

# NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S November—December 2023

**Jay's Say:  
All Saints' Sunday**

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Whether you grew up with its ancient rhythms or whether it's a new discovery, the Christian Year helps to make us holy because it consecrates time itself. Against the world's purely functional reckoning of time, the church year revolves around the great mysteries of the incarnation and of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus. Seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent) lead to the great festivals of Christmas and Easter which each inaugurate a whole season of joyful celebration. At St. Andrew's Church, the Christmas season runs until Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) and takes in Epiphany along the way. Eastertide consists of fifty joyous days that includes Ascension Day and ends on Pentecost. Christ's life and our lives intersect in the living of the Christian Year. When we enter deeply into the church's moods and seasons, Jesus shows how to live — and how to die.

One of the most poignant days in the church year is All Saints' Sunday when we celebrate not just the great heroes of the faith but the countless number of saints whose names have been forgotten. Whereas the Roman church makes a strong distinction between saints and the great majority of the dead, Anglican theology emphasizes our unity with all those who have died. As our Collect for All Saints puts it, God has knit us together into one communion and fellowship.

All Saints' Sunday is our little autumn Easter. Glorious Easter worship in the spring celebrates resurrection with flowers blooming and the joy of new life confirmed all around us. There's something sublime about All Saints as we remember resurrection when everything around us is looking dead.

Our Eucharists on All Saints' Sunday (5 November) will celebrate the saints and our own loved ones who have died. After communion, we may offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our dearly departed and place a lit candle on the altar.

A much-neglected hymn by Richard Baxter (1615-1691) is sung as we approach the altar. We may be the only church in America still singing it, but the hymn captures the essence of All Saints' Day.

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**Parish Birthdays**



Don Boxwell	3
Gene Venable	3
John MacLeod	5
Ayla Frenkiewich	7
Pat Hall	9
Pam Morland	13
Yvonne Kun	14
Clare Bennett	16
Michael Quinn	18
Allen Ivey	19
Mark Kellett	19
Sam Kelly	19
Gingie Nye	22
Karen Shepherd	22
David Crandall	23
Jim Ransom	23
Joanne Schuyler	23
Chris Major	29



Devun Jevne	2
Betsy Horn	6
Elizabeth Kellett	6
Carolyn Lockhart	6
Marni Eaton	7
Leni Gillespie	7
JoAnn Hicks	7
Ben Greenbaum	10
Bethany Greenbaum	10
Nancy MacLeod	11
Michael Salo	13
Charlie Tirrell	13
Alice Perry	14
Emelia Potter	15
Mary Eysenbach	19
Marilyn Paradis	19
Froncie Quinn	22
William Morgan	24
Judy Ackroyd	25
Cynthia Marshall	28

**The St. Nicholas Fair** is back after a COVID-inspired hiatus. Join us in the parish hall from 9 AM to 2 PM on **Saturday, 2 December**, and browse our tables filled with crafts and baked goods for sale. We will host a gourmet luncheon, sell cheese and offer wood-working for children as well.

There will also be a table of Santa's Treasures – you are invited to bring donations beginning 1 November to be left in the large downstairs room during Thrift Shop hours (10- 1, Tuesday through Saturday).



*All Saints, continued*

He wants (lacks) not friends  
that hath Thy love,  
and may converse and walk  
with Thee;  
and with Thy saints here and  
above,  
with whom forever I must be.  
In the communion of the saints  
Is wisdom, safety and delight;  
And, when my heart declines  
and faints,  
It's raised by their heat and  
light.

As for my friends, they are not  
lost;  
The several vessels of Thy fleet,  
Though parted now, by tem-  
pests tossed,  
Shall safely in the haven meet.  
Still we are centered all in Thee,  
Members, though distant, of  
one head;  
In the same family we be,  
By the same faith and Spirit led.

Before Thy throne we daily  
meet  
As joint petitioners to Thee;  
In spirit we each other greet,  
And shall again each other see.  
The heav'nly hosts, world with-  
out end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And Thou, my best and surest  
Friend,  
Who shall divide me from Thy  
love?

## Update on our Partnership with Saint Christopher's Mission

Travelers who participated in the visit last spring to Saint Christopher's Mission in the Navajo Nation met recently to debrief. All agreed that the partnership should continue. Suggestions were made about extending the length of the visit, best time of year to visit, travel options and pre-planning for work projects. All felt that mealtimes spent with members of the Mission and other volunteers working on the raised garden beds provided an opportunity for them to share history, traditions and culture of the Diné (Navajo people). Of particular significance was the truth-telling by Reagan Wytsalucy of her ancestors' survival experiences and her work to bring back the "lost peaches" of the southwest.

