



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 2025 Annual Meeting

"Bringing God and people together through the love Jesus Christ"

The Warrant for the 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Parish Meeting of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church ~ Boca Grande, FL, to be held in the nave on Sunday, January 26, 2025, immediately following services:

- To receive reports from the Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, and other Committees, Ministries and Commissions, and to approve the 2025 budget;
- To elect officers of the parish, vestry members, diocesan convention delegates, and other persons to fill vacant positions as provided by canon and practice; and
- To conduct and transact other business as may legally come before said Annual Meeting of the parish.

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2025 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 26, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer *Rector*
Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be one of heart and mind within your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
2. Approval of Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting (1/21/24) and
Approval of Minutes from the 2024 Vestry Organizational Meeting (1/21/24)
3. Elections *David Smith, Chair of the Vestry Nominating Committee*
 - A. Vestry
Nominated by Vestry Nominating Committee for a three year term:
William Durkin Roger Lewis Melissa Pell-Loughlin Anne Peterson
 - B. Lay Deputies & Alternates to Diocesan Convention (Oct. 13 & 14, 2023)
Deputies - seeking re-election: Jay & Susan Spurgeon, Melissa Loughlin
Alternate to be elected: Mary Mulvania
4. Report on 2024 Financial Position *Rick Granger, Treasurer*
5. Presentation of 2025 Budget *Rick Granger, Treasurer*
6. Sr. Warden's Report
 - A. Acceptance of Mo. Michelle's resignation - she has been called to serve as the Provost (Dean) of St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg, FL
 - B. Explanation of next steps for the call of a new rector
7. Rector's Report
 - A. Motion to accept Committee reports as presented
 - B. Acknowledgement and thank you to out-going Vestry
 - C. Hurricane Recovery Status
 - D. Closing Remarks
8. Closing Prayer

The Vestry Nominating Committee consisted of Dave Smith, Mary Campbell, Michael Courts, Stan Ikenberry and Kathy Silverberg. The Committee met in-person and via Zoom and our Rector was available to answer questions and provide additional information as needed. The Committee contacted a number of potential candidates to fill expiring terms.

After much consideration and conversation, the Committee recommends the following nominees to stand for election to a three year terms:

- William Durkin
- Melissa Pell Loughlin
- Roger Lewis
- Ann Elwood-Peterson

Many thanks to our Vestry Nominating Committee for their significant time, care and attention to this important task.

VESTRY NOMINEES STANDING FOR ELECTION

WILLIAM A. DURKIN

Bill has spent his career as an attorney with a law firm based in Stamford, Connecticut. He served as Managing Partner of the firm, and for forty-five years has concentrated his practice in the areas of corporate and commercial real estate. Bill currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Barrier Island Parks Society ("BIPS"). When not in Boca Grande, Bill and his wife Martha reside in Manchester, Vermont.



Committee Interest: Building and Grounds; Finance
Former Vestry member of the Talmadge Hill Community Church,
Darien Connecticut
Attended St. Andrews since 2021

What are your dreams for St. Andrews?

That it continues to provide the meaningful spiritual, fellowship, educational, and outreach programs and opportunities that Martha and I have found so appealing, and which first attracted us to St. Andrews. That it preserves its financial well-being through the mindful use of its funds, and maintains its welcoming environment so as to encourage residents of Boca Grande and surrounding communities to become involved in St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

VESTRY NOMINEES STANDING FOR ELECTION

ROGER LEWIS

Roger is a retired San Francisco advertising man. He is currently active in the Friends of Boca Grande speaker program.

Committee Interest: St. Andrew's speaking program, outreach, and supporting the Senior Warden

Former Vestry member of St. Andrew's

Attended St. Andrews since 2010



MELISSA PELL LOUGHLIN

Melissa has her own Fine Art Gallery (MPDesigns& FineArt) where she holds special events highlighting local, national, and international artists. Melissa loves bringing our community together through art.

