andrews, Winthrop. God meets us in the waters of Baptism, in Christ and font. God meets us down every street corner, every store front, every home, apartment, dwelling place. God is everywhere present. God is the eternal ground of every being in a world of flux.

"Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is the Alpha and Omega, he is the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!" (Hymnal 982 #82, v.1)

Faithfully,
Amma Susan

Saint Andrews "On the Run"

The months of November, December and January have been a graphic illustration of what a very small group of people can accomplish.

The whirlwind began with a Farewell and God Speed party for Suzan which was followed by Thanksgiving. Next on the agenda were the annual Women's Club assembling of the Christmas Fair baskets, the refreshments following the Celtic Eucharist celebrated on Saint Andrew's Day and a frantic set up for the Fair the next day. Saturday found one and all working at the Fair and then dismantling the Fair to make ready for the Sunday services.

December we all prepared for a joyful celebration of Christmas and a bittersweet reception to send father Ed Greene on his way to his retirement. We all wish him peace and joy, but will miss him very much.

Along came January with two more important events: Saint Andrew's Annual Meeting and a visit from the Nominees for the Office of the Bishop of Maine. Those who attended the Annual Meeting were served a yummy lunch (to keep up their strength) before addressing the business of keeping Saint Andrews running smoothly during 2019.. The visit from the candidates was a wonderful opportunity for them to observe the methods we use to transform the sanctuary from the Friends' space to ours and back, again without fuss and in a very short time span. The visit gave us a chance to meet with the candidates in a relaxed, informal setting while we all enjoyed a mid-morning coffee hour.

February is here (unbelievable as that is) and we are settling into semi-hibernation brought on partly by the arctic cold we have been experiencing. Of course, February's really important event is the election of our next Bishop on the the 9th.

As I am writing this I truly realize anew how much effort and dedication allowed us to host these events. Kudos and gratitude to all.



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The extraordinarily talented Jennings and McComber celebrating with us on The Feast of St. Andrew Nov. 30th. No coincidence as Andy Lake is named after St. Andrew!! Thank you for traveling to be with us from VT. You can support their gift of music by contributing to the production of their upcoming album by visiting <https://jenningsandmccomber.weebly.com/>



Tree of Life at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church Winthrop
During this period of budget building and pledge drives, Amma Suaan and Bill Nave decided to also focus on those aspects of the congregation's life that show the other types of individual outreach and inreach that are done.

To this end a tree was fabricated and lit by Amma Susan and leaves were made. Packets of leaves, a sharpie and other trinkets were given to members of the congregation. The members then wrote down on the leaves an aspect of their individual outreach and inreach. The member

then attached the leaf to the tree. Some of the actions listed were:

- community quilt projects
- genealogy acts of kindness
- relational evangelism
- a dozen individual mentorships
- Granite Hills Communion
- Crafts for church fairs
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- non-profit director
- Christian Yoga
- food bank pick up and delivery

This Tree of Life shows that members of Saint Andrews are not only interested in the religious life of the church, but also in helping with outreach and inreach.



Bishopric Candidates Visit to Saint Andrew's
January 18, 2019

We were pleased to welcome the five candidates who are standing for the election as 10th Bishop of Maine and were also gratified to host over thirty folks.

The meeting was special for both the Nominees and our congregants. It was a chance for the candidates to see how we efficiently change the sanctuary from The Friends' space to our Episcopal configurationand back again in a very short time. Conversely, it was a chance for us to meet the nominees in an informal setting and to answer their questions about how our "Pop-Up" church actually functions. The demonstration was

followed by a coffee hour which allowed us to spend additional time with the candidates before continuing on to the more formal "Walkabout" meeting and reception in Augusta.

The three "Walkabout " gathering events (Augusta, Bangor and Portland) may be viewed in their entirety by going to: [youtube.com/episcopalmaine](https://www.youtube.com/episcopalmaine). The Electing Convention will be held on February 9th and Saint Andrews will be represented by delegates Ann Dilley and Kathy Reed and Amma Susan. Any one of these attendees would be happy to hear your views on any or all of the nominees.



Sunday School

Many thanks to Jim and Sophie Taylor for conducting our Sunday school. The children are enthusiastic about their special time. Sadie, Rohn and Dain are displaying their work from one of the sessions. It is really exciting to have the younger members of our church participating in the services.

Annual Meeting

January 13, 2019

The annual meeting was opened by Amma Susan who led us in prayer. Thirteen members of the congregation were present and this constituted a quorum.

Kathy Reed, our Treasure, presented an excellent picture of Saint Andrew's financial health. It is not as robust as in the two previous years, but neither are we in dire straits.

Our web site is up and running and our Facebook page is being developed. Check out the web site at www.saintandrewswinthrop.org.

Saint Andrews Outreach programs were discussed: which are very successful, and which need some tweaking. However, we can all be proud that 24% of Saint Andrew's income is contributed to Outreach programs.

The Episcopal Church celebrates its bi-centennial in 2020 and it is not too soon to be considering how we might recognize the occasion.

Elections

Elections for members of the Bishop's Committee are staggered to provide continuity and experience within that group.

Member at Large, Tom Barden serves until 2021 and Charles McGillicuddy, also a Member at Large, serves until 2020.

Ann Dilley was elected as Clerk ... this is for one year.

Sarah Miller was elected as Junior Warden and will serve two years.

The office of Senior Warden remains unfilled at this time.

The treasurer isn't elected, but is appointed by the Bishop's Committee and Tom Ward was appointed to be our new Treasurer. Kathy Reed will be working with him to be sure that there is a smooth transition. Kathy will be assuming a more active role in the Altar Guild.

Sarah Miller has agreed to organize and publish the Weekly Bulletin and Ann Dilley is in the process of conquering Mail Chimp ... when she has won the battle, she will be sending out a

monthly Lines of the Fishermen. Tom Barden is her patient Mentor. Pray for him!

Upcoming Events

February 9th	Election of the 10th Bishop of Maine
February 10th	Worship Committee
February 14th	Saint Valentine's Day
February 17th	Bishop's Committee