

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 2026 Annual Meeting

*"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"*



  
**St. Andrew's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9:30 AM



# The Warrant for the 2026 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, February 22, 2026, immediately following services:

- To receive reports from the Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, and other Committees, Ministries and Commissions, and to approve the 2026 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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# 2026 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 22, 2026 ~ 10:45 a.m.

## 1. Call to order and opening prayer

Interim Priest

Almighty and everliving 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 of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting, January 26, 2025

## 3. Senior Warden's Report

- A. Selection of Cleric to lead and serve St. Andrew's
- B. Two-season leadership plan

## 3. Elections

Melissa Pell-Loughlin, Chair of the Vestry Nominating Committee

### A. Vestry

Nominated for a three year term:

Tanny Clark, Kirsten Hosman, and Alice Pollard.

Senior Warden, appointed by the Interim for a one-year term:

Kimberly Whipple; Junior Warden, \_\_\_\_\_; Treasurer, Rick Granger

Vestry Clerk, Mary Lincoln Campbell

### B. Lay Deputies and Alternates to Diocesan Convention

Deputies: Jay & Susan Spurgeon, Melissa Pell-Loughlin

Alternate delegate: Mary Mulvania

## 4. Report on 2025 Financial Position

Rick Granger, Treasurer

## 5. Presentation of 2026 Budget

Rick Granger, Treasurer

## 6. Interim Priest's Report

- A. Motion to accept Committee reports as presented
- B. Acknowledgement and thanks to outgoing vestry members
- C. Closing remarks

## 7. Closing Prayer

## VESTRY NOMINATING REPORT

The Vestry Nominating Committee consisted of Melissa Pell Loughlin, Bill Durkin, Kimberly Whipple. The Committee met in-person and via Zoom and our clergy 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:

- Tanny Clark
- Kirsten Hosman
- Alice Pollard

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

## VESTRY NOMINEES STANDING FOR ELECTION

### TANNY CLARK

Tanny moved to Boca Grande in the spring of 2018 from Farmington, CT where she lived for over 40 years. In Farmington she was active in St. James Church where she served on the Vestry, ran book sales and rummage sales and served as a chalice bearer and lector. She spends summers in Northeast Harbor, Maine. She remembers attending church with her great grandmother when she was about 4 and how hard it was to sit still and be quiet! St. Mary's by the Sea has been the place where many family members have been baptized, married and had memorial services. In Feb. of 2019 she was asked to be the Sr. Warden of St. Mary and St. Jude Parish during a difficult period at the church. Tanny says that "with prayer and belief that we could turn things around we were blessed to find a new rector who led us back to being a very happy and successful parish. It was an amazing experience to participate in a complete recovery of a parish that had been in turmoil."



Outside of church she has been very active in garden clubs serving as president of three and has served on national Garden Club of America committees. She lives in Boca Bay where she is on the Facility and Landscape Committee and is a member of Lemon Bay Golf Club.

She has been attending St. Andrews since she moved to Boca Grande and is looking forward to serving on the Vestry.

# VESTRY NOMINEES STANDING FOR ELECTION

## KIRSTEN HOSMAN

As a cradle Episcopalian, I have been blessed to be a member of three different St. Andrew's congregations! (My youth in Roswell, New Mexico; my teen years and young adulthood in Omaha, Nebraska; and now in Boca Grande!)

I attended the University of Nebraska, and before becoming a full-time mother, had a career as a Trust Officer with several different Omaha banks. I was very active in our Omaha Episcopal church. It was an honor to teach Sunday School for many years, be an Episcopal Journey to Adulthood mentor for 6th-12th graders, participate in the Sewanee (the University of the South) Education for Ministry program, assist with a church Capital Campaign, and to serve three years on the Vestry.

My husband Stephen and I became full-time Florida residents in 2020 and live on Palm Island. We still return to Omaha in the fall to support and cheer on the Nebraska Cornhusker football and basketball teams! We became members of St. Andrew's in 2023, and love being a part of this special congregation.