The St. Andrew's group also recognized the value of having work projects combined with sufficient time to experience the beauty and sacredness of the land and area as important to the overall experience. Especially meaningful to the group was meeting daily for Morning Prayer and evening Compline.

Following the debrief, the group was joined by others who had participated in past trips. Elizabeth Lowell, who is on the Navajoland Development Corporation, spoke about the many changes and challenges that Navajoland is experiencing and Saint Christopher's in particular. It is a time of transition as Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner has been appointed as provisional bishop while Navajoland undergoes a period of discernment to determine the future and the election of a new bishop. The transitional Bishop is committed to growing the indigenous diaconate and expanding the congregations.

Rev. Joe Hubbard who served as Vicar of Saint Christopher's Mission and Ministry Developer and Priest-in-Charge for the Utah Region of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland left for a position in Rapid City, South Dakota. The Rev. Jack Chase is serving as interim Vicar for a year. The Rev. Paula Hensen still serves as Priest-in-Charge at St. John the Baptizer in the Utah Region.

Elizabeth announced to the group that Saint Christopher's did not receive the Challenge Grant funded by Partners for Sacred Places. The grant was to have provided architectural consultation about the existing vacant medical clinic building on Saint Christopher's grounds. The hope is to turn it into a retreat center.



Work is continuing to complete the seven "tiny houses." An additional \$40,000 is needed to provide connectivity to the new electrical transformer. The initial use of these homes will be to house future pilgrimages.

The group agreed that St. Andrew's relationship is with Saint Christopher's and we very much want it to continue. There is a long-standing tradition of learning from the Diné and we are committed to maintaining the truth-telling and reconciliation. — Nancy Rollins





***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 26 November  
Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM)**

Our November Last Sunday Outreach Offering supports the Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM). As many of you know, KREM is a non-profit association established in 2001 by the churches in New London – including St. Andrew's - to address individual and family crises through access to emergency aid funds.

Every community requires a strong safety net for those in immediate need. KREM helps fill that need in New London and the surrounding towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. KREM is administered by an ecumenical volunteer board, which allows it to keep administrative costs very low (under \$1,000 annually) and ensures that charitable contributions go directly toward better serving the community.

Our own Froncie Quinn and Jackie Thompson serve as stewards and board members. KREM responds to referrals from local churches, schools, social or private agencies, and local or state governments as well as to direct appeals. KREM steps in and addresses such crises as unexpected loss of income, accidental injury or serious illness, dire needs of children and families, and other critical situations for which no other help is readily available. KREM can be the difference between a family having heat or not in the winter. KREM can be the path to continued transportation so that a recipient can get to work on time and keep a job. KREM can protect the housed against temporary homelessness.

While our Outreach offerings frequently address critical challenges around the world, we at St. Andrew's also strive to help protect the most vulnerable in our own backyards. St. Andrew's typically supports KREM annually through our church budget, but our inaugural Last Sunday Offering in May 2018 went to KREM, and we are including it again this year as a way to place special emphasis on KREM's importance. Please consider supporting KREM in the effort to offer our neighbors a helping hand in their times of greatest need.

**To respond to Last Sunday appeal**, you can place your gift in the offering plate prior to or on the last Sunday of the designated month, send your check marked for Outreach to St. Andrew's Church, P. O. Box 294, New London, NH 03257, or make an online donation at <https://www.standrewsnl.org/giving-on-line.html>. Your generous support will be matched by our anonymous donors. The Outreach Commission and their identified organizations are grateful for your support.





## Recent Last Sunday Recipients Offer Thanks

From **Overcomers Refugee Services**, March 2023 recipient of \$11,000 –

“Your support will make a significant impact on the lives of refugees in New Hampshire, and we are deeply grateful for your compassion and commitment to improving the lives of New Americans . . . It will help us provide English language classes, job preparation, legal assistance and preparation for becoming a citizen. Your donation also provides hope, dignity and opportunities for refugees to rebuild their lives, gain self-sufficiency, and contribute to their communities . . . and has given them a chance to thrive in their new home.” -- *Clement Kigugu*

From **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**, May 2023 recipient of \$6050 –

“Thank you for your gift in support of the humanitarian ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem. I’m grateful you’ve joined hands with us to sustain the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Thanks to you the schools, hospitals and clinics of the Diocese of Jerusalem continue to provide life-changing services to children and families in the Middle East. . . . Thank you for the hope your generosity brings to vulnerable families living in a region of political unrest and fragile economies.” -- *Ellen Spencer*

