

The Saltire



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The Saltire is a bi-monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through feature stories, photographs and updates on events past and future, *The Saltire* provides a window into the vibrant life of our parish family. Historically, a "saltire" is the X-shaped cross associated with St. Andrew. For us, as for him, it is a symbol of faith and life!

EVENSONG HERE AND ABROAD

By Stephen Leist, Director of Music Ministry



Choral Evensong is a service unique to our Anglican communion and occupies a special place in our Anglican heritage. Choral Evensong is sung Evening Prayer, the office which closes the day. I have had the opportunity to sing Evensong in a number of places over the course of my musical life, and the service holds a deeply personal attachment for me with its many memories.

My most recent experience was being able to participate in the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) America Choir, singing services this past December 28 through January 2 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland. Although St. Andrew's is affiliated with RSCM, I had not followed this activity until a former choir director of mine, Bruce Neswick, was engaged as the guest conductor for the Dublin trip. He contacted me last May to invite my interest, and my wife Joanna and I decided to make the trip.

Singing in cathedrals is fun! The clergy and people of St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is the national cathedral for the Anglican Church of Ireland, were very hospitable, and it was a fascinating place to be.

See Choral Evensong, page 2

12,000 MEALS AND A SIDE OF BLUEGRASS

By The Rev. Dr. Connie Jones

What could be better than great Gospel and blue-grass music, good things to eat and drink, and a room full of people of all ages that you love? Well all those things PLUS busy hands wrapping thousands of packets of food that will be sent around the world to hungry people!

That's right, it's RISE AGAINST HUNGER and for the seventh year in a row it happened in under two hours Sunday afternoon, February 17 at St. Andrew's.



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We sang Evensong for 5 days, in addition to a sung Eucharist on Sunday morning. It was also rewarding to be part of a choir of people from all over the United States and Canada—I even reconnected with some friends I had not seen in many years. We sang great music and experienced great worship. We also had plenty of time on our own to enjoy Dublin, including neighborhood pubs with live traditional Irish music.

One of my hopes for St. Andrew's is to increase the number of offerings of Evensong each year, beyond the one we traditionally do as part of the All Saints' weekend. The next opportunity will be **Sunday, March 10** at 5 p.m. The music will include a recent setting of the Magnificat & Nunc dimittis, the Evening Prayer canticles, by contemporary composer Alfred Fedak and originally written for the cathedral in Portland, Maine. It is restrained, yet mildly festive, which makes it a good Lenten offering. We will be singing another Evensong service in the Easter season on **May 19**.



Why are we doing this and increasing our offerings? We are going to England! In August 2020, the St. Andrew's Choir will be traveling to England to be the choir in residence at the cathedral in Lichfield. Lichfield is located in the northern Midlands, and the cathedral is famous as the burial place of St. Chad, who founded the cathedral and diocese in the 7th century. From August 10-16, 2020, our choir will be singing Evensong daily, with one day off, and Choral Eucharist on Sunday morning in addition to the evening service. For a week, we will become the part of the life of the cathedral in its mission to the community. Of course, we will be having other kinds of fun as well, with daily side trips to places of historical and cultural interest.

In order to be ready, we need to be doing the service and music more frequently, as well as an occasional sung Eucharist. A planning committee has been established, and we will be announcing fundraising events to help us offset some of the group expenses. This is a unique opportunity for us, so please help support our effort and we look forward to seeing you at Choral Evensong.

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The big truck pulled in and delivered huge bags of nutritious vegetables and grains, and volunteers (from pre-schoolers to the "I'll work sitting down, thank you" crowd) got to work.

Rise Against Hunger feeds about 1.7 million people a year in parts of the world where people often go to bed hungry. Small-scale indigenous farmers provide the locally-sourced, sustainably-grown vegetables, thereby supporting their own families. Then workers from places like



St. Andrew's (almost a half million volunteers a year) fill and seal over 10,000 packets – all in a stunningly well-planned and organized project. The funny hats are one of the ways the food is kept fresh and clean to be shipped to where it's needed most, and the fast pace and the noise in the room are all part of the fun.

Thanks, St. Andrew's!

Jesus said, I was hungry and you fed me.....Whenever you did this for someone overlooked or ignored, that was me you did it for.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (GRADES K – 6TH)

You are invited to join us this Winter!

By Harper Bathel, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry



Our children have been having a great time in Sunday School reading Bible stories, learning Episcopal terms, praying together, and exploring their faith! Our focus in January and February including a special Communion Class, a Valentine's card project for our homebound parishioners and a welcome project for NEST neighbors. They also had studies which focused on Jesus - his birth, blessing the children, healing two blind men, and the sower. In these next two months, we plan spend time exploring some great Gospel stories from Luke, Matthew, and Mark. Join us upstairs for these offerings! See the Children's Calendar on Page 4 for more information.

A special thank you to our Sunday School teachers – The Rev. Marguerite Alley, Mary Ellen Anderson, Jessica Chesson, Charlie Hinsch, Ann Larkin, Harper Lea, Aarynn McMahon, Amber Pickrell, and Harper Bathel who taught our ages 4 – 6th graders!