## ALICE BLUM POLLARD

Alice and her husband, Garland, have been members of St. Andrew's since 2021. Alice has a long history of service with Episcopal institutions, libraries, and children's organizations. She was baptized at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City and grew up attending Grace Church in Brooklyn and Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Before moving to Boca Grande, the Pollards lived in Sarasota, where Alice chaired the children's LOGOS program at Church of the Redeemer and led Day for Hope, a citywide outreach serving at-risk children. Earlier, in Richmond, Virginia, she served on the vestry and founding board of St. Andrew's Episcopal School and was president of the Friends of the Richmond Public Library. Alice and Garland have three daughters and three grandchildren.



Last year when I talked about the unusual being usual, I didn't mean it to be a prediction. None the less it is becoming increasingly difficult to describe any year as "normal".

2025 proved this with unexpected challenges facing our Church. Because of the stability of St. Andrew's and thanks to the faithful generosity of our congregation, careful financial stewardship and some creative use of Clergy, I am pleased to report that our parish remains in a solid financial position.

Operating revenue for the year was \$635,311 while total operating expenses were \$474,137 resulting in an operating surplus of \$161,174

During the year, the Vestry approved significant investments funded from prior-year operating surplus. Approximately \$109,000 was used to complete landscaping improvements to the campus and \$25,230 was directed to Outreach initiatives. Because these expenditures were funded from previously accumulated surplus, they did not affect the parish's operating results for the year. After these investments, the parish still increased operating reserves by \$26,944 further strengthening our financial position.

Throughout the year, we continued to focus on maintaining our facilities and supporting the ministries that are central to parish life. The Vestry and finance team remained attentive to balancing current operational needs with long-term sustainability. Our cash reserves remain stable and provide appropriate flexibility to address both planned and unforeseen expenses.

We have moved beyond the financial disruptions of hurricane recovery and are able to focus fully on the ongoing mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. Our endowment and operating accounts performed exceptionally well during the year, increasing 18.1% and continuing to provide stability and confidence as we plan.

Looking ahead, the Vestry has approved a 2026 operating budget of approximately \$652,000 in revenues and \$651,308 in expenses, reflecting both confidence in continued congregational support and awareness of rising costs, particularly insurance, utilities, and personnel. The accompanying chart illustrates how these resources are allocated across the major areas of parish life and ministry.

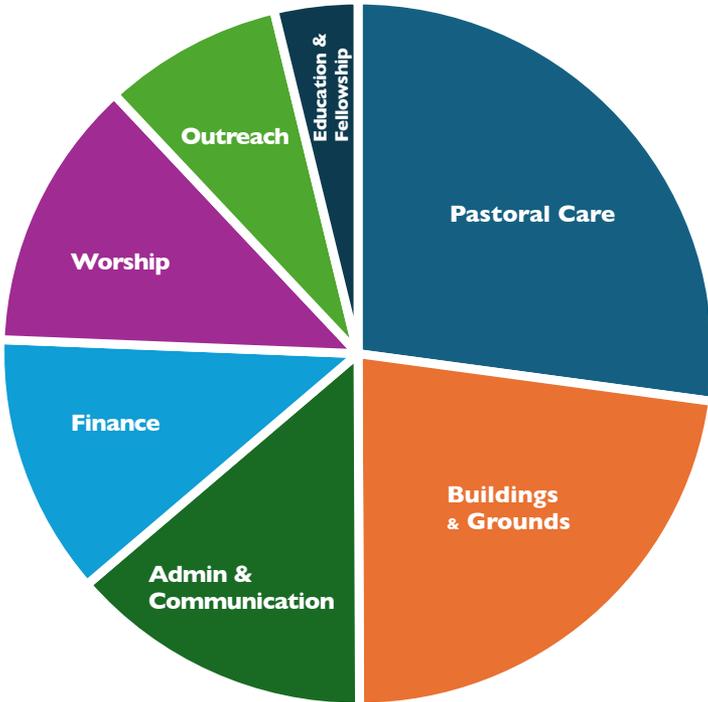
As always, I am deeply grateful for the continued generosity and commitment of this congregation. Your faithful support makes possible everything we do at St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Granger, *Treasurer*

