



The Network

April-May 2024



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

I truly love the BBQ on the beach resurrection account in John's Gospel (Chapter 21, verses 1-17). The disciples are so discouraged, ashamed, mournful, and defeated that they decide to go back to doing what they know how to do: FISH! Except they can't even seem to get that right. They catch nothing. A stranger on the beach, cooking fish and bread, advises them to cast their net on the other side, and suddenly there is an abundance of fish. In this moment, Peter recognizes the stranger as Jesus, his Lord and Master and Friend, so Peter puts on his clothes and promptly jumps into the sea. (Note well: We all occasionally do odd and inexplicable things in response to God's loving presence.) And let's be really clear here, no one had more to regret or to feel guilty and ashamed about than Peter. He had been a leader of the twelve and yet had denied Jesus three times in front of God and all the witnesses. Now Peter and the other disciples eat breakfast and connect with the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and the catching of many, many fish, as they had previously done in the Gospels, simply by doing what Jesus told them to do.

At the end of this Lesson, Jesus speaks directly to Peter and three times asks him very directly to "feed my sheep." Each time an increasingly embarrassed and agitated Peter says yes; "Yes Lord, you know I will!" And it turns out that for Peter, three times promising Jesus is the charm after three times denying Jesus. Peter moves from this holy and healing encounter renewed and filled with passion and purpose, and a deep sense of peace and reconciliation in his personal relationship with Jesus. Peter stands for all of us who regret our failure to stand up for what we believe in and know to be the truth; who regret our past deeds, our poor choices, our wrong or hurtful words, our insipid indifference, and our intermittent self-absorption and hubris. We have all been Peter at various points in our journeys of faith. Yet God comes to us, feeds us, forgives us, and sends us back into the world to do God's will and God's

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*The Rev. Virginia Army
Priest-in-Charge*

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work. Thanks be to God for this unconditional love and grace at work in our lives!! In the words of Psalm 116, "For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling." This is the transformational power of Jesus' resurrection. This is how our risen Lord shifts and stirs, nurtures and nudges the faith that is in us, as well as all the work of ministry we undertake together in Jesus' name. Thanks be to GOD!

May the joy and the peace of Easter be with you as the beauty and fragrance of Spring reminds us that God is making all things new!
Virginia

Rejoice

Life has a way of bashing us about – wounding us, mauling us, sometimes within an inch of our lives. Think back over your life so far: the suffering you have known, the mistakes you have made, the wounds which have marked you. This Easter Day, we celebrate with joy that extraordinary power of God, which redeems what is broken, mends what is torn and shattered, and gives life to that which has died. We rejoice because what happened to Jesus will happen to us. -Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

In the work we do this day, may the risen Christ teach us.
In the challenges we face this day, may the risen Christ guide us.
Through the people we connect with this day, may the risen Christ renew us.
As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world, may the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen us. AMEN.

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Rev. Virginia W.G. Army



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Last year during the Season of Easter we raised \$10,000 for the **American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem**, to support their Princess Basma Program which cares for disabled Palestinian children. Despite all the horrors of the situation in Gaza, the bold work and ministry of the AFEDJ continues in Gaza. Their large and well-trusted hospital has been badly damaged by bombs and missiles, but they are still providing critical medical care for Palestinian civilians, especially women and children.

World Central Kitchen is another absolutely amazing humanitarian nonprofit. Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, famous chef and restaurateur, World Central Kitchen (WCK) is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises while working to build resilient food systems with locally led solutions. He had dedicated his life to feeding hungry people in war-torn areas and places impacted by vicious storms, fires and other natural catastrophes. WCK has already built a pier to access the Gazan shoreline and is on the ground there, providing food and clean water to the people of Gaza, most of whom currently stand at the brink of starvation.

For this year's Easter season, we will have a special collection of funds for these two programs. If you wish to contribute any amount, large or small, please write a check to St. Andrew's with **Easter Special Collection** on the memo line. You may also put cash in an envelope, with a note indicating the Easter offering purpose. If you wish to donate to only one of the organizations, please identify that organization on the memo line of the check or on the envelope.

