

ST. ANDREW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, the voice is calling us)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake! A voice is sounding"

Wachet auf

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

People Blessed be God for ever.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray,

People Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;

and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Richard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my¹trust in¹you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my¹enemies¹triumph¹over me.

2 Let none who look to you be¹put to¹shame; *
let the treacherous be disap¹ointed¹in their¹schemes.

- 3 Show me your¹ways, O¹LORD, *
and¹teäch¹me your¹paths.
- 4 Lead me in your¹truth and¹teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted¹all the¹däy¹long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your com¹passion and¹love, *
for¹they are from¹ever¹lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and¹my trans¹gressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the¹sake of your¹goodness, O¹LORD.
- 7 Gracious and¹upright is the¹LORD; *
therefore he teaches¹sinner¹s in his¹way.
- 8 He guides the humble in¹doing¹right *
and teaches his¹wäy¹to the¹lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are¹love and¹faithfulness *
to those who keep his¹covenant¹and his¹testimonies.
- 10 For your¹Name's sake, O¹LORD, *
forgive my¹sin, for¹it is¹great.
- 11 Who are they who¹fear the¹LORD? *
he will teach them the¹way that¹they should¹choose.
- 12 They shall¹dwell in prosper¹ity, *
and their¹offspring shall in¹herit the¹land.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 640 "Watchman, tell us of the night"

Aberystwyth

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So

also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory *Adam lay ybounden*

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

*Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.*

*And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written
In their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been
The apple taken been;
Ne had never our lady
A-been heavene queen.*

*Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!*

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

Gluten free wafers are available.

S 156 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover*

Gerald Near

Communion Anthem *God be in my head*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Old English Prayer from *Sarum Primer*

*God be in my head
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth*

*And in my speaking;
God be in my heart
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end
And at my departing*

Communion Hymn 63 “O heavenly Word, eternal Light” *Verbum Supernum prodiens*

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 58 “Lo! he comes with clouds descending” *St. Thomas*

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (Now come, Savior of the gentiles)* J.S. Bach

Please join us after the service for coffee hour.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *Listen Everywhere* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.





The altar flowers are given in memory of
Elsie Johnston Millet, Gertrude Haynes Nesbit, and Gloria Johnston Wiggin
by the Johnston family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week
Altar Guild Laura Brown MacKinnon, Nancy Echlov, Wendy Haering,
Angie Johnson, Ntonhle Kekana, Sarah Klein, and Jen Martin
Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am
Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering
Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am
Acolytes Crucifer, George Raeke; Torch, Abby Dietz; and Torch, Caroline Rankin
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Tad & JoLynn Heuer
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Elizabeth Clarke, Harry Condon,
Sarah Harris, and Suzy Littlefield
Readers Michael Kemp and Karen Pekowitz
Ushers Terry Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin, and Michael Wakefield

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Churches of the Alewife Deanery
Church of Our Saviour, Arlington
St. John's Church, Arlington
Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington
The Standing Committee
Brotherhood of St. Gregory

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church





Icon of the Week

Virgin and Child

Byzantine art shifted away from the naturalism and idealized forms of the earlier Greek and Roman art, toward a more universal, stylized, and abstract form. The theology of the Byzantine icon was based on the idea that the icon was a representation of God, a saint, or a deity, and that when an icon was created, it was infused with the power of the divine. The two dimensions of the icon offer the viewer the opportunity to feel like they constitute the third dimension and, therefore, are part of the icon.

The gold background symbolizes heaven and is meant to represent the divine nature of the figures in the icon. The Orthodox Church believes the first iconographer was the evangelist Luke, and the first icon he painted was the Mother of God holding the Christ-child. Icons of the Son of God with his mother are powerful testimonies to the reality of God's incarnation as a human.

Mary is wearing a veil typical of Jewish women of the period. The veil is red, the color of divinity, while the clothes under the veil are blue, the colors of humanity. This is usually the exact opposite of the depiction of Christ. Mary looks directly at us, yet with her hand she directs us to the infant identified to us as Jesus Christ by the abbreviation IC XC, Jesus, is shown with a scroll, embodying all the wisdom of the true God. The figures are elongated and solemn, with emphasized and deep eyes, long and straight noses and big, thoughtful foreheads. Personhood, represented mainly by the face, is of paramount importance. Both eyes of all figures are visible, even when they should not be.

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."



