



The Saltire

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Oregon Hill
July & August 2018

"The mission of St. Andrew's is to welcome people from far and near to be together as a family in Christ to share the faithfulness of God."

Andrew Answers Our Call



The Rev. Andrew Y. Moore (fourth from left) at St. Andrew's with our Transition Team: (left) Chuck Baur, Pat Bridgewater, Karen Salter and Barbara Ambrose.

by Pat Bridgewater, Senior Warden

After much prayer and discernment, our vestry is pleased to introduce to our patient congregation the Rev. Andrew Y. Moore, our priest-in-charge.

During the search process, the vestry had conversations with candidates who were pre-vetted by the Diocese. The goal was to find the one priest that God was calling to St. Andrew's. The vestry believes they accomplished that goal.

Andrew graduated from the University of Indiana with a Bachelor of Arts in theatre performance. He later earned a Master of Divinity from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University with an additional diploma in Anglian Studies. He has served as curate at Christ Church Greenwich

in Ct., and the associate priest/interim rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Goochland, Va.

Andrew has also worked as a member and director of marketing of a non-profit regional theatre in Memphis, Tn., as a camp chaplain at Shrine Mont and a camp spiritual director in Chicago. For two years, Andrew was the director of Youth and Family Ministry at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis.

Parishioners have been enthusiastic about Andrew's call to our parish.

Saltire editor Belinda Harris likes the style and content of his preaching.

"When I received the vestry announcement that they had

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selected Andrew as our priest-in-charge, I went immediately to St. Mary's website to listen to one of Andrew's sermons (loved it!) and to read a brief bio (loved that, too!). Then I did a happy dance to celebrate the prayerful, deliberate work of our vestry. Andrew and our family of God have already begun the next chapter at St. Andrew's."

Vestry member Dale Holcomb had a positive first impression of Andrew.

"When I arrived for our meeting with Andrew, he made an immediate good first impression, which I thought was a good sign. When we started talking as a group, Andrew was warm, pleasant and very present in our discussions. I felt comfortable, and I appreciated his easy-going demeanor. It is hard to explain a gut instinct, but just like I knew St. Andrew's was

the right church for me the first Sunday I came here, I knew in the first five minutes that Andrew was right for us as our priest-in-charge. He just felt like family. Also, Andrew was very interested in St. Andrew's and had done some research on our parish and community. I appreciate the enthusiasm he shared for some of the opportunities we have for ministry and further service in our community. I have a feeling God has great plans for Andrew at St. Andrew's, and I am excited to see them revealed and will be proud to be a part of it. I didn't need further convincing, but his closing prayer was heartfelt and inspiring, and for a split second, he reminded me of someone else we love and miss."

Parishioner Mary Lou Ivey received an email from a friend about Andrew.

"The subject line for the email was "YOU ARE SO LUCKY!" Well, now, that certainly got my attention! My best friend from college had written to forward the announcement by St. Mary's that

Andrew Moore had accepted a call to St. Andrew's! She suggested I access St. Mary's website and listen to one of Andrew's sermons posted under the Resources tab. She told me that listening to Andrew preach was like having a personal sermon – as if he knew precisely what had been on her mind that week. My son's godmother, also a member of St. Mary's, talked about his insight and calm and thoughtful approach. My heart is filled with joyous anticipation of Andrew's arrival and being an important part in our faith journey to walk ever closer to the Lord."

Senior warden Pat Bridgewater credited the work of the Holy Spirit in the search process.

"How grateful I am to Andrew for hearing God's call to join with us. How grateful I am the Holy Spirit appears consistently to us and shows us the way. Thanks be to God indeed!"

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that this note finds each of you well and that you are enjoying the many blessings of summer!

I am eagerly anticipating joining the St. Andrew's community in August. The call to serve in your midst came as a wonderfully delightful surprise. From my first conversation with your vestry it was clear that this was where the Holy Spirit was leading me next.

I look forward to walking alongside you, sharing the joys of your ministries and the



The Rev. Andrew Y. Moore on Pentecost at St. Mary's

challenges that lie in your paths. I am eager to discover what God is up to in Oregon Hill and how we can serve each other and the world around us. But most of all, I look forward to getting to know you all.