My conversations with so many of you reveal that we share a deep sense of horror and devastation, as well as a paralyzing sense of helplessness and grief about what is happening in Gaza. Supporting these two organizations will help us to make a positive difference in a desperate situation. We will do this together, which is how we always do our best work in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Blessings,

Virginia



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Treasurer's Report

The March Treasurer's Report to the Vestry (which reports parish financials through February) was provided on March 28th. On the income side, receipts during January and February were right on budget (\$33,386 vs. \$33,034). Expenses were slightly below budget (\$34,342 vs. \$36,876). Our investments were up about 3% since the start of the year. As I noted at the Annual Meeting, thanks to the generosity that Jerry & Irene Clifford expressed in their estate plans, we were able to make a significant addition to our 1914 Society Endowment investment. As Virginia noted at the Annual Meeting, these type of gifts grow over time and provide long-term stability for St. Andrew's.

Last fall we installed an electric heat pump in the office area to remedy at long last the poor heating situation there. I had expected that the electricity bill would increase a little and our propane expenses would decrease a little. I was surprised to find that since November, our overall electricity usage went down by 33%. On reflection, I realized that this was due to the fact that we didn't need electric heat in the office area to augment the propane based heat. So, not only did we save on the heat pump installation (a \$12,000 installation only cost us \$7,500 with the rebate), we will be saving on electricity costs going forward.

The 2024 stewardship mission has a goal of \$233,044 with 48 pledges. Through mid-March, we have received \$118,058. So, we are more than half-way there and given our usual pledge cycle, we should be able meet our goal at year-end.

You can find the March Treasurer's Report in our document archive that is accessible through our website (www.standrewslc.org). Just click the Documents button at the bottom of the home page and enter the password *sakonnet* when prompted.

I want to express my thanks to all of you for your generous support. For the past 110 years, St. Andrew's has always come together to meet the challenge, and you are upholding the tradition and building a solid future for St. Andrew's!

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

What's Coming up in 2024 – Mark your calendars

Shred Day - Saturday, April 27th 9-12
\$5.00 per box

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 6th

Please continue to support the Food Banks with your weekly contributions, as the need is great this winter for both towns.

The Feeding Friends Freezer is full, and those tasty home-made meals are ready for anyone!

If you would like more information regarding any of our programs or funded organizations, please see any Outreach Committee member. Or better yet, JOIN US and become part of our fun group! Our next meeting is Thursday, April 18th at 10 am.

Respectively submitted,
Elaine Bristol



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Shred Day - Mark your calendars and clean out the paper clutter! We are hosting another Community Shred Day on **Saturday, April 27th 9-Noon**. Start cleaning out all those old tax returns and personal papers and join us to have them destroyed safely. How does it work??? Just drive in, pop the trunk and we will unload your boxes/bags and send them into the shredder. It couldn't be easier. We are asking for a \$5.00 per bag/box to help defray the cost of the truck. See the attached sheet for tips on how long documents need to be saved! This is co-sponsored by the United Congregational Church. Questions? Please see Elaine Bristol or Lynne Ryan.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27th 9 am – Noon

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 be saved and what can GO!



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

DOCUMENTS

Bank deposit slips

Banking Statements

Investment statements, including:
Brokerage, 401K, IRA

Keogh and other accounts

Credit Card bills

SHRED

Once you have reconciled your statement

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

Shred monthly and quarterly statements and save
annual

Until investments are sold

After you have checked and paid them

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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
Military discharge papers	NEVER



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ST. ANDREW'S COMMITTEES

Committee	Contact
1914 Society Committee	Doug MacFall, 401-635-4878
Altar Guild	Rhea Brooks, 401-635-4278 Lynne Curtis, 401-635-0250
Building and Grounds	George Crowell, 401-924-4298
Chalice Bearers	Charles Hall, 401-635-1601
Communications Committee	Doug MacFall, 401-635-4878
Finance Committee	Charles Findlay, 508-636-8426
Flower Committee	Bettyann Crowell, 401-924-4299
Outreach Committee	Elaine Bristol 860-966-9405
Parish Life Committee	Linda Findlay, 508-636-8426
Ushers	Fred Buhrendorf, 401-743-7632
Wardens	Charles Findlay, Sr. Warden, 508-636-8426 Michael McGill, Jr. Warden, 401-624-1504