Committee Interest: creating opportunities to bring recognition to our church through collaboration with other local institutions. For example St. Andrews is joining efforts with the Boca Grande Art Center in hosting their March Art Exhibition which will highlight hurricane relief and promote the strength of our community through St. Andrews.

Melissa has attended St. Andrews since 2010 where three generations of her family worship.

Melissa dream is to bring stronger recognition and attendance to St. Andrews through creating community events highlighting St. Andrews.

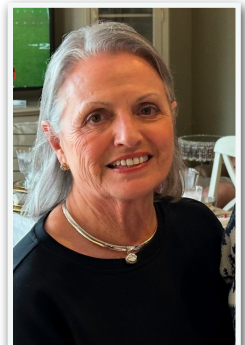


ANN ELWOOD-PETERSON

Ann has worked for National Geographic in Washington DC in administration in the 1960's and 70's. Later she went to work for a Congressman on Capitol Hill in constituent liaison. And for decades owned a boutique mailing service, with clients in government and the corporate world.

Committee Interest: Ann is interested in Outreach, especially Youth and Homeless charities, and the Search Committee.

For years she has volunteered for Red Cross and Hospice. As a lifelong Episcopalian, Ann has attended St Andrew's since the late 90's, and look forward to supporting the church's mission.



It is becoming increasingly usual to call each year unusual. But three hurricanes should qualify as unusual. Thankfully due to the continuing generosity of the St. Andrew’s Congregation I can report that 2024 was a very successful year.

	2024	2023
Revenues	\$571,417	\$503,416
Expenses	\$571,417	\$530,643

Pledges	102	91
Gifts	93	84

By mid 2024 we had essentially finished repairing the campus from the effects of hurricane Ian.

The Memorial Garden project had been completed. We were looking forward to a normal new season. Then Mother Nature showed us who is boss and destroyed our lift/elevator and all of our landscaping. Thankfully damage to our buildings was minimal.

On January 15th, eleven short days ago, the re-landscaping of our entire campus was completed. We also made exciting improvements to our AV system to allow simulcasting to the Chapter House and Zooming of meetings. This coming week, Professional Lift Solutions will be on campus to remove the old lift/elevator and prep for the replacement. This is one of the last items on our hurricane restoration punch list.

Both our Legacy Endowment and Operating Endowment performed well with gains over \$200,000. Our cash position is strong. Our Stewardship campaign is underway, but we have some ground to cover. If you have not yet completed your pledge commitment for 2025, please do so. Materials are in the back of the church.

Our budget for 2025 is clouded by known unknowns. We will have interim clergy and Search expenses that are indeterminable at this point. You can be assured your Vestry will exercise the same fiscal integrity that you have come to depend on.

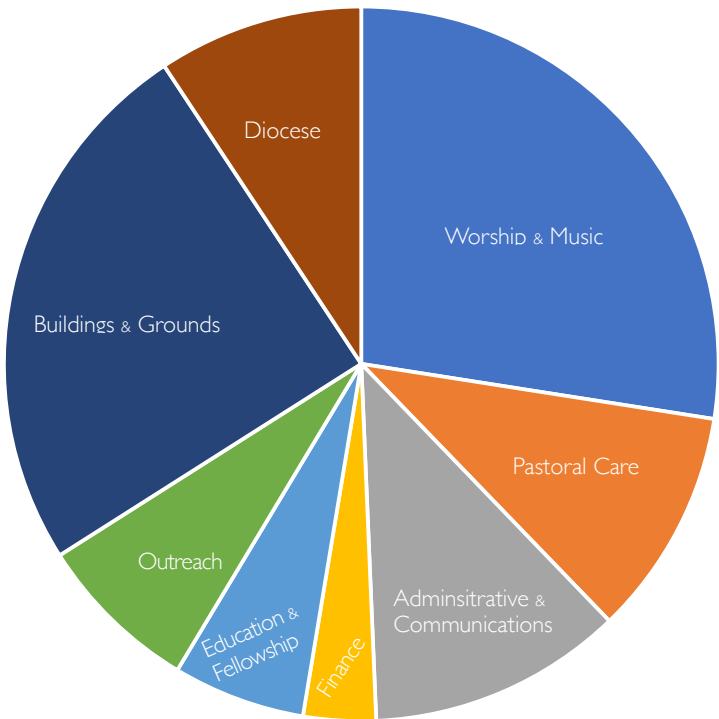
Respectfully submitted,
Rick Granger, *Treasurer*

2025 OPERATING BUDGET

At their January 18, 2025 meeting the Vestry approved the budget for 2025 and presents it before the congregation for ratification.