From **Upper Valley Haven**, September 2023 recipient of \$7342 with impact doubled\* –

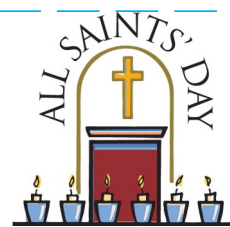
“St. Andrew’s gift’s impact is doubled [by a generous anonymous Haven donor for our 2023 *Hunger Action Month* campaign].\* We are deeply grateful for St. Andrew’s support of our work since 2008!” -- *Michael Redmond*

“What a special generous gift to kick off HAM [Hunger Action Month]. We are grateful to everyone at St. Andrew’s.” -- *Laura Gillespie*

\*So the total contribution to the Haven is \$14,684. An additional blessing through all the donors and all those who matched the original donations!

### Planned Giving and the Legacy Society on All Saints’ Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints’ Sunday on 5 November 2023 at which time we will announce the names of those who have decided to join our Legacy Society this year by naming St. Andrew’s as an estate recipient. Five people have joined St. Andrew’s Legacy Society, and I hope you will consider having your name added as well. And, of course if you wish to remain anonymous, we will respect that wish.



We will have various reasons for deciding when, how and whether to participate in our church's future after we have left this earth. For Kris and me, it is our strong faith and belief in the positive influence of the church on so many people and so many of our institutions. While the saying goes that “nothing is forever,” we like to think that the church is an exception and want to do our part to assure that it will be forever. While priests, wardens and vestries will continually change, the church can continue to thrive, with our help.

Please consider a legacy gift. You will be expressing your support after life as you express your support by your annual gift. Thank you. — *George Jamieson, Planned Giving Committee chair*

## Wardens' Words

### THE WAY OF LOVE

Sometimes good theology can be found smack dab in pop culture. Echoing lines from the earlier *Sound of Music* songbook is this chorus from a 1999 hit song by country singer Reba McEntire:

*Love isn't love till you give it away. Love isn't love till it's free.*

*The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Oh love isn't love till you give it away.*

This verse and “bridge” of the same song add to that message:

*You might think love is a treasure to keep,  
Feeling to cherish and hold.*

*But love is a treasure for people to share.  
You keep it by letting it go.*

*'Cause love can't survive  
When it's hidden inside,  
And love was meant to be shared.*

While not quotes from the Bible or modern religious scholars, these lines nevertheless state truth that parallels the vision of our parish that we are “learning to follow Jesus in the way of love.” We are not just philosophizing about the concept of God’s love, but we are taking loving action, as the words *follow* and *way* imply.

These are a few examples of how we share the love of Jesus as a parish:

- ◆ Offering unconditional acceptance – welcoming all to worship, Eucharist and parish life
- ◆ Caring for each other – praying from the parish prayer list, ministering as lay Eucharistic Visitors, providing memorial service receptions, connecting in foyer groups
- ◆ Bridging chasms (political/racial/ethnic/historic) – through Braver Angels workshops, our relationship with Voorhees University, connections with Navajoland
- ◆ Other outreach beyond our parish – Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministry, the Friendly Kitchen, various Last Sunday offerings, all of which help “underserved” people, typically in extreme difficulty (poor, sick, immigrant, refugee, victims of natural disaster or war...)

As we preach and pray, listen and learn, study and seek, may we each expand our understanding and experience of the treasure that is the love of Jesus for us. And then, as we count our blessings at Thanksgiving, as we feel an extra sense of goodwill through Advent and at Christmas, but most of all in our *daily* parish and individual lives, may we ever more freely share that treasure.

With you on the way, in loving action,

*Karen Zurheide and Claire Pace*



**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS NEWS – With thanks to Harvey Best for “always getting things done.”**



This drain is located on the exterior corner of the Thrift Shop. We recently excavated the pipe leading to this drain because the pipe was crushed and no longer carried ground water away from the building. A new pipe was installed and the system is back in operation, eliminating an odor that had been noticed over many months.



New handrails have been installed on both sets of stairways – upper and lower (*pictured*)-- leading to the recently refurbished patio.



We are working with our electrician and Eversource to relocate the power meter from the church basement to the exterior of the building. The existing meter is located in the basement and is attached to an electrical conduit buried underground. When heavy rains occur, water flows through the conduit and floods the basement. By relocating the power panel to the exterior of the building (*right*), the leaking conduit will be discontinued. Meanwhile, St. Andrew's is on its way to producing more energy than it consumes! Green Committee members Woody Canaday and Ed Hoyt were joined by Jay in the basement recently for a ceremonial turning on of the inverters (solar panels).