YOUR VESTRY

Rev. Virginia Army	Charles Findlay, Sr. Warden	Michael McGill, Jr. Warden
Doug MacFall, Treasurer	Kit Barnum, Clerk	Elaine Bristol
Rhea Brooks	Scott Burns	Charles Hall
George Crowell	Beth Maxted	Jane Moffett
Charles Truslow	Ellie Field	



**Our friends at the Little Compton UCC
have invited us to dinner and a movie!
Friday, April 5, 5:30 PM
Potluck Supper, and Film Screening**

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team invite you to a screening of:

Origin, a full-length film based on the book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*; by Isabel Wilkerson, the first woman of African American descent to win the Pulitzer Prize for journalism. Written in 2020, *Caste* was one of the first books the Racial Equity Book Group studied.

The film, *Origin*, focuses on Isabel Wilkerson, portrayed by Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, as she writes *Caste* and explores how an understanding of the caste system can develop a deeper understanding of what Black people in America experience. The film had a very limited engagement at theaters early this year. We are grateful to our DEI team members, Chris and Marlene Smith, for making it possible for us to see this remarkable film.

Join us in the Vestry for a Soup, Salad and Dessert Potluck Supper while viewing this full-length film directed by Ana DuVernay, that premiered last year at the 80th Venice International Film Festival. We'll have a discussion of the film while we enjoy dessert.

We will supply the soups – just bring some bread, a salad, or a dessert. To let us know that you will attend, either call Dawn in the office at 401-635-8472 or email Shirley Hardison at: shrlhardison@gmail.com

Please feel free to invite others who are interested in this topic.



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The Barn
in Adamsville

Tuesday
Apr. 2 and May 7
at 8:00 a.m.

These are the dates for the next breakfasts. Come for coffee, good food and conversation with your fellow parishioners. All men are welcome, no agenda just good conversation.



Ladies' Luncheon

The Sakonnet Point Club

Wednesday
Apr. 17 at 11:45 a.m.
May 15 at Noon

For further information please contact:
Joan Buhrendorf
401-635-8329 or joanwbuhrendorf@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Bishop Knisely will be making his every-other-year Parochial and Pastoral Visit to St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea on May 19th, which is Pentecost Day. It promises to be a special service. We have one person who is planning to be confirmed. If any of you would like to be confirmed, or have come from another denomination and would like to be received into the communion of the Episcopal Church, please speak to me.

Being received involves answering these two questions:

*The Bishop asks the candidates: **Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?***

*Candidate: **I do.***

*Bishop: **Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?***

*Candidate: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.***

And then, after a renewal of the Baptismal Covenant, the Bishop blesses the person being received with a laying on of hands on the head.

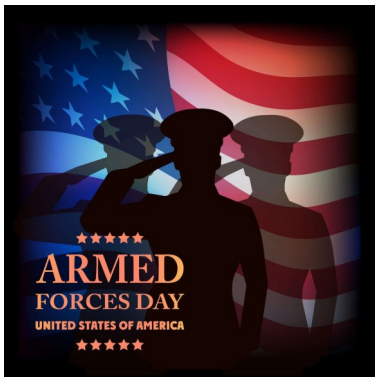
It is also possible to reaffirm your faith and receive a blessing from the Bishop. (You can find the service on pages 415-418 of the BCP for confirmation, reception, and affirmation.)

I would be happy to discuss this at a time of your choosing if you want further information or have any questions.

Blessings, Virginia



May 12, 2024



May 18, 2024



May 27, 2024



Save the Date!!!! June 22nd at 4pm, a “Summer Benefit Concert to Combat Hunger in Little Compton, Tiverton, and Westport” Featuring classical works performed by internationally recognized pianist, and our Music Director, Gayane Darakyan. Further details will be available very soon. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May.