You remain in my prayers during this period of transition and expectation. And I hope you will pray for me as I bid farewell to the beloved community here at St. Mary's and prepare to enter into ministry at St. Andrew's.

Grace & Peace,
Andrew+

Parish Thanks Vestry for Its 'Faithful, Fruitful Labor'

by Karen Salter, Transition Team

Now that we have found the priest God is calling to lead St. Andrew's into the future, it is time we give thanks to the good God who loves us and for the faithful, fruitful labor of our vestry. Alleluia!

Thank you to our senior warden Pat Bridgewater for leading and scheduling the vestry through the process of learning how priests are called, determining the gifts and graces needed in this time in the life of St. Andrew's, and discerning the priest who possesses them. With a cheerful, patient, diligent spirit, Pat has also scheduled our

supply priests and organists, managed the ongoing ministry of the church and written countless correspondences and updates.

Thank you to our junior warden Chuck Baur who has assumed more than the usual leadership roles, managed our contracts with Sprint and T-Mobile, overseen the installation of the kitchen in our former vesting room, hosting more than his fair share of lemonade-on-the-lawn and other hospitality events (along with his gourmet cook and baker wife Elaine, the Sultana of Sweets), serving on the Personnel Committee to hire our new office assistant, and

more, also with a cheerful, patient, diligent spirit.

Thank you to our vestry members - Ally Getlein, Holly Harris, Maura Higginbotham, Dale Holcomb, Erin Bell Kutsko, Paige Trivett and Michael Williams - who have worked many additional hours to prepare for and call our new priest Andrew, in addition to managing the ongoing needs and ministry of the church, supporting the programs of the church with their presence and keeping the grounds around our church beautiful with flowers and plants.

We are so blessed by our leadership. Thank you all. Thank you Lord.

Office Assistant Joins Us July 24

by Chuck Baur, Junior Warden

Our Personnel Committee is pleased to welcome Britton G. Trimble as St. Andrew's new office assistant beginning on Tuesday, July 24.

The committee is comprised of Chuck Baur, Mary Lou Ivey and Steve Salter.

Born and raised in Gloucester County, Va., Britton has family roots extending back to the 1600s. She has lived in Old Church, an area of Hanover County, since 2002 with her husband Jim, who is an environmental consultant.

Britton sings first alto and second soprano in the choir at St. Thomas's, Richmond. She



Britton G. Trimble

received a BA from the College of William and Mary in 1988 and an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University

in 1993. Previous workplaces include Tompkins-McCaw Library at MCV-VCU, University of Richmond's Boatwright Library and her husband Jim's environmental consulting firm. In every place of employment, Britton has enjoyed helping others.

As a child, Brittany attended Bellamy United Methodist Church in Gloucester and Bethany United Methodist Church in Gloucester Point with her family. The liturgy of the Episcopal Church and a primary-school association with Ware Church, Gloucester, began drawing her in. Singing in the

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William and Mary Choir expanded her love and knowledge of Anglican choral music. She was received into the Episcopal Church in 1993 while a member of St. James the

Less, Ashland.

Britton has served as a delegate to Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia and usually serves as a teller for the annual convention. Britton's other diocesan service includes working with the Liverpool-Virginia Youth Pilgrimages in 2012, 2013 and 2017.

Britton's hobbies outside of church and church music include reading, swimming, gardening and serving as staff to three cats.

Britton is excited about meeting each of you and will join us during a future St. Andrew's Church service. We know she will receive a warm St. Andrew's welcome.

Icon by Simone Martini Honors Rev. Abbott Bailey

by Howard Wells

Many will recall that for several years St. Andrew's maintained a shrine in our chapel containing a French Renaissance portrait of the Madonna and Child.

This painting was removed during the renovation of our chapel to accommodate a more flexible space not only for worship but fellowship and meetings as well. A number of our parishioners commented on the absence of the Madonna and Child painting as the shrine had become a place of private prayer, reflection and contemplation.

St. Andrew's is restoring this previous designation with a beautiful icon, which is a detail from an altarpiece dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria, circa 1319. The icon was painted by

Italian painter, Simone Martini (1284-1344).

Martini was a major figure in the development of the International Gothic style. This beautiful image was chosen for its depiction of the Madonna and Child atypical of the western tradition of a fair-skinned Mary and Jesus. For St. Andrew's this particular icon celebrates God's diversity in humankind.