Administration & Communication	\$ 62,519
Buildings & Grounds.....	\$ 133,745
Education & Fellowship	\$ 32,446
Finance	\$ 17,775
Outreach.....	\$ 40,000
Pastoral Care.....	\$ 55,832
Worship	\$ 148,713

2025 Budget by %



COMMITTEE REPORTS

This mission of St. Andrew's parish is...
*"To bring God and people together in love,
through Jesus Christ."*

We do this in big and small ways...
through group and individual relationship building...
through Education, Fellowship and Outreach

The Building & Grounds Committee began 2024 focused on finishing items left over from damage sustained by hurricane Ian as well as regular maintenance items. This included:

- Painting of exterior portions of the Church and Chapter House.
- Repair of the Chapter House Cupola.
- Repair/replacement of the steps, rail and deck to the Church office and rectory as well as the and A/C compressor deck.
- Multiple upgrades/changes to electrical outlets/switches in the Chapter House and the Memorial Garden fountain. Also replaced the fountain motor.
- Re-upholstered the Chairs from the Chapter House Deck.
- Ongoing minor maintenance on the new gates installed in the Memorial Garden.
- We continued to have issues with the landscaping, especially in the Memorial Garden. Attempts were made by our Landscaping contractor to eliminate the diseased sod in the garden. Other issues soon became more urgent.

In September and October, our community was struck by two devastating Hurricanes (Helene & Milton). While the building weathered the storms relatively well, there was significant damage to the grounds and all landscaping.



- The storm ruined the lift/elevator. Professional Lift Solutions has been engaged, and we expect the new lift (with weather cover), to be installed in February.
- In that same time frame, we also engaged USA Fencing to repair the storm damage to our fencing in the Memorial Garden and the Rector's house. The work has not yet started.
- In the immediate aftermath of the storm, we had engaged our Landscaper to try and save our plants, which were covered in sand from the storms. That effort failed and the plants had to be removed.
- Despite an effort by the B&G team and a larger Parish workday to remove sand, we still required professional assistance.

- We began a search for Landscape contractors who could provide a sound Landscape design, using native and eco-friendly plantings and to fix some of our other problems, including the drainage in front of the Church.
- We quickly evaluated 3 contractors and have engaged SAMA Landscape Service to provide a renovation of all our Landscape and Plantings. The contractor has been very proactive, and the work has already started work.
- An A/V contractor, Pro Audio, has been engaged to (1) allow for a realtime video feed from the church into the chapter house (2) a LiveStream camera system in the Chapter House to stream lectures, presentations and meetings (3) provide for a user friendly Zoom/video conferencing set up for meetings (Bible Studies, Vestry meetings, etc).
- The Buildings & Grounds Committee will continue to monitor and manage the ongoing projects.



EDUCATION REPORT

In 2024, our "Faith and..." speaker series welcomed both parishioners and non-parishioners into the doors of St. Andrew's. In January, Doro Bush shared insights on "Gratitude and Mindfulness." In February, Dr. Lisa Miller, author of *The Awakened Brain*, delivered an eye-opening presentation on the profound connection between our brains and our faith. She shared groundbreaking research linking belief in God or a higher power with a lower suicide rate among teens. In March, Dr. Darren Dochuk examined the powerful influence of Christianity and crude oil in shaping modern America.