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Birthdays in April

Cindy Sweetser	2nd	Debbie Wiley	17th
Noel Ingalls	3rd	George Crowell	17th
Kathleen Hall	6th	Greta Brown	24th
Mary Truslow	7th	Gerry Kitchen	27th
Fred Buhrendorf	8th	Cynthia Burns	27th
David Martin	11th	Charlie Truslow	27th
Edith Gardner	15th	Dan Chisholm	28th



Birthdays in May

Sally Cutler	7th	Tom Army	19th
Emma Hitchcock	11th	Anna Burchard	21st
Jason Anderson	16th	Scott Burns	22nd
George Kilborn	17th	Elaine Bristol	22nd
Ian MacDonald	19th		



Anniversaries in April

Edward and Diane Schmults 23rd

Anniversaries in May

Jim Gadsden and Barbara Howard	4th
Brian and Michele Laferte	4th
Jason Anderson and Diane Merdian	7th
Spinner and Linda Findlay	10th
Steve and Elaine Bristol	14th
Gerry and Donna Kitchen	30th
Jason and Hope Burchard	31st
Sandy and Mary Mackintosh	31st



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast Noon: Bible and Faith Study	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 am: Worship Service	8	9 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 am: Worship Service	15	16 NO Bible and Faith Study Environmental Conference	17 11:45 am: Ladies' Luncheon	18 10:00 am: Outreach Mtg 11:00 am: Vestry Mtg	19	20
21 10:00 am: Worship Service	22	23 NO Bible and Faith Study	24	25	26	27 9-12: Shred Day
28 10:00 am: Worship Service	29	30 Noon: Bible and Faith Study				

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5 10:00 am: Worship Service	6	7 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast Noon: Bible and Faith Study	8	9	10	11
12 10:00 am: Worship Service 	13	14 Noon: Bible and Faith Study Deadline for June-July Network	15 Noon: Ladies' Luncheon	16 10:00 am: Outreach Mtg	17	18 
19 10:00 am: Worship Service	20	21 NO Bible and Faith Study	22	23 11:00 am: Vestry Mtg	24	25
26 10:00 am: Worship Service	27 Office Closed 	28 NO Bible and Faith Study 11:00 a.m. Carolyn Akroyd Funeral	29 Noon: Bible and Faith Study	30	31	

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Serving in



If you cannot serve on the date given, it is your responsibility to switch with someone and let Alicia know as soon as possible. 401-635-2452 or office@standrewslc.org

ALTAR GUILD

Apr. 7: Kit Barnum, Alicia McGill and Cindy Burns
Apr. 14: Donna Kitchen and Mary Mackintosh
Apr. 21: Kit Barnum, Alicia McGill and Cindy Burns
Apr. 28: Donna Kitchen and Mary Mackintosh

CHALICE BEARERS

Apr. 7: Charles Truslow and George Crowell
Apr. 14: George Maxted and Bea Gormley
Apr. 21: Tom Army and Charles Hall
Apr. 28: Charles Findlay and Bea Gormley

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Apr. 7: Bettyann Crowell
Apr. 14: Barbara Watterson
Apr. 21: Lynne Curtis
Apr. 28: Rhea Brooks

VESTRY

Apr. 7: Beth Maxted
Apr. 14: Kit Barnum
Apr. 21: Charles Findlay
Apr. 28: Scott Burns

Coffee Hour

Apr. 7: Linda and Charles Findlay
Apr. 14: Kit Barnum
Apr. 21:
Apr. 28: Bettyann and George Crowell

GREETERS

Apr. 7: Sandy Farr
Apr. 14: Ellie Field
Apr. 21: Jane McJennett
Apr. 28: Susan Raposo

LECTORS

Apr. 7: Bea Gormley
Apr. 14: Charles Findlay
Apr. 21: Cindy Sweetser
Apr. 28: Tom Army

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Apr. 7: Kay Lisle
Apr. 14: Pooka Truslow
Apr. 21: George Maxted
Apr. 28: Doug MacFall