Children's Chapel for ages 4 - 10 is offered every Sunday in March and April during the first part of our 10:15 a.m. service. Our focus is typically on the Gospel story for that Sunday. Please meet in the Narthex to be part of this ministry for our kids!

Children's Celebrations? We would love to know if your child has been recognized in a special way in school or with an extracurricular activity. Please contact Harper at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org and she will share in our families' weekly e-mail communication.

YOUTH CORNER (OPEN TO GRADES 6TH – 12TH)

EYC Lenten Reflection and Mission

Sunday, March 10, 5 – 7 p.m.

You are invited to White Hall as we have a discussion about Lent and work on an Easter Project for our church. Dinner will be provided. Friends are welcome.

EYC Goes Bowling!

Sunday, March 24, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

Join us for this fun afternoon of fellowship as we hit the bowling lanes. Lunch will be provided. Friends are welcome.

EYC Destination Known – Color Me Mine

Sunday, April 7, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

Let's create art together! We will meet in White Hall and walk over to Colley Avenue. Parents, pick up will be at Color Me Mine studio. Bring your favorite snack to share. Friends welcome.

EYC: Sunday, April 28, Time TBD

This offering will be shared on our EYC communications. Stay tuned for more details.

Questions or to RSVP, contact Harper Bathel, hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org. Each month, we continue to build a deeper community, share in mission projects, explore our faiths, and of course, always have A LOT of FUN!



Save the Date

Youth Sunday

May 5 at the 10:15 a.m. service

May Weekend at Chanco

May 17-19 for grades 6 – 12

LENT/HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday - March 6

Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes
12 noon and 7 p.m.

Choral Evensong - March 10

The St. Andrew's choir will lead us in a beautiful and meditative service of choral evensong at 5 p.m.



Palm Sunday - April 14

Services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. beginning with the Liturgy of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday - April 18

Service at 7 p.m., featuring commemoration of the Last Supper and foot washing, and concluding with the dramatic stripping of the altar.

Good Friday - April 19

Solemn Good Friday liturgy at 12 noon remembering Jesus' crucifixion. At 7 p.m., we gather for the Stations of the Cross, an ancient service that follows Jesus' final steps toward the cross and death.

Easter Sunday - April 21

Festival of the Resurrection, featuring great music and an explosion of lilies as we celebrate the gift of new and lasting life. Services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., with continental breakfast served in White Hall between the services. Children's Easter Egg hunt follows the 10:15 a.m. service on the front grounds.

ADULT FORUM

Join us each Sunday from 9:15-10 a.m. in the Auditorium

March 3 - Parish Update: New Community Collaborations

March 10 - Parish Update: Conversation with Allison Eneydy, Communications Director

March 17 - God's Story: Bible Study on Romans

March 24 - God's Story: Bible Study on Romans

March 31 - God's Story: Bible Study on Romans

April 7 - God's Story: Bible Study on Romans

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR

March 3 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

March 10 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

March 17 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

March 24 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

March 31 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

April 7 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

April 14 NO Sunday School (Palm Sunday)

April 21 NO Sunday School (Easter); 10:15 a.m. Children's Activity /after the service Egg Hunt

April 28 at 9:15 a.m.; Special Sunday School Activity (White Hall)

May 5 at the 10:15 a.m. service Youth Sunday; rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. in the church

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services, March 6 at 12 Noon & 7 p.m.

Choral Evensong, March 10 at 5 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time, March 10

Parish Lenten Retreat, March 16 at 10 a.m. in White Hall

EVMS hosts NEST, March 27-April 3

TURNING OUR FOCUS AS WE PREPARE FOR A HOLY LENT



Each year, we are invited in the practices of Lent and all this season offers us. During this holy time, we are encouraged to focus inwardly and to continue to deepen our relationship with God. Each Lent, there are many times and places to engage.

As a parish, we have several opportunities to connect as a community including our Wednesday Lenten Supper Series “Dinner Church” (see pg. 7) and our Sunday morning offerings (open to all ages), a Parish Lenten Retreat, reflection e-mail written by one of our staff members, along with worship each Sunday and our Holy Week offerings.

Personally, it may be a time of taking on a new practice or giving up something that you love. You may feel called to focus on reflecting through scripture, a daily devotion, or prayer. It may be time to take on a new project that focuses your time inside your home or out in the community. Also, you are invited to take a moment at our Lenten resource table in White Hall to pick up a practice or two. There are options for all ages.

These rituals each year are an opportunity to connect with God and Jesus in new ways. We invite you to prayerfully consider what is speaking to you this Lent to deepen your faith during this holy season.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS!

Please welcome our newcomers and help them feel at home. It helps to remember this rule of thumb for coffee hour and other parish events: spend the first three minutes introducing yourself to someone you don’t know!

Also, remember to please wear your nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better and build community.



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 16 (10 A.M. - 2 P.M.)