Men & Women's breakfast speakers included:

Erin Mace - How to detect and protect ourselves against internet fraud

Jill Woolworth - The art & power of parenting our adult children

Sam Skinner - Former White House Chief of Staff spoke to our men about faith & politics

Dr. Frank Johnson and Bruce Birgbauer both presented on the topic of faith & spirituality



In addition to our regular Sunday morning coffee hour, the Fellowship Committee offered the following special events in 2024:



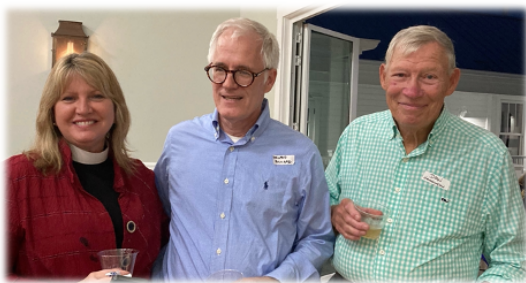
January – A reception for our bishop, Doug Scarf and parishioners Joan & Don Farrar

February - Dinners for 8 – an opportunity for in-home dinner fellowship. More than 65 people participated.

April – coffee hour included a special celebration of parishioner Edie Gardner's 99th birthday

Hurricanes in October caused plans for our traditional Welcome Back potluck event to be canceled.

In December, we hosted a successful holiday party. Music Minister, Glen Olsen, was on hand to lead us through the singing of favorite Christmas hymns and carols. Laurie Granger and Ann Peterson offered beautiful and festive decorations.



Already in 2025, Bert Rowen (with the support of Renee Farnham, Nigel Spencer Barnes and Ann Peterson) hosted an incredible coffee hour to honor Fr. Chris' 45th ordination anniversary.

Looking ahead to special events in 2025

We're excited to host several special events this year, including a coffee hour for the Bishop's Annual Visit, a celebration of Edie Gardner's incredible 100th birthday, and our popular Dinners for 8. We'll also be coming together for a lively "End of Season" parish potluck. Currently the Committee's focus is on organizing a heartfelt farewell coffee hour to thank Mo. Michelle for her leadership and dedication to our community.



Fellowship Committee Members: Renee Farnham, Vestry Liaison and Laurie Granger, Kim Lovo, Melissa Pell-Loughlin, Joy and Dave McBride, Ann Peterson, Regina Rockefeller, Bert Rowan, Nigel Spencer Barnes, Sue Spurgeon, Kimberly Whipple

Our mission adopted from a Bidding Prayer - "let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, hungry and the homeless; the lonely and the unloved; the abused, the exploited, the hated, and the oppressed; the sick and all the mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children". St. Andrews donates 10% of its budget to organizations that help to fulfill this mission.



The following committee members meet monthly to evaluate and decide which organizations we feel have the greatest need: Mother Michelle Robertshaw, Rector; Joan Farrar, Chair; Ginny Bryant, Don Farrar, Kay Kemper, John Lovo, Ellen Manetti, Mary Mulvania, Kathy Silverberg, Nigel Spencer-Barnes, Nancy White, and Janet Williams.

2024 was an unusual year as we were recovering from the Covid pandemic as well as two hurricanes. As a result some organizations didn't function during that time and/or they changed the way in which they operated. Some organizations incurred greater expenses.

Our task was to carefully assess and identify those with the greatest needs. Below are the organizations we selected to receive a grant and/or support.

Apostles Build: Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte County: January, 2024, parishioners under the guidance of John Lovo met at the building site to install the exterior plywood sheathing on a home for a deserving family. \$5,000 was also granted to the organization.



Red Bag Ministry: Approximately 4 times during the winter season parishioners are asked to take home a red bag and fill it with requested items for various organizations. The needs perceived vary from year to year. A few of the constants are boxes sent to military troops posted in foreign countries, senior citizens in need, food banks. The Outreach committee organizes and sees to the distribution of the items.

Senior Friendship Center: We made a financial grant of \$5,000 and organized the Red Bags to convey caring during the Christmas season. All of these seniors are in need and many risk isolation.