USHERS

Apr. 7: George Maxted and Judy Melanson
Apr. 14: Jack Robinson and George Crowell
Apr. 21: Bill Wehner and Craig Curtis
Apr. 28: John McJennett and Gardner Chace

Serving in



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ALTAR GUILD

May 5: Rhea Brooks and Linda Findlay
May 12: Lynne Curtis and Lynne Ryan
May 19: Rhea Brooks and Linda Findlay
May 26: Lynne Curtis and Lynne Ryan

CHALICE BEARERS

May 5: George Crowell and Charles Findlay
May 12: Bea Gormley and Charles Hall
May 19: George Maxted and Micheal McGill
May 26: Charles Truslow and Tom Army

FLOWER ARRANGERS

May 5: Bonnie Trowbridge
May 12: Lynne Curtis
May 19: Bettyann Crowell
May 26: Barbara Watterson

VESTRY

May 5: George Crowell
May 12: Ellie Field
May 19: Charles Findlay
May 26: Charles Hall

COFEE HOUR

May 5:
May 12:
May 19:
May 26:

GREETERS

May 5: Tom Army
May 12: Elaine Bristol
May 19: Rhea Brooks
May 26: Joan Buhrendorf

LECTORS

May 5: George Maxted
May 12: Michael McGill
May 19: Alicia McGill
May 26: Cindy Sweetser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May 5: Pooka Truslow
May 12: Cindy Sweetser
May 19: Jane McJennett
May 26: Michael McGill

USHERS

May 5: Tom Army and Bill Wehner
May 12: Elaine Bristol and Gardner Chace
May 19: Fred Buhrendorf and Mike Ryan
May 26: Jack Robinson and John McJennett

Deadline for June-July 2024

Network:

Tuesday, May 14th

Serving in



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ALTAR GUILD

Jun. 2: Kit Barnum, Alicia McGill and Cindy Burns
Jun. 9: Donna Kitchen and Mary Mackintosh
Jun. 16: Kit Barnum, Alicia McGill and Cindy Burns
Jun. 23: Donna Kitchen and Mary Mackintosh
Jun. 30: Kit Barnum, Alicia McGill and Cindy Burns

CHALICE BEARERS

Jun. 2: Lee Morrison/ George Crowell
Jun. 9: Charles Findlay/ Bea Gormley
Jun. 16: George Maxted/ Charles Truslow
Jun. 23: Michael McGill/ Tom Army
Jun. 30: George Crowell/ Charles Findlay

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Jun. 2: Rhea Brooks
Jun. 9: Lynne Curtis
Jun. 16: Barbara Watterson
Jun. 23: Bettyann Crowell
Jun. 30: Bonnie Trowbridge

VESTRY

Jun. 2: Doug MacFall
Jun. 9: Beth Maxted
Jun. 16: Michael McGill
Jun. 23: Jane Moffett
Jun. 30: Charles Truslow

COFEE HOUR

Jun. 2:
Jun. 9:
Jun. 16:
Jun. 23:
Jun. 30:

GREETERS

Jun. 2: Gardner Chace
Jun. 9: Bettyann Crowell
Jun. 16: Lynne Curtis
Jun. 23: Sandy Farr
Jun. 30: Ellie Field

LECTORS

Jun. 2: Pooka Truslow
Jun. 9: Lee Morrison
Jun. 16: Tom Army
Jun. 23: Charles Findlay
Jun. 30: Bea Gormley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jun. 2: Alicia McGill
Jun. 9: George Maxted
Jun. 16: Doug MacFall or Lora MacFall
Jun. 23: Kay Lisle
Jun. 30: Lee Morrison

USHERS

Jun. 2: Craig Curtis/ Judy Melanson
Jun. 9: George Crowell/ John McJennett
Jun. 16: Charles Findlay/ Michael McGill
Jun. 23: Charles Hall/ George Kilborn
Jun. 30: Beth and George Maxted

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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!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m.

SERVICES

Sunday Worship:
10:00 A.M.