

# NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S July—August 2016

**Jay's  
Say**

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The Vestry, the elected leaders of St. Andrew's Church, had an "away day" in April. Framed by worship at the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (the Episcopal Monastery in Cambridge, Massachusetts), our time together included bible study and a session with Bishop Rob.

The parable of the talents (Luke 19.12-26) is an awkward story. To church leaders, it suggests that even if we're satisfied with our church, God may not regard the present state as fixed and final. There are new risks to be ventured because the church is not in business to *preserve* but to *grow* and *transform*.

As we reflected on our partnership with Epiphany Church in Newport, Bishop Rob helpfully suggested that we ban the word "help" in relation to Newport.

We entered into a partnership with Epiphany when we agreed to share Kelly as the Curate of Sunapee. As a growing congregation, we needed another pair of ordained hands on deck but couldn't afford a full-time minister. Kelly spends roughly two thirds of her time serving St. Andrew's and a third serving Epiphany, and we pay two thirds of her stipend. We're getting a great deal, and so is Epiphany.

I was clear in our proposal to share Kelly that a Rector and Curate might be the right level of staffing for both churches in the long run. With the recent retirement of the Rev'd Alice Roberts, the Vestry of Epiphany Church has a decision to make sooner than expected. Do they want to retain their status as a parish and call their own priest on a part-time basis? Or do they want to enter into a closer partnership with us and share clergy in some sort of team ministry?

At the same time, St. Andrew's has a decision to make. Do we want to plough our own furrow, or do we want to tend the vine in collaboration with Epiphany? Over the summer, Canon Hannah Anderson (in secular terms, Bishop Rob's chief of staff) will be working with Epiphany and St. Andrew's to help us discern the way forward.

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***From the Parish Register***

**Baptism**

*June 26*

***Chloelynn Hague Blinn***

**Memorial Services**

*May 14*

***James Henry Moore***

*June 16*

***Marge LeClair***

**Confirmation**

*May 10*

***Austin Tyler Brown***

***Margaret Sophia Greenwood***

***Katherine Marie Kelly***

***Tobias Asher MacLeod***

***Emilie Anne Major***

***Emelia Grace Potter***

***Sophia Elizabeth Snaith***

***Erin Lillian Wheeler***

***James B. Woodley***

**Received**

*May 10*

***Sally Marie Asher***

***Elaine Diana Bernier***

***Joseph Michael Daly***

***William Francis Kelly IV***

***Lisa-An Carville Kelly***

***Keith Allen Thomas***



Tyler Beck	1
John Chiarella	1
Bill Kelly	2
Cristine Van Vranken	2
Charles Kane	3
Frances Wilson	3
Jeanne Edwards	6
Rich Snaith	6
Jacqueline Thompson	6
Shirley Avery	7
Dot Gordon	7
Chloe Midgett	8
Gregory Vogt	8
Annie Tilley	10
Neil Atkins	12
Troy Densmore	12
Kate Kelly	12
Ann Denny	14
Stevie Spina	14
Joseph Kun	15
Nonie Reynders	15
Rob Bryant	17
Mel Vulgamore	19
Richard Palmieri	22
Claire Pace	23
Jerry Coogan	27
Anne Hall	27
Adrienne Kerwin	29
Susan Clark	31

***Parish Birthdays***



Madison Snaith	1
Julie Boardman	2
George Sutherland	4
Alan Deale	7
Julia Koumrian	9
Becky Forbes	10
Jeremy Kellett	10
Libby Phillips	15
Kathryn Potter	15
Ann Feeley-Kieffer	16
Kathleen Hunter	17
John Tilley	17
Erin Wheeler	18
Priscilla Ohler	19
Janet Miller Haines	20
Tricia Tilley	21
Michele Frenkiewich	22
Jacob Densmore	2
Janie Webster	24
Anne Beck	26
Bobbie Hambley	28



**Phillips Brooks Partnership 2016**

Summer is here and we will once again host two groups of inner city kids from the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program of Harvard's Phillips Brooks House. They will be coming on **12-13 July** and **25-26 July** to camp out on Mt. Sunapee and enjoy all the summer activities we have to offer. This is our chance to introduce them to the joys of life in the country! If you haven't looked over the sheets listing ways you might help, please do so — and sign up if you can help in one or several ways. More information and final plans can be obtained from Becky Rylander or Nola Jordan.

*Jay's Say, continued*

Parishioners are asking good questions: What would the financial implications of a partnership be? Might Kelly and I be drawn away from St. Andrew's too often? What might Epiphany's pattern of worship look like? Would their church building be a financial millstone? All of these are good questions that must be addressed.