## Calendar of Events

### November:

5 (Sunday) - All Saints' Sunday, 8 & 10 AM

9-16 (all week beginning Thursday) - Window-Dressers assemble inserts

24 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen (*see below*)

26 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, to benefit KREM  
(*see p. 4*)



### December:

2 (Saturday) - St. Nicholas Fair, 9 AM -2 PM (*see p. 2*)

3 (Sunday) - Advent 1, 8 & 10 AM

9 (Saturday) - Ordination of Joe Rose as Deacon with Bishop Rob presiding and Celeste Hemingson preaching, 10 AM

10 (Sunday) - Advent 2, 8 & 10 AM

17 (Sunday) - Advent 3; Cookie Walk after 8 and 10 AM services

24 (Sunday) - Advent 4, 8 & 10 AM. Christmas Eve services: 4, 6 & 9 PM

25 (Monday) - Christmas Day service, 10 AM

**Monday to Friday** 12 Noon Midday Prayer (Healing Eucharist **Thursday**)

**Mondays** 6 PM Meditation (resumes 4 December)

**Tuesdays** 9:30 AM Craft Group

**Thursdays** 7 PM, Choir Rehearsal (in choir room downstairs)

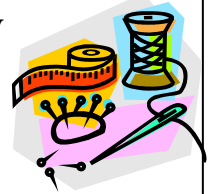


**EPISCOPAL**  
CHURCH OF NH

Did you know that there is a newsletter from the diocesan office with stories from throughout the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire? It comes out once a month and is called **The Vine**. If you are not already receiving a monthly email, you can subscribe to **The Vine** with this link:

<https://episcopalchurchofnewhampshire.formstack.com/forms/thevinesubscribe>

In preparation for the St. Nicholas Fair on 2 December, the **Craft Group** meets weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the parish hall. We welcome crafters of all types and also invite new ideas for craft projects. Join our conversations and enjoy some culinary treats with us as well as our work in many crafts.



**Help Re-Stock the KLS Community Food Pantry**  
**November: Cereal**

**December: Hearty soups & stews**

Paper towels, toilet paper, coffee (regular, decaf and instant), peanut butter and jelly, cake and brownie mixes and monetary donations are always welcome.



Our next visit to the **Friendly Kitchen** is Friday, 24 November. Friendly Kitchen is one of St. Andrew's longest running outreach projects. The kitchen has one purpose -- to feed the hungry. Let JoAnn Hicks know if you would like to help. With lots of help, she says, it is an easy task.



***Parish Updates*****Memorial Services***15 September****Emory Sanders****15 October****Gus Seamans*****Burial***15 September****Charles Martin*****United Thank Offering**

The United Thank Offering 2023 Grant is “the second of a three-year focus on those whom society has left out and behind,” in the spirit of Matthew 25:36. In its invitation to applicants for the 2024 grants, UTO says they “will fund projects that welcome people with differences that cause isolation and that encourage truth-telling, acknowledging historic trauma, and establishing a path toward healing.”

As I wrote in the last issue, it doesn't matter how you remind yourself of things for which you are grateful - using the blue box, a post-it note, or thinking about those things. The UTO in-gathering occurs at diocesan convention (*see below*). Please write a check to St. Andrew's by 3 November with UTO in the memo to reflect your gratefulness, and which – together with other gifts – will be used throughout the world. St. Andrew's will write one check to present at the in-gathering in Claremont. – *Anne Hall*



Two St. Andrew's delegates attended the Western Convocation meeting on Zoom recently, getting a preview of the agenda and resolutions for our **221st Annual Diocesan Convention on 3 November**. Resolution 1, proposed by the Commission for Earth Care, calls for reducing the production of and our use of plastics which have deeply and adversely impacted human and non-human health as well as planetary ecosystems. Congregations will be asked to report back to the Commission (and Diocese) on progress towards achieving the goal. Other resolutions clerical in nature intend to fix an error in the Constitution and clarify what constitutes a quorum at convention, and to adjust canonical provisions to more closely align with practice. Resolution 4 intends to establish a Reparations Task Force that will lead to reparations as part of our work and commitment to Becoming Beloved Community and following Jesus in the Way of Love. Resolution 5, the 2024 Diocesan budget, proposes funding for the Office of the Bishop, mission and programs of the Convention and Council, administration of the diocese, and support of the wider Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend Convention and may view the event on the **Diocesan YouTube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/@NHEpiscopal/streams>) beginning at 6 pm. Clergy, Delegates, Alternates, and People in Process will attend the business meeting on Zoom.

