

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Below, Allie Forsythe holds her 4-month-old daughter after the 9 a.m. service on her first Easter. Dad Jared and her big brother joined them, as did Allie's parents, Pokey and Scott Gales.



Above, children wave their Alleluia banners high as they process in to the church after resurrecting and decorating the Alleluias they "buried" on the last Sunday in Lent.

Christ-centeredness, authentic worship among parish's greatest strengths

This is part one of a two-part series looking at the results of our recent ReMissioning Church Health Assessment.

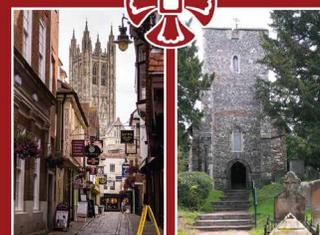
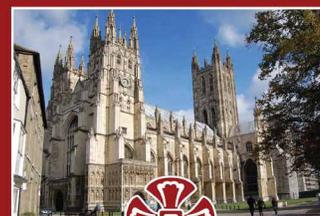
St. Andrew's greatest strengths are its "Authentic Worship," "Christ Centeredness," and "Kingdom Generosity," according to the results of the church health assessment parishioners were invited to participate in earlier this year.

Fr. Ron Baird and the St. Andrew's Vestry met this past week via Zoom with the Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge, director of Anglican Revitalization Ministries for the American Anglican Council (AAC), to discuss the results of the survey and look at ways we can more effectively achieve our mission and purpose. Our parish-wide Lenten study of Canon Mark's book, "Revive: Bringing Health, Vitality, and Growth Back into Your Church," was a great first start.

St. Andrew's rated 4 or better, of a possible 5, in the areas of Christ-centeredness, authentic worship, and Kingdom generosity. This is good news in light of our long-held purpose statement: "We exist to worship God and be

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The Daily Lectionary

The Week of the Third Sunday of Easter

May 1-7

Sunday, May 1 (Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles)

— A.M.: Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 2:1-9,14-19,24-37;
Luke 2:22-51 P.M.: Psalm 147; James 4; John 1:43-51

Monday, May 2 — A.M.: Psalm 148; Deuteronomy 3;
Luke 3:1-22 P.M.: Psalms 149, 150; Job 30; James 5

Tuesday, May 3 — A.M.: Psalms 1, 2; Deuteronomy 4:1-18,24-40;
Luke 3:23-38 P.M.: Psalms 3, 4; Job 31:1-23,35-40; 1 Peter 1:1-21

Wednesday, May 4 — P.M.: Psalms 5,6; Deuteronomy 5;
Luke 4:1-30 P.M.: Psalm 7; Job 32; 1 Peter 1:22—2:10

Thursday, May 5 — A.M.: Psalm 8; Deuteronomy 6;
Luke 4:31-44 P.M.: Psalm 10; Job 33; 1 Peter 2:11—3:7

Friday, May 6 — A.M.: Psalms 8, 11; Deuteronomy 7;
Luke 5:1-16 P.M.: Psalms 15, 16; Job 34:1-15, 21-28,31-37;
1 Peter 3:8—4:6

Saturday, May 7 — A.M.: Psalms 12, 13, 14; Deuteronomy 8;
Luke 5:17-39 P.M.: Psalm 17; Job 35; 1 Peter 4:7-19

Next Sunday, May 8 — A.M. Psalm 18:1-20; Deuteronomy 9;
Luke 6:1-19 P.M.: Psalm 18:21-52; Job 36; 1 Peter 5

Lectionary for the 4th Sunday of Easter · May 8

First Reading: Acts 13:14b-16, 26-39 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.);
Revelation 7:9-17
(11:15 a.m.)

Psalm 100 (BCP 398)

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: John 10:22-30 (All)

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Encouragement for your time with God

Sins are burnt up in the fire of Divine Love. “The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. (*Psalm 29:7*) “O Lord, your hand is lifted up, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed. Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.” (*Isaiah 26:11*)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team

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Lilies yours for the taking today

Lilies from Easter Sunday are available today for anyone who would like to take one home. Please feel free to take a lily or two to anyone whose day you'd like to brighten, as well. Lilies left after today will be disposed of this coming week.