At the same time, there is another angle of approach: what is God seeking to do in the Sunapee area and how might God's mission best be served? As Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, reminds us, "it's not the Church of God that has a mission but the God of mission who has a Church." Mission – God's plan to transform us and the world – comes first, and our job is to discern what God is trying to do and to get on board.

In every church that I have served I have learned this anew: "Start with the church and the mission will probably get lost; start with mission and it is likely that the church will be found."

**SUMMER FAIR 2016**

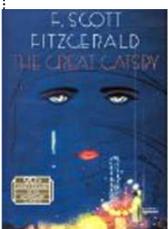
We are in the countdown of final days before our annual Summer Fair on July 2, a major fundraiser for our church. So much of the planning and coordination occurs during the spring time. This includes collecting and storing countless items for the White Elephant table, books and CDs for the book tables, and creating hand-crafted gifts by members of the Craft Group. As the date approaches we need publicity and signs, baking and berry-picking and soliciting donations. The collected books, CDs and "white elephants" need sorting and pricing, and there needs to be organization for the annual Dog Show.

We reserve tents and request permits from the town for signage and for the use of Town Green property. Friday, July 1, will be hectic with many volunteers helping to set up tents, tables, chairs, signs, BBQ grills and the Dog Show arena.

Countless hours by many volunteers makes this Fair happen. As Saturday dawns, we pray for delightful weather and crowds of customers. Whatever the financial outcome of the Fair, the effort on the part of our congregation results in an "awesome encounter" for us, our neighbors and visitors each year. —*Harvey Best*

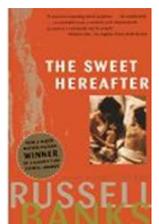
***Novel Theology Update***

Please join us in reading and discussing the following at 7 PM, in the parish hall, on the dates shown. Your thoughts for next year's reading list are welcome: literature that shapes our understanding of ideas like love, compassion, forgiveness, redemption; in other words, those markers we encounter in following Christ.



July 13: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Ann Lang)

August 10: *The Sweet Hereafter* by Russell Banks (Jay MacLeod)



## Sunday School

Our Sunday School classes have continued to follow the lectionary through Easter and Pentecost in our Whirl curriculum. We learned to have faith that God is with us in all circumstances and calls us to act on his behalf through our studies of Saul's (St. Paul's) conversion, Peter raising Tabitha, and Paul and Silas in prison. We have learned more about the triune nature of God as we studied the Holy Trinity and the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives as evidenced at Pentecost. We also learned more about God the Creator, the beginning and end of all things, through our study of the Alpha and Omega. The Whirl curriculum materials are relevant for all ages and focus on applying faith in daily life and addressing the questions and challenges of living out our faith.

With the class year concluding on June 12, we recognized and acknowledged our faithful volunteer teachers and shepherds on June 19, grateful for their contributions and support of Christian education for our youth! Throughout the summer, the 10 AM services will be All-Age worship; in these services, families will assist Jay or Kelly in planning, presenting and serving.

Following the annual church picnic on September 18, classes will begin again on September 25. When Sunday School is in session, children leave the 10 AM worship service at the end of the Gloria or first hymn.



Six young adults from Sunday school attended a Confirmation Retreat and were later confirmed by Bishop Rob (see p. 2). Pictured left to right: Austin, Toby, Margaret (first row), Kelly, Erin, Kate, Sophia (second row), Bishop Rob, Emily, Jay (third row)

## Faith Adventures

Faith Adventures special events this spring included a "Lock-in" sleepover at the church on May 29. We attended the 5 PM service, shared a meal, sang and played the piano, had Bible study and executed "The Great American Egg Drop." The "vehicle" created by the group to successfully cushion the egg as it catapulted to earth is pictured at right. The "landing" occurred with only a little raw egg leaking...



There was also a movie, and flashlight tag played with great gusto. After sleep we breakfasted and cleared out before the first Sunday morning service. The Faith Adventures group earned more than \$1,500 for the homeless. They donated \$900 to the counseling program at The Upper Valley Haven and the rest to the Kearsarge Food Pantry.

Our final meeting of the year, a barbeque on the beach, was held on June 26 with swimming, boating and other fun activities. We will resume our Faith Adventures meetings in September. We look forward to growing in our walk with Christ, supporting one another, sharing lots of good times, and welcoming new members to our group. – Ellen Yenawine

## The Wardens' Words: Ah, Summer!

School is out. We look forward to warm days spent where the New Hampshire weather is receptive to outdoor living without the heavy burden of heat and humidity with which many of us "flatlanders" grew up. And some of us have even been fortunate enough to spend vacation days up here in the bliss of New Hampshire summer!