Episcopalians enjoy a long history of recognizing Mary as someone important in our theology. Often referred to as *Theotokis*, which literally translates as God-bearer, Mary is found elevated in prayer, song and word throughout our liturgy as well as our prayer book. Perhaps most importantly, she is an esteemed model for responding faithfully to God. At

a time when the role of women in the world is being questioned, there certainly could be no better example of excellence than we have in Mary. As a final note of interest, while Roman Catholics revere Mary and often exhibit her alone, the Anglican tradition is always Mary with the Christ Child.

Icons in general are considered gateways to the Holy. Hopefully, either individually or with someone, you will find a quiet time to sit, pray and contemplate the place of mothers in your life.

Fittingly, this icon of Mary and the Christ Child was dedicated on Mother's Day. It was given in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Abbott Bailey during her tenure as rector of St. Andrew's Church.

Grace on the Hill Takes a One-year Hiatus

by *Christine Baur-Millward*

Pause. Refresh. Recommit.

Six years ago, St. Andrew's was blessed with our Grace-on-the-Hill program. Abbott working with the Diocese made our GotH program possible. We have been blessed with amazing interns, work sites, church volunteers and help from the Diocese.

This past year, St. Andrew's has been through and is still going through many changes. After much thought and prayer, our newly formed GotH Committee has concluded that a time of reflection is necessary before moving forward with the

program; therefore, St. Andrew's will not host Grace-on-the-Hill interns in the coming year.

Our GotH Committee will take pause to get to know fully all aspects of what the program means to St. Andrew's and how we can better serve our future interns and our church.

The GotH Committee will refresh our knowledge about the program and get more involved as a group with the Diocese. We have much to learn in order to be the best GotH advocates, mentors and interpreters of the program to our fellow parishioners. This next year will be spent

rebuilding the program in order to set us up for success.

Before the spring of 2019, our GotH Committee will be ready to undertake all that is involved with recruiting interns and setting up mentors and work sites so we may recommit to the Diocese and the Grace-on-the-Hill program. We would like to be able to communicate effectively what the program is all about with everyone at St. Andrew's and for all aspects of the program to be transparent and clearly understood.

St. Andrew's is still in the program and working with the Diocese. We WILL be back.

FOR THE RECORD

Baptized May 20

EMELIA ANASTASIA FORTI-VARGAS & JOSEPHINA MARIE FORTI-VARGAS

daughters of Ramón & Katherine Forti-Vargas

MAGNUS WILLIAM MARUNDÉ

son of Michael & Elizabeth Marundé

PAISLEY GRACE STEVENS

daughter of René Ferrucci & Carolyn Stevens

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

In memory of **MAE BASS & MABLE DAVIS**

A bequest from the Ben Ransom estate

In memory of **BROOKS CLEMENTS**

Martha Clements

In memory of **KAREN EVANS**

A bequest from the Karen Evans estate

In memory of **Russell Buchanan Rowe**

Howard Lerch

Clergy Vesting Room Transformed into Kitchenette

Have you seen the kitchen?
No, the other one!

The church has a new kitchenette off the chapel, complete with a new sink, refrigerator and shelving. Since the chapel had been renovated—now offering inviting space not only for worship, but also meetings, fellowship gatherings and even special events like our art show last year—the vestry realized we needed better access to a kitchen.

So the clergy vesting area was moved to the sacristy, the old sink was replaced, a refrigerator brought in, old shelves scrubbed (and scrubbed and scrubbed) and new movable shelving installed. There is even a new cart to facilitate moving items to and from the kitchen in St. Andrew's

House. Many, many thanks to Howard Wells for facilitating this project!

As we do have this new capability, our esteemed junior warden, Chuck Baur, has requested that those using the chapel and kitchenette pay special attention to keeping them clean and in good order. When you and your group next use the chapel and kitchenette, please be sure all food is put securely away and that the sink and all surfaces are clear of crumbs and spills. Chuck asks that you check the carpet and let him know if we need to have it vacuumed, especially so before Sunday services in the chapel.

Do stop by for a look. The transformed space is amazing and will allow us to offer so many more ministries at St. Andrew's!