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Have you updated your Member Connection profile with your latest contact information and set your privacy settings to allow your St. Andrew's family to view your address, birthday and anniversary? Go to standrews.onechurchsoftware.com to review and update your profile. Forgot your password? Click on “Forgot password?” Don't yet have an account? Click on “Register.”



Above, Fr. Ron Baird anoints and blesses Jacquie Wallace during communion on Easter Sunday in preparation for serving as a prayer intercessor with Mary Alice Busick, pictured in blue.

Intercessors available to pray with you at 9 a.m. Sunday service

Prayer teams are once again available to offer the Sacrament of Holy Unction— the administration of oil with the laying on of hands and prayers for healing— during communion at the 9 a.m. Sunday service. They are stationed to the left of the altar near the band equipment.

You may seek prayer for personal cares and concerns, concerns for others, or offer thanksgivings for God's blessings. All prayers are confidential.

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Moderator Samuel Mankhin and the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Church of Bangladesh.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. Joe Boysel, Deacon Aaron Rowley, and the people of Holy Trinity, Hudson, Ohio.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Caryl and Dean Gatton; Melissa, Tony and Josh Gutierrez; and our Greeting Card Ministry.

A Prayer for the Selection of a Rector: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at standrewspolaris.org under the “Scripture & Prayer” drop-down menu (you don't need to log in to submit a prayer request); or call us at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, and we'll pass your request along to the Prayer Chain.

Graduating?

We want to recognize you!

St. Andrew's would like to help mark this very special milestone in the lives of the members of our parish who are graduating from high school, college or other degree program. If you, a child or a grandchild is graduating this year, please contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-549-5112, ext. 3 to be included in "The Net's" graduation notes. Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from, and their plans following graduation. If they are a college graduate, please also include their degree.

Pictures are welcomed and encouraged, and are best submitted as full resolution jpeg photos by email to Judy at the above address.

Acolyte Training next Saturday, May 7

There will be an acolyte training next Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to Noon in the Sanctuary. All current acolytes, as well as those who are new to the ministry, are strongly encouraged to attend. Parents should watch for an email later this week with details.

If you are interested in being an acolyte but haven't yet talked to Fr. Ron please contact him at rbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-549-5112, ext. 2.

Giving statements emailed Friday

Giving statements for the period beginning Jan. 1 and ending April 30 were emailed Friday. Please look over your statement carefully, and contact Business Manager Rachel Cherubini at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, or rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org with any questions or corrections. Corrections are easier to make now than later in the year!

Refugee Welcome Team update

Thanks to all who attended last weekend's presentations from the St. Andrew's Afghan Refugee Welcome Team. The team is finalizing a volunteer schedule for activities such as cultural assimilation, driving, English language, employment, and education. The activities should pick up this month after the Muslim Eid holiday on May 7.

In addition to sponsoring a six-member Afghan refugee family, the Welcome Team has provided assistance to a single mother and her six-year-old son, who are recent refugees from Rwanda. The family is Christian and the mother speaks English. We will provide updates, but don't be surprised if you see them at church later this month!

If you have questions about the Refugee Welcome Team or want to volunteer, please contact any team member: Carlo and Rachel Cherubini, 740-971-7741; Jackie and Jim Menke, 614-361-4329; Eric Emery, 614-405-4179; Fr. Shane Tucker, 740-548-5112 ext. 4; or Pat Schmitz, 614-204-7080.

He is Risen

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good stewards of his creation." When the church affirms these areas as our greatest strengths it means we are:

- effectively reflecting and proclaiming Jesus Christ in all that we do as a church, and understand that what God has done for us and who we are in Christ is foundational to becoming a thriving church;
- actively engaging in personal and corporate worship through dynamic worship that offers a personal and corporate encounter with the living God; and
- living out the reality of good stewardship, teaching members to be good stewards of their God-given resources, and fostering a strong Biblical view of stewardship in all aspects of life.

We also ranked high (3.7) in the area of spiritual formation, meaning that we teach the importance of spiritual disciplines to make and grow disciples of Christ, place a healthy emphasis on discipleship, and understand its importance for vitality.