Family Advent & Christmas Events

Gathering of the Greens

Saturday, November 30, 9:30am

Join us, rain or shine, at the home of Luisa Hunnewell, 845 Washington Street to cut some greens. Bags are provided. Bring your own gloves and clippers. Hot chocolate will be served. Dress warmly.

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 1, 11:15am

Everyone is invited to make Advent wreaths during coffee hour following the 10am service. Bring your own wire wreath rings and candles, or purchase them—\$12 for the ring and \$5 for the candles—cash or check preferred.

Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols

Friday, December 6,

One of St. Andrew's best-loved traditions is the Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols night. There's something for all ages: while the children shop, adults are welcome to some child-free, stress-free Christmas cheer and cookie swapping in the parish hall.

Little Angels' 5:30pm to 6:30pm

No adults allowed! Children (pre-K through grade 5) are invited to purchase small gifts for family members at this beloved gift shop, held in Room 2. Kids in grades 6 to 12 will assist with gift wrapping.

Cookies & Carols 6:30pm

Bring your favorite cookies to share. No time to bake? Come anyway! Pizza and drinks will be provided from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Finally, at 6:30pm caroling! Dress warmly, as we will be caroling door-to-door along Denton Road, spreading Christmas cheer!

Advent Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 8, at 5pm *(will be broadcast)*

This service will include seven readings followed by advent hymns and anthems. This is a candlelit service with Thomas Handel as guest organist. There will be a reception following.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15, 9am gather for 10am service

Christmas pageant participants gather for the pageant at 9am on Sunday, December 15. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.



Christmas & Epiphany Services

Advent Taizé-style Service Sunday, December 1, at 5:30pm *(will be broadcast)*

Join us for 100 flickering candles, chanted prayer, and holy silence. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France (taize.fr/en).

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm

If you or someone you care about has had a hard year and are longing to make room for spirit in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that God's love and grace endure. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or time we are acknowledging. Join us in the Transept Chapel.

Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24, *(3pm & 5pm will be broadcast)*

Children's Service at 3pm

This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cupcakes.

Family Eucharist at 5pm

This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's. The service ends with the church darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

Holy Eucharist Choral Service at 10pm

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet.

Christmas Day Services Wednesday, December 25,

Church Service 10am

A relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

Barn Service 9am

A service of carols, readings, and prayers among the hay bales, and animals. At the red Hunnewell Barn on Washington St.

Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner Sunday, January 5, at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner.



Outreach Holiday Projects

During the Christmas season, we are called to remember and be generous to those facing financial poverty. Our outreach ministry invites you to make donations in the following ways.

Gifts of Love 2024

The season of giving is upon us and we are gearing up to offer gifts to St. Stephen's, our sister church in the South End. The money we collect for *Holiday Dinners* goes a long way:

- We buy turkeys and all the traditional trimmings and treats to be delivered the week of Thanksgiving.
- Christmas gift bags for seniors, including hand-knitted hats and scarves from St. Andrew's stitchers and decorated home-made cookies from the congregation.

You can put your generous check in the envelopes scattered in the pews or you can enter your gift via Realm.

Circle of Hope

Circle of Hope wants your gently worn, warm winter coats, all sizes, shapes, and colors are welcome. It's getting cold outside so please downsize your closets to those in need. Collection boxes are in the narthex (entry way) and the parish hall.

The Giving Tree

At the rear of the church every year, a Giving Tree rises. This year it will be out on **Sunday, December 1**. Please take a tag or contribute in another way listed below.

- Children at St. Stephen's are given the chance to ask for specific gifts. You can take a tag, purchase your gift, then put it under the tree **by Wednesday, December 11**.
- Diapers for Bridges to Moms at Brigham and Women's: diapers are a constant and an expensive need for these women.
- "Welcome Home" gift cards for Family Promise families who are moving to their own homes.

Alternative Gift Fair (AGF)

For over 20 years we have offered parishioners a fresh way to give gifts to family and friends *without shopping and wrapping!* You can choose to feed, educate, provide shelter and warmth through our list of projects. The AGF sheets will be in the pews and online starting **Sunday, December 1**. You will get pretty gift cards on **Sunday, December 8** to give to your loved ones. Donations will be accepted until the New Year.



Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

Church School Today

Today, children of all ages will be invited to a combined church school class in the **children's chapel**. Kids' Place will be open for our infants and toddlers. We can use some extra hands from our Rite-13 class to help with the younger children.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, **December 1**, Margaret will lead a class on *The Taizé Community: 21st Century Soul*. Join us **in the Room 2 or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). Next **Sunday, December 8**, *Silence: A Medieval Practice We Need in 2024*, presented by Joanna Horobin. Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Parking on Denton Road

In this holiday season, please be very careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!

Confirmation Class

There will be confirmation class **Monday, December 2**.

Youth Group

- **Sunday, December 1** NO meeting
- **Friday, December 6 from 5pm** Help with the Little Angels' Gift Shop and join in with Cookies and Carols.
- **Sunday, December 8** Attend Lessons & Carols and help with reception.
- **December 15 Café Night** Have dinner, watch a Christmas movie, write Christmas cards, and get ready for the holiday season.
- **On break until January 5, 2025** when we resume with the Epiphany Fireside Service. We will need readers and a preacher for this service. Any volunteers?

Advent Lessons & Carols Reception

Lessons & Carols is a wonderful choral concert followed by a candlelight reception in the parish hall that will take place on **Sunday, December 8 at 5pm**. We need your help to make it festive and inviting. Please consider providing finger food appetizers (no dips), some crudités, or a sweet treat. Set up and clean up help is also welcomed. If you can help, please contact [Wendy Hae-ring](#). You may drop off your ready to serve food in the kitchen prior to the concert.

Request for Payment or Reimbursement

The requests for payment or reimbursement forms have been updated and are available in the copy room mailbox, now on green paper. When filling out a request form, please be sure to put the applicable ministry to be charged and attach receipts. *In order to comply with auditing guidelines, all reimbursement requests must be submitted within 30 days of purchase.* This allows us to have our financial records better reflect the proper timing of expenditures. Checks are cut and mailed weekly with a slight delay for larger amounts. Contact me with any questions or to receive an emailed copy of the form.

—Joanne Butler

Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following best practices to complete your pledge(s):

- **Stock donations** Please have stock donations processed **by December 9** and send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2024 Pledge, 2025 Pre-paid Pledge, etc.)
- **In-person** Drop in the collection plate **by December 29** or at the church office by noon on December 31.
- **Online Realm or website** If paying by credit card, please process your request **by December 26**. If paying by ACH, process **by December 26**. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2024 statement if received in 2025.

- **By mail** Please mail by **December 16** to allow for holiday mail delays.

For your 2024 pledge balance, log in to *Realm* and go to “Giving” where your payments and balance will be listed. **For 2025**, you can set up automatic payments within *Realm* specifying the amount and frequency as well as a start and end date to have your pledge payments paid and recorded. Please reach out with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew’s! —Joanne Butler

Name Tag Reminder

Please remember to wear your name tag and introduce yourself to one another. If you need a new name tag, please reach out to membership@standrewswellesley.org. If you ordered nametags, you will find them on the small white board in the narthex.

Your Realm Account

Realm is our database, our giving platform, and our online directory. All our parishioners are there, and pictures of individuals are included! If you do not have an account, you will have received an invitation to join during the last week. The invite came from *St Andrew’s Episcopal Church notifications@onrealmmail.org*. Please look in your spam or junk email box if you do not see it. **Please ask Kate Clark for help if you need it.** There is also an **app** for your phone called **Realm Connect**. Look for it in the App Store or Google Play Store.

Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agreed to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such

activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.

For any questions or more information about photos and usage please contact Katharine Clark

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

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- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** is offered online **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at 12pm is the deadline for all materials** to be included in the bulletin and/or by email, for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



Regular weekly meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • 9am adult Christian learning • **8:55am** Kids' Place • **9:45am** church school programs • **11am** coffee hour • **6pm** youth group

Mondays • 4:30pm confirmation class

Thursdays • 12pm beginner's Bible study • **5pm** children's choir rehearsal
• **7:30pm** senior choir rehearsal

Sunday, December 1

9am coffee hour for 8am worshipers
11am wreath making at coffee hour
5:30pm Advent Taizé-style service

Tuesday, December 3

6pm boxwood Christmas tree workshop

Thursday, December 5

9:45 am church school committee

Friday December 6

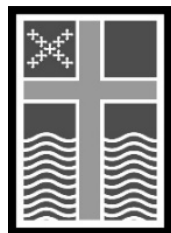
5:30pm little angels' gift shop
6:30pm family cookies & carols

Saturday, December 7

8am men's bible study

Sunday, December 8

11am alternative gift fair
5pm Advent lessons & carols



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