# 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

## Operating Budget Summary 2026

Administration & Communication .....	\$ 89,493
Buildings & Grounds .....	\$ 148,333
Education & Fellowship .....	\$ 24,600
Finance .....	\$ 77,890
Outreach .....	\$ 53,000
Pastoral Care .....	\$ 176,876
Worship .....	\$ 81,116
<b>Total Operating Budet .....</b>	<b>\$ 651,308</b>



**Pastoral Care: 27.16%**

**Buildings & Grounds: 22.78%**

**Administration & Communication: 13.74%**

**Worship: 12.46%**

**Finance: 11.96%**

**Outreach: 8.14%**

**Education & Fellowship: 3.78%**

# 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

I have enjoyed God's manifold blessings alongside you at St. Andrew's since Leslie and I arrived on November 1st in 2025. It was clear to me that the congregation and community have been well-served in the interval between The Rev. Michelle Robertshaw's departure in mid-February and my arrival as Interim late in the year. The Rev. Chris Gray led worship services, oversaw parish administration, and gave faithful pastoral attention to the parish through April. The Rev. John Warfel capably "took the helm" from May through the end of June. Chris stepped back into leadership from August through October. Well done, all of you, for staying the course. The parish was favored by truly gifted and seasoned priestly leadership!



Leslie and I have enjoyed a remarkably warm welcome since our arrival. Our "Piperoni Pizza" reception in the Chapter House was so nice! We thank all of you for that. We have been impressed by the quality of administrative support for all parish functions. I couldn't be more pleased and grateful for the way that Mrs. Robin Milona & Mrs. Kimberly Kyle (Office Assistant since early January) have managed that important dimension of parish life. Claudia Carbonel does a great job with housekeeping, and Deb Turner and Bert Rowan are great in their hospitality roles in the Chapter House. I am impressed with the lay leadership in every area: vestry members and officers, lay worship leaders and helpers, altar guild, coffee hour contributors, music, choir, buildings and grounds, stewardship, fellowship, outreach, Faith and..., Bible studies, and ecumenical collaboration. Pretty wonderful, faithful service, you saints!

As we continue in 2026, I believe that the parish is well-positioned to keep three priorities in view: The S.O.A.R. guidelines endorsed in 2024. In short, the parish should keep focused on ministries and initiatives that support our central purposes. These are:

- > *Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ;*
- > *Provide opportunities for people to deepen and enhance their spiritual lives;*
- > *Be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish;*
- > *Extend the love, compassion, and teachings of Christ beyond the walls of our church into the wider community—locally, nationally and globally;*
- > *Develop human and financial resources needed to accomplish key goals and strengthen St. Andrew's Episcopal Church institutionally.*

A short-term goal is the updating of our parish directory with current information and photos, whenever possible.

It might be time to develop a chancel renewal design: beautiful, coherent, functional, including a permanent baptismal font that can be rolled to a central site.

The Rector Search Committee was convened to prayerfully and thoughtfully discern the next rector of St. Andrew's. We approached this responsibility with a deep sense of gratitude, humility, and commitment to the future of our parish.

Committee members included Cathy McGowan, Regina Rockefeller, Bruce Birgbauer, Jim Griesemer (Chair), John Sivoletta, and Dave Smith. We worked closely with Canon Norman throughout the process and remained guided by the rector profile and desired characteristics previously affirmed by the vestry.

In late November 2025, Canon Norman provided the committee with the names of qualified applicants. Within just over two weeks, the committee carefully reviewed each candidate's ministry portfolio and conducted Zoom interviews with all applicants. We were blessed with a strong and impressive pool of candidates.

Following the final interview on December 8, 2025, the committee met to outline next steps. Each member was assigned to conduct reference checks for one candidate. Reference interviews were completed between December 10 and December 15. The committee then met during the week of to share and discuss reference information.

Taking into account the Christmas and New Year holidays, the committee adopted a structured timeline to complete its work. From December 20 through January 4, members individually assessed and scored candidates based on three primary criteria:

- Ministry portfolio and cover letter
- Personal interview
- Reference feedback

Scoring was based on the rector characteristics identified by the vestry. While the scoring process provided helpful structure, it was used as a discussion tool rather than a definitive ranking system.