Seminary Assistance: Each church in the diocese is required to give 1% of their operating revenues to support seminary education. Our church is faithful in making this contribution. In 2024 we supported seminarian Jason Flack with our grant monies.

Boys and Girls Club of Englewood: On behalf of St. Andrew's, the outreach committee granted \$5,000 to the organization. Due to hurricanes they have been without a permanent facility and many of the families have been adversely affected. This is a group of children who come from disadvantaged families and benefit from our help. Thanksgiving, 2024, Janet Williams and Mo Michelle made possible a gift of turkeys for all the children to take to their families.



Dayspring Summer Camp: This is a camp run by the Episcopal Diocese. We approved \$5,000 to provide scholarships for children that would otherwise not be able to attend.

Englewood Community Care Clinic: The clinic is run by volunteer doctors, nurses and staff. They serve people that cannot afford insurance and would not have medical care if not for the clinic. Some of the clients are homeless. We granted \$3,000 in 2024.

SOLVE: SOLVE provides cost-free housing and support for unwed women at risk during and after pregnancy. They also provide counseling for life skills, education and work. In 2024 we granted \$5,000 to the organization.



Our committee welcomes new ideas and members. If you are interested please contact Joan Farrar, joanfarrar@comcast.net or 707.812.4768

WORSHIP REPORT



Baptism	March 3	Anthony Jacob Janatta
Confirmations	Jan. 21	Don + Joan Farrar
Reception	Jan. 21	Jim Griesenmer
Weddings	Jan. 6	D. Foster Moe + Elisabeth Blakeney
	Feb. 3	Jeffrey Hatten + Blake Yaccino
	March 23	Kevin Hoolihan + Hunter Rooney
	April 21	Gus Mask + Caroline Doswell
	May 11	Timothy Suspenski + Sydney Gemes
Burials	Jan. 20	Judy Spencer Barnes
	April 23	Shelley Lewis
	Dec. 31	Scott Chimenti

In Memoriam – Parishioners Who Died in 2024

Bill and Sandy Bertsch, Rob Knapp, Shelley Lewis, John Lillard, Priscilla Masselink, Harold (Hal) Russell, William (Bill) Shackleford, Peter Siefloff, Ann Strahan, and Cappy Warner

Easter Attendance	411 in person, 106 online
Christmas Attendance	417 in person, 153 online



2024 Visiting Preachers

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham and The Very Reverend Timothy Kimbrough



This past year I have assisted Mother Michelle as needed. My primary assignments have been related to assisting with Sunday morning worship, coordinating Men's Bible Study and serving as a consultant to the Chair of Stewardship. I also shared in visiting and bringing communion to our shut-ins.

Men's Bible Study has continued to meet year-round by in-person and via Zoom. Over the summer months I organized the rota of volunteers for Sunday coffee hour. Four sets of parishioners each took one Sunday a month and provided delicious goodies for all to share. I'm grateful for these individuals, for their generosity and culinary creativity.

New this summer, was covering Sunday morning worship while the rector was on sabbatical. I officiated and preached each Sunday and provided pastoral care as needed. This fall I assisted in organizing our Sunday worship teams (lay readers, ushers and chalice bearers). I'm grateful to all of our volunteers, especially our new recruits!



Although I have been connected with St. Andrew's for a number of years, my ministry has evolved into a year-round, part-time role since the pandemic (2020). It has been a true joy to work alongside Mo. Michelle, our incredible Parish Administrator Robin Milona, and this entire parish family. I will deeply miss collaborating with Michelle and pray that she brings the same blessings to the cathedral family that she has so generously shared with our St. Andrew's community over the past 12+ years. Godspeed, my friend—you will be greatly missed!



At St. Andrew's we aspire to...

- *to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish*
- *to provide meaningful worship services*
- *to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration*
- *to respond to human needs locally, nationally and globally*
- *to grow as Christians through education and discipleship*
- *to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships*
- *to be generous stewards of our time, talent and treasure.*

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