In other areas we received ratings of 3.6 for lay mobilization, 3.5 for covenant community, 3.4 for effective systems and vision clarity, and 3.3 for leadership development. Our lowest average score was 3.1 for missional impulse, defined as being actively engaged in mission locally and globally, and placing a high priority on reaching the lost with the message of Jesus Christ. Still, the survey results found that we see the need to reach the lost and have taken action toward fulfilling this mission.

For each of the 10 areas the survey measured, the ReMissioning consultants gave us some concrete steps to help us more effectively live into our mission to "transform the world through Christ—one heart at a time—by bringing all people into membership in the family of God, welcoming them fully by assimilating them into the life of the church, discipling them to follow Jesus and equipping them for ministry." We'll look at those steps, as well as give a more detailed break-down of our scores, in next week's edition of "The Net."

Seventy-five people completed the survey, which is 34.56 percent of adults on our active roles in 2021. This is slightly higher than the average response rate of 33%, according to a 2018 study published on surveyanyplace.com. Of the 75 respondents, more than half were ages 40 to 60-plus, and almost half had been members of St. Andrew's for more than 10 years.

Anglican Heritage Tour planned for October

Fr. Ron and Judy Baird invite you to join them on an Anglican Heritage Tour of England this fall. We plan to depart Columbus on Sunday, Oct. 9 and return on Friday, Oct. 21.

This pilgrimage is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the riches of the Anglican Church in England, and come away with a new appreciation of the heritage of faith that is yours.

The Church has existed in England since the 1st Century A.D., long before the Roman Catholic Church sent St. Augustine to Canterbury 1,427 years ago. This exclusive pilgrimage will take us back to where it all began. Can you hear the chanting of monks in ancient cathedrals? Can you see the royal coronations in Westminster Abbey? Can you imagine yourself sitting down with C.S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and other members of The Inklings literary discussion group at the University of Oxford?

A highlight of the trip will be a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, the Mother Church of Anglicanism and one of the oldest and most famous Christian structures in England. Before the English

Reformation the cathedral was part of a Benedictine monastic community known as Christ Church, Canterbury, as well as being the seat of the archbishop. Thomas à Becket—then Archbishop of Canterbury—was martyred there in 1170 by knights in the service of King Henry II as he knelt in prayer during evening vespers.

While in Canterbury, we'll also visit St. Martin's Church (pictured in the lower right of the graphic on the front page), which is recognized as the oldest church building in Britain still in use as a church, and the oldest parish church in the English-speaking world. St. Martin's was established as the private chapel of Queen Bertha of Kent before St. Augustine arrived from Rome in 597, and Queen Bertha's pagan husband, King Æthelberht, was baptized there by Augustine soon thereafter. Along with Canterbury Cathedral and St. Augustine's Abbey, St. Martin's is part of a World Heritage Site.

From there we'll be writing our own Canterbury tale as we trace the

footsteps of the masons who laid the stones for some of the greatest cathedrals in England, Anglicanism's earliest pilgrims, and some of our Church's greatest theologians. We'll visit Salisbury Cathedral, home of one of the four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta, and whose spire has been the tallest in the United Kingdom since 1561; Glastonbury Tor, the site of legends surrounding Joseph of Arimathea, the Holy Grail and King Arthur; and the ruins Coventry Cathedral, whose haunting beauty inspires a powerful message of reconciliation. In these and other places, you're sure to be moved by the sheer majesty of our Anglican story. We'll also visit many of the famous sites in England, including the Tower of London, Churchill's War Rooms, Stonehenge, and more.

Please consider joining us in England this fall, and watch for further details, including the complete itinerary, in a tour brochure available next Sunday. You may also contact Fr. Ron at rbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 2 or Judy at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3 for more information. **We need 12 people to make the trip a go!**



When: Depart Columbus on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9; arrive at London's Gatwick Airport the morning of Monday Oct. 10. Depart London on Friday morning, Oct. 21, and return to Columbus that evening.

Cost: \$5,206 per person, which includes airfare. A 30% deposit is due by June 30, with the remainder due by August 15