On January 5, 2026, scoring sheets were submitted and compiled anonymously. During the week of January 6–9, the committee met in person (with Zoom access available) to prayerfully deliberate and determine the final candidates. By majority vote, the committee agreed upon the finalists to recommend to the vestry.

In keeping with best practices and after thoughtful discussion, the committee determined it would be most appropriate to present the vestry with multiple finalists, reflecting the overall strength of the applicant pool and aligning with Canon Norman's recommendation.

On January 12, 2026, the names and materials of the recommended finalists were conveyed to Senior Warden Kimberly Whipple for vestry consideration.

Throughout this process, the committee was united in prayer, mutual respect, and a shared love for St. Andrew's. We are grateful for the congregation's support and continued prayers as the vestry completes its discernment and calls our next rector.

We were most fortunate, in 2025, that we were not impacted by the catastrophic events that devastated our community during the period from 2020 to 2024. The Building & Grounds Committee began 2025 with a major item outstanding and our normal regular maintenance items to schedule and complete.



- The new chairlift finally arrived and was installed during the first quarter.

- The new landscaping was completed by early January.

- Several smaller maintenance items were completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter on the Chapter house and the rectory.

- There were some problems with the air conditioning in all three buildings, and we engaged Grande Aire to repair and replace defective equipment.

- As the Rector Search gained momentum, it became apparent the Rectory had several issues that need to be addressed. We engaged a contractor to manage the punch list items:

- Repair tile in the master bath.
- Replace the front door lock and dead bolt.
- Repair/replace broken parts in the refrigerator, range and dishwasher.
- Re-install the pulldown stairs for the attic storage area.



- The back porch needed several repairs, including replacement of sconce lights, sliding door hardware, a new screen door and general cleanup of old gardening debris. Much of this work has been completed and we expect to finish in the next few weeks.
- The post lights in front of the church had been damaged during Helene/Milton. We engaged an electrical contractor to troubleshoot and fix the issues.

With the seating of the new Vestry, we will also have a new Jr. Warden who will address ongoing maintenance items and hopefully will have some time to identify upgrades that will enhance our beautiful Church building and campus.



## EDUCATION REPORT

In 2025, St. Andrew's experienced a year of resilience and renewal. Due to flood damage caused by Hurricanes Helen and Milton, the "Faith and ..." lecture series was not held this year. While the circumstances were challenging, our parish community remained committed to fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth.



Our Men's Breakfast gathering on Tuesday, April 8, welcomed Dr. Steve Madosky of GriefShare, who offered meaningful and practical guidance on supporting friends and loved ones through grief. His presentation thoughtfully addressed what to say, what not to say, and how to truly be present during life's most difficult seasons. The conversation was both compassionate and instructive, strengthening our community's ability to care for one another.

During Lent, parishioners gathered for a Lenten Study Group focused on Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. Meeting on Tuesday afternoons in the church, participants engaged deeply with the foundations of Christian faith through thoughtful discussion and shared reflection.

Bible Study and Fellowship groups continued to meet regularly at St. Andrew's, and our online Zoom offerings remained accessible through links provided on our website, ensuring connection and continuity for those unable to attend in person.

In November 2025, the Women's Breakfast—held at The Gasparilla Inn—featured Kim Lovo sharing a special presentation recounting her sailing adventures. Due to popular demand, the event was opened to men as well, welcoming an even broader gathering of parishioners. Her story offered inspiration, warmth, and fellowship to all who attended.



Though 2025 brought unexpected challenges, St. Andrew's continued to foster meaningful opportunities for learning, encouragement, and Christian community.

In 2025, the Fellowship Ministry continued to foster community and connection within St. Andrew's through gatherings that celebrated milestones, honored service, and strengthened relationships among parishioners.

In January, the parish gathered in the Chapter House following worship to recognize Fr. Chris Gray on the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, offering appreciation for his years of faithful ministry and dedication to the Church.

March featured a Covered Dish Potluck Dinner, providing parishioners the opportunity to share a meal and enjoy an evening of fellowship in a spirit of hospitality and community life.

In April, St. Andrew's welcomed Bishop Doug Scharf to lead worship. Following the service, a special coffee hour was held to honor longtime parishioner Edie Gardner in celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, marking a significant milestone in the life of our parish community.