By Deane Sobol

Presented by the Women of St. Andrew’s, the theme of this year’s retreat is *The Stories of the Bible are the Stories of our Lives*. Exile, wilderness, desert. We’ve all been there. We’ve all experienced moving out of bondage into freedom, out of error into truth, out of death into life. We’ve faced temptation. We’ve had angels tend to us. As we hear the stories of the Bible, we recognize that they are the same stories we are living today, even though the details have changed over the millennia. Jesus often taught by telling stories. We learn the arc of salvation history through the stories told in scripture. As to our own lives, we connect with others by sharing stories.



In this Lenten retreat, the Rev. Lauren McDonald (Bruton Parish Church) will lead us in examining some of the themes of biblical stories and how they play out in our own lives. Join us in listening deeply to Biblical stories and sharing with one another how we have lived the same stories in our lives. The retreat is open to all. Tickets are \$18 which includes lunch, snacks, and beverages.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Women of St. Andrew's will be sending exam "care packages" to our college students at the end of April. Contributions of cash (for postage) and goodies – such as (individually wrapped) baked goods, nabs, granola bars, nuts, candy, hot cocoa mix, cookies, microwave popcorn, gum and Pop Tarts, are needed. Please put your contributions of goodies in the church kitchen no later than Tuesday, April 23. Our college students always appreciate this ministry! **PARENTS: Please call or email the church office if your student's mailing address has changed since last fall!**



UPCOMING CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

Flowering the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 21



Each Easter, children and adults are invited to bring a flower to "flower" the cross. This tradition is offered for both of our services. The cross will be located outside our double doors on Graydon Avenue.

At our 10:15 a.m. service, there will be a Children's Easter activity for ages 4 - 10 in the Auditorium during the first part of the service. Following the 10:15 a.m. service, children are invited to participate in our annual egg hunt.

*Remember your Easter Basket!

Vacation Bible School 2019

Dates Coming Soon!



This summer, our children's offering fondly known as "VBS" will be held for four days from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Andrew's for rising K-5th graders.

Would you like to volunteer? Adult and youth are needed to support this vital ministry for our parish. More details to follow.

For more details about these offerings or to volunteer, contact Harper Bathel at 757-622-5530 or hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org

THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AT OUR TABLE!

Dinner Church



Dinner Church is a new formation model spreading across the church. It aims to recreate the original fellowship experienced by Jesus and his disciples - sharing faithful conversation over a meal and concluding with an informal celebration of the Eucharist.

On the four Wednesday evenings of Lent, **March 13 and 20, and April 3 and 10**, we will gather in White Hall from 5:30 - 7 p.m. to share a meal and engage in conversation around Lenten themes and how they relate to our lives. Each week we will close with Communion. This is a great program for the whole family; older children will be invited to take part through planned activities, and childcare will be available for young children.

PARISH PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Births

Katherine "Katie" Evette Soscia

Born December 14 to parents Melanie and Rob Soscia and big sister Brooklyn

Ajok Kuol Mayoms

Born December 16 to parents Mary and William Mayom, big brothers Deng and Mayom, and big sisters Yar and Ayen

Margaret Towe Brewer

Born January 8 to parents Taylor and Charles Brewer (granddaughter of Hannah and Steve Brewer)

Charles Fitzgerald Duckett

Born January 26 to parents Rebecca and Katie Duckett (grandson of John and Carole Duckett)

Baptisms

Jemma Arabell Clark

Daughter of Jake and Jennifer Warren Clark, and granddaughter of John and Terri Warren

Samuel Rollins Bishop

Son of Frank and Brittany Lee Bishop, and grandson of the Margaret Bishop

Deaths

Perry Rogis, brother of Dean Rogis, passed away January 8

Nancy Ann Fulgham, mother of Kacky Bryant, mother-in-law of Larry Bryant, grandmother of Nancy Bryant Pappas and Charlotte Bryant, passed away January 9

Clayton Nugent, father of Hunter Costas, passed away February 5

VESTY UPDATES

In January, the Vestry gathered for an annual retreat, during which we did some strategic thinking around areas of anxiety and inertia, and also areas of energy and excitement, in our parish life. The staff undertook a similar brainstorming exercise in early February, and this collective guidance will be formed into several action steps in the coming months. Stay tuned.

Also in January, we initiated a process to update the bathrooms in the ambulatory hallway (one by the choir room and one by the clergy vesting room). We also purchased a used Cleveland steam kettle for the kitchen; it will be installed in late February or early March.

We also enjoyed an Adult Forum presentation by Jim Rhodes on the history of St. Andrew's, corresponding with an invitation by the Planned Giving Committee to consider how we can support the future of our beloved church.

EASTER FLOWERS

Orders for Easter Flowers will be accepted through April 14. Please use full given names (not Mr./Mrs., or other titles).



Please make your check payable to St. Andrew's Flower Guild for \$10 per name. Drop your request in the offering plate or mail to the parish office. Flowers will be for both altars as well as in the Narthex and at the baptismal font.

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*A neighborhood church with
a heart for the world.*

LABEL HERE



St. Andrew's Mission Statement

*St. Andrew's is a vibrant,
inclusive parish, formed in the
fellowship of Christ.*

*We strive to be a place of
hope for all people, to reach
beyond ourselves,*

*and to manifest God's love in
the world.*

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