The following day, **4 November, Trinity Church in Claremont hosts a Eucharist at 9:30 AM** with guest preacher The Rev. Nandra Perry, PhD, and music provided by Trinity Church musicians and a combined Western Convocation Festival Choir. Following a short break after the service, Bishop Rob will lead a panel discussion on The Work of Braver Angels in NH and Why It Matters. He will introduce members of **our own Braver Angels team**, noting that we at St. Andrew's are finding new ways to Jesus as we learn, practice, and teach skills for communicating more effectively with people we disagree with. (*Please see more about the Braver Angels team on p. 10.*)

For 4, 11 and 18 November, *Faith and Issues* will read the book of *Micah* and focus on sharing our understanding of perhaps what is commonly regarded as a summary of prophetic faith, prophetic hope and prophetic challenge: Micah 6:8 – “This is what Yahweh asks of you, only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.”

The Issue Book for December is *The Alignment Problem - Machine Learning and Human Values* by Brian Christian has been selected as in “issue” book for December. We will meet 2, 9 and 16 December and then break until we meet again on 13 January 2024 to share insights on our next “faith” book.

As your interest and time permit, please, join us Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 via Zoom.

For more information, please contact Katrina Wagner through the church office. -- *Katrina Wagner*

### ***Braver Angels at Diocesan Convention***

Jay, Jennifer Giles, Paul Catsos and Woody Canaday will be on a panel at Diocesan Convention at Trinity Church Claremont, on 4 November (as noted on the previous page). The panel is described to convention attendees as follows:

*Convention Saturday Panel: The Work of Braver Angels in NH and Why It Matters*

*Bishop Rob introduces members of the Braver Angels team from St. Andrew's, New London. These faithful folks are finding new ways to Jesus as they learn and practice skills for communicating more effectively with people they disagree with. Be inspired by hearing their stories and be encouraged to ask how work like this can come to your community.*

Looking ahead, we aim to co-host a Braver Angels Debate early in 2024, collaborating with the NH Braver Angels Alliance which is co-led by our own Paul Catsos. Stay tuned! – *Woody Canaday*



### **WILL YOU HELP?**

Verger Anne Hall is looking for help and would like to add your name to one or both rosters. Full training is provided. Won't you consider serving St. Andrew's as an acolyte and/or usher? Please contact Anne to volunteer or if you have any questions.

**Acolytes Needed** – with six young people away at college, the number of those serving at the 10 AM service has diminished. And the 8 AM service has just three serving. There is no age limit for serving as an altar assistant.



**Ushers Needed** – Help is needed at both services. Ushering at services is a great way to serve.

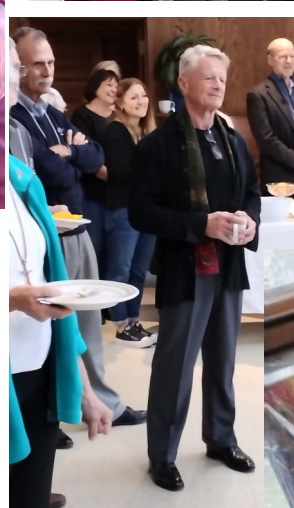
***The Outreach Commission*** meets in person on the first Thursday of even-numbered months to receive and consider suggestions for our *Last Sunday* offering. We have agreed that our efforts should be focused on humanitarian needs, both domestic and international; and we welcome suggestions from parishioners. At our meetings we discuss potential recipients and decide who among us will do the required research and the writing.

Committee members are Elizabeth Lowell, Jerry Coogan, Jim Mathias, Russ Potter, Tom Rubin, Becky Rylander and Karen Zurheide. Their contact information is in the 2022 St. Andrew's Parish Directory.





Foyer Groups are now underway following a gathering in the parish hall for a kick-off dinner in September.



In October, pet owners from church and the community gathered on the Town Green for a Blessing of the Animals service (*below*), and we all gathered in the parish hall to mark and celebrate a decade of shared work and witness under Padre Jay's leadership (*right*).



Other recent events not captured in photos (alas) included a special inter-faith service to heed the call of religious leaders in Israel and Palestine for a day of prayer for peace and a well-attended first-time Ladies' Breakfast.

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**Mike Quinn** (expires Jan. 2026)

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**Russ Register**

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**Barbara Smith**

**Susan Schweizer, alter-**  
*nate*

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