During May and June, Fr. John Warfel faithfully served the parish during the period of rector transition. His pastoral leadership and presence were a blessing to the congregation, and on June 29 the parish gathered for a special coffee hour to express gratitude for his service and to offer prayers for his continued ministry.



In November, the parish hosted "Pizza with the Pipers," a casual dinner to warmly welcome the Piper family into the congregation and encourage connection within the parish community. Later that month, the Women's Breakfast was held at The Gasparilla Inn, where Kim Lovo shared a special presentation recounting her sailing adventures, offering fellowship and inspiration to those in attendance.

Through these gatherings and celebrations, the Fellowship Ministry continues to support the mission of St. Andrew's by nurturing connection, gratitude, and shared life among parishioners.

Fellowship Committee Members:

*Renée Farnham (Liaison to the Vestry), Laurie Granger, Ann Peterson, Bert Rowan, Kim Lovo, Joy and David McBride, Sue Spurgeon and Regina Rockefeller.*

Our mission, adopted from a Bidding Prayer, continues to guide our work:

***“Let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the homeless; the lonely and the unloved; the abused, the exploited, the hated, and the oppressed; the sick and all who mourn; the aged and the little children.”***

St. Andrew's donates 10% of its budget to organizations that help fulfill this mission.

The Outreach Committee meets monthly to evaluate community needs and determine how best to distribute funds. Committee members include: Joan Farrar, Chair; Ginny Bryant; Don Farrar; John Lovo; Mary Mulvania; Nigel Spencer-Barnes; Nancy White

Despite the challenges presented by Hurricanes Helen and Milton and the resulting flood damage in our community, Outreach remained steadfast in serving those in need.

Below are the organizations selected to receive grants and/or support in 2025:

### **Apostles Build - Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte County**

We granted \$6,000 in support of the Apostles Build and continued our tradition of hands-on participation at the build site under the leadership of John Lovo.



### **Dayspring Summer Camp**

#### **(Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida)**

We granted \$6,000 in scholarship assistance so children may attend summer camp who would otherwise be unable to do so.

### **SOLVE**

We granted \$6,000 to SOLVE, which provides cost-free housing, counseling, and life training for unwed expectant mothers.

### **Senior Friendship Center**

We granted \$6,000 and supported the ministry through Red Bag collections, assisting elderly individuals who are isolated or financially disadvantaged.

### **Englewood Community Care Clinic**

We granted \$6,000 to support this volunteer-run medical clinic serving uninsured and underserved individuals.



### **Boys & Girls Club of Englewood**

We provided \$6,000 to support their operations and help augment staffing as they continue to recover from hurricane-related disruption.

### **Seminary Assistance**

In fulfillment of our diocesan commitment, we contributed toward seminary support.

### **Additional Outreach Support**

In addition to these financial grants, our **Red Bag Ministry** continued to provide tangible assistance several times throughout the year, particularly important following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Helen and Milton. Through these efforts, parishioners were able to respond directly to food insecurity, housing instability, and emergency needs in our region.



Our committee welcomes new ideas and new members. If you are interested in joining us or learning more, please contact Joan Farrar at [joanfarrar@comcast.net](mailto:joanfarrar@comcast.net) or 707-812-4768.

# WORSHIP REPORT

## Baptisms

July 27      Houston Wilson  
Aug. 23      Camryn Elivia Karstens  
Dec. 28      Claire Coubrough McLean

## Weddings

Nov. 8      Tyler Lipsky + Kady Hosman  
Nov. 29      John Johnson + Jenny Corcoran  
Dec. 13      Lee Detmer + Meryl Fiore

## Burials

Mar. 8      Robert Knapp  
Mar. 15      The Rev. Cappy Warner  
Mar. 20      Cathy Munsell



In Memoriam – Parishioners Who Died in 2025:

***Brian Campbell, Connie Gregg, and Stan Ikenberry***



Easter Attendance  
360 in person, 74 online

Christmas Attendance  
417 in person, 58 online

2025 Visiting Preachers:

The Rev. Jeffrey Hamblin,  
The Rev. Brandon Peete,  
The Rev. Jonathan Percival,  
and The Rev. John Warfel



*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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