For many of us, after yearning for the freedom of summer vacation, when it comes, we're at loose ends, and wind up filling our days with activities – lacking any real direction. The risk here is that at summer's end, we might wind up asking ourselves "where did the time go?"!

Keeping our mission in mind,

*With St. Andrew and all our companions in faith,  
we are learning to follow Jesus in the way of love.*

St. Andrew's offers us so many ways to break free of the summer ennui. If we view vacation as an opportunity for renewal, change and growth, we are given golden opportunities:

- ◆ Our grand summer community event – the summer fair. By the time you read this, we hope you are about to enjoy (or have enjoyed) participating in this annual event. It's a lot of work, but it brings much happiness to our local community.
- ◆ Our mission can be sharply focused like introducing inner city youths to the joys offered by rural New England via our hosting of two overnight camping trips (our Phillips Brooks Partnership events), which are coming up real soon. It takes a village to complete these successfully, and there's plenty for everyone to do. Please see the sign-up sheets in the hall at Gould Road or speak with Becky Rylander or Nola Jordan if you'd like to help.
- ◆ Feeding our hungry who seem to live in the shadows unless we just look a little harder. Our next trip to Concord to feed the hungry at the Friendly Kitchen is scheduled for late July. Please stay tuned for more on opportunities to either prepare or serve food there. Or contribute to the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry. Items for that can be placed in the box in the hall at Gould Road.
- ◆ Be present with our friends at Epiphany/Newport as they work to discern their path ahead.

Above all, enjoy the summer! – *Becky and Richard*

### Building and Grounds Report

- ⇒ Our church bell has been silent for too long and repairs are "in the works."
- ⇒ We anticipate installation of ceiling fans in the church worship space.
- ⇒ The choir area has new overhead track lighting with LED fixtures.
- ⇒ A recent incident involved the fire department responding to a call due to "haze" and strong electrical smell from a storage room in the church basement. An overhead fluorescent light fixture was the suspected cause. As a result we will have an electrician perform a survey of all our wiring to uncover and repair any exposures.
- ⇒ On-going projects include painting of restrooms and exterior building areas as needed.

## The Curate Considers: Watching and Working

A few weeks ago now, a young officer from the New London Police came by the church on Gould Road around lunch time. He explained that the local police were visiting local businesses, offering posters about a program that uses the tag line, "If you see something, say something." We took a few minutes to talk, introducing ourselves to each other, and I asked him how long he'd been an officer, and what had drawn him to the work. "Helping people," he explained. That, he said, has been at the core of his identity, even from the time he was a boy.

By the time you read this, the poster I chose from his selection of three options will be hanging in the parish hall...along with a copy of these thoughts.

The poster encourages folks to "**Report suspicious activity to local authorities,**" and lists phone numbers not only for our local police, but also for the NHIAC, which is essentially New Hampshire's affiliate for Homeland Security. The bottom line, a bit of research revealed to me, is that the "See something, Say something" campaign is linked to a very particular sort of vigilance, towards terrorism.

What persuaded me to accept the officer's offer to display a poster at the church was the second phrase on the particular one I chose, which reads – and in a larger type size than the line about suspicious activity – "**It takes a community to protect a community.**"

There is a truth there, a very practical one, and I want to honor that. It's absolutely true, as the state agency's website points out, that it's the locals who know best what's normal, and what's not: "Citizen vigilance plays a vital role in preventing terrorism and other criminal activity...It means noticing what is around you and recognizing when something is out of the ordinary. The people who know the most about a neighborhood are the people who live there." There's no question that a healthy partnership between a community and those who enforce its laws can promote safety and even save lives.

Even so, I want to call our attention to something else as well, a shadow side of this vision of a community protecting itself and its own. We know this, how quickly the creation of an "us" generates a "them," and how very prone we are to nurture that sense of "us-ness" by distancing and diminishing the "not-us." All too often we divide the world into "us" and "them," and far too often we distrust, we suspect, we fear that other, whoever they might be.

Since my conversation with the young officer, 50 people died by gunshot in Orlando, Florida, and as many again were wounded. The wounded, and 49 of the dead, were shot by the 50th, who was killed by the Orlando police. It mattered, when the churches in Newport gathered for a prayer service a week after that shooting, that the names of all 50 were read, and all 50 prayed for. All of them – **all of them** – are beloved children of God, and not just the dead, but the wounded, and the traumatized; the club patrons, and the police officers, and even us, who wonder how to live in a world where violence – all sorts of violence – breaks in, again and again and again.

But: Being reconciled in and through Christ, our work as followers of Jesus, learning to follow him in the way of love, is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." The Church pursues that mission, our Catechism continues, "as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love . . . through the ministry of all its members" (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 855).