Kitchenette

New

Sink

Refrigerator

Shelving

Keeping it nice

*Put all food securely away
On leftovers, mark date used*

Clean the sink

Clear all surfaces

*Let Chuck know about
vacuuming*

What Is EfM?

by Kay McCall

Education for Ministry helps us understand how we are called into relationship with God, neighbor and creation wherever we are – at home, at work, in all the places we spend time. In EfM we study scripture and Christian history. We worship together. We talk, we listen, we get serious and we have fun.

Developed by the School of Theology, University of the South in Sewanee, TN 40 years ago, the program is divided into

four years. However, participants commit only to one year at a time. At our weekly meetings, we reflect on our readings, our questions and the events of our lives. Books are supplied with tuition. There are no tests or papers, but snacks are usually involved.

St. Andrew's EfM group is a vibrant community. We meet once each week for two and a half hours from September to May. There is a tuition; scholarships are available. We would love to have you join us.

If you would like more information about EfM at St. Andrew's, please contact Kay McCall at kay.mccall@comcast.net or 836-6191. More information about EfM generally is available at <http://efm.sewanee.edu>.

When Barbara sends us into the world to love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, what does that look like and how do we do that in the places we live and work? EfM provides time and space to ponder those questions. Curious? Join us!

Stewardship for All Seasons

by *Chris Cantanzaro*

Kay McCall recently inquired about a brief article regarding stewardship for this issue.

What?!

How do we approach stewardship when we aren't asking everyone to dig deeper into their pockets? It turns out to be very simple.

First, consider the theme "All things come of Thee, O Lord." All of the "things" that come of our ministry are too numerous to mention in a brief article. One of the most

immediate, however, is the vestry's diligent word toward discerning our new priest-in-



charge. This is just one example of our coming together in service toward the life and ministry of the church.

Offerings of time and talent occur before, during and after every service at St. Andrews, as well as throughout every week. Let's be grateful for these many expressions of stewardship, whether it's through service as a choir member, usher, treasurer, bookkeeper, and the list goes on.

Let's tell others that we are indeed grateful for their service, and let's consider how each of us may be called to serve more fully in the ministry to God. Indeed, "All things come of Thee, O Lord."

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Sunday Summer Worship

Holy Eucharist
at 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Coffee hour follows
10 a.m. worship

Parish Office Closed Mondays

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday
July 18 & Aug. 22
at 6:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's House

Laundry Ministry

Wednesdays
1:30 - 3 p.m.
at BP Station Laundromat
1920 West Cary Street

Soup Kitchen Ministry

2nd & 4th Saturdays
July 14 & 28; Aug. 11 & 25
from 8-10:30 a.m.
at St. Mark's
Episcopal Church
Contact
Karen Wittich for info
kwittich@jtcc.edu

Softball Team

Monday, July 23
Playoff games
at Henderson Middle
School
on Old Brook Road
The team greatly
appreciates fan support,
so find a place
in the bleachers
and cheer on our team!

St. Andrew's: A Place to Call Home

by *Celal Kamran*

Erin and I first visited St. Andrew's the spring of 2016. We had just accepted the offer to live in the Grace-on-the-Hill community, and we wanted to see what we had gotten ourselves into.

I was anxious to put it lightly, terrified about what I was leaving behind: a college and church community that I held dear to my heart. It was where I had met and fell in love with Erin. It was where I learned about and grew with God. I was scared of leaving it behind. In fact, I did not feel much better after the service. Even though the service was beautiful and the people

were welcoming, Erin and I wept. We could not possibly know the beauty of this community from one service and one visit. It takes time to grow in relationship and grow into a place.

And that is exactly what happened. I grew in my faith and in the relationship with people around me. I discerned further and was accepted into postulancy for the priesthood. As I learned about the past and present bonds that hold this community together, a bond that even transition cannot unravel, a strange thing happened. I feel my heart bonded to St. Andrew's. I feel rooted in this place. I can

easily call St. Andrew's my home.

July is my last month at St. Andrew's before heading off to Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. I am anxious about leaving my church home behind, but I know the bonds I have with this place will stay with me. I will take St. Andrew's to my next home.

Thank you St. Andrew's for welcoming me into this community even though it was for a short while. Thank you for the care and support so many took in my discernment to the priesthood. Thank you for giving me a place where I could learn, grow and give. I love you and I thank you all!



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