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*The Curate Considers . . .*

The work of reconciliation is slow, and it can be difficult, and it may be painful, and it may even be frightening. And we acknowledge that the fullest manifestation of justice, peace, and love is something that will happen in God's way, and in God's time. That truth, though, doesn't excuse us from working towards that vision, even when it can feel complicated to live as citizens of a town, a state, a nation, **and also**—by virtue of our identity as followers of Jesus—as citizens of God's kingdom. We hear the angels' words, "Do not be afraid," and yet we fear. We work to secure our worldly safety, and yet we pray (in words from the Prayerbook service of Morning Prayer) "Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety" (BCP 97).

Can we hear the poster's call for community, for attentiveness, and for action—hear it and to respond to it as citizens of God's kingdom? Just to begin with the list from chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel: Look around the neighborhood: Who is hungry? Who is thirsty? Who is a stranger or naked or sick or in prison? And who is lonely? Who needs mental health care? Who needs treatment and support in addiction recovery? Who needs proof—through what we say and what we do—that God loves them? Could the "something out of the ordinary" we keep watch and work for be signs of God's reign of justice, peace, and love making its presence known? Peace, *Kelly*

**Did you know? There is a link to our Soundcloud site where you can access our sermons:**

[St. Andrew's Episcopal Church | Free Listening on SoundCloud](#)

Check it out whether you missed a sermon or want to review what you heard!

## Calendar of Events

### July:

**2** (Saturday) - Summer Fair, 9 AM to 2 PM (*see p. 3*)

**6** (Wednesday) - Taizé travelers return

Weekly cookout on the patio, 5:30 PM (ALSO July 13, 20 and 27)

**12-13** (Tuesday-Wednesday) and **25-26** (Monday-Tuesday) — Phillips Brooks Partnership (*see p. 2*)

**13** (Wednesday) - Novel Theology, 7 PM: *The Great Gatsby* (*see p. 3*)

**22** (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen

### August:

**3** (Wednesday) - Weekly cookout, 5:30 PM (ALSO August 10, 17, 24, 31)

**10** (Wednesday) - Novel Theology, 7 PM: *The Sweet Hereafter* (*see p. 3*)

## . . . More Events . . .

**Tuesday/Thursday** 8 AM Morning Prayer (OSA)

**Monday to Friday** 12 Noon Midday Prayer ▼ **Mondays** 6 PM Meditation

**First Tuesdays** 8 AM Pastoral Care Coordinating Team (*except* 8:30 AM July 5)

**Wednesdays** 10 AM Music & Memory

**Thursdays** 10 AM Thursday Tots, 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Outreach Corner

Our next visit to Friendly Kitchen is Friday, July 22. Watch for the sign-up sheet to see how you can help. Many thanks to Jay, Asher, Peg and Joe Daly and Janet and Chris Heyl who served our dinner in May.



LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are now available. If this will be helpful to you to fully participate in the worship service, please ask the usher for a large-print bulletin.

The **Crafty Critters** of St. Andrew's — and results of their hours of work throughout the year — can be seen (and items purchased) at our Summer Fair July 2.

Mark your calendars for our fall season start up: Tuesday, September 6. Then we will be working on projects for the St. Nicholas Fair in December. We meet in the church Parish Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 each Tuesday morning.

We welcome one and all. If you are not sure who we are or what we do please come by for coffee and see what is going on. If you have an idea for a craft project we would love to hear about it. We are always looking for new and different items to make and we welcome new members.

If you have any questions contact Rosie Best or Barbara Smith.

### A St. Andrew's Quiz

(Answers can be found on our website at <http://www.standrewsnl.org/index.html>!)

1. Why is the Gospel read from the center aisle?
2. Who painted the icon of St. Andrew that hangs at the back of the church?
3. How long did it take to build our labyrinth?
4. Why are the horizontal pieces in the screen behind the altar arranged as they are?
5. What are the hours for Thursday Tots?
6. What does SASS stand for?
7. How do you contact WishList NH?
8. Where do you find what gospel lessons come when?
9. What was the color of the rector's ski boots in 2015?
10. Whom do you notify about errors and omissions on the web site? *Who created this quiz???*

Where to look for the answers:

1. Worship>Instructed Eucharist
2. Inform>Art
3. Worship>Labyrinth
4. Inform>Architecture
5. Serve>Thursday Tots
6. Learn> St. Andrew's Story Seekers
7. Serve>More Outreach Opportunities
8. Resources>Lectionary
9. Worship>Skiers' Communion
10. Contact (scroll down the very last line)

**MORNING PRAYER IS NOW SAID  
AT OLD ST. ANDREW'S EACH  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT  
8 AM THROUGH LABOR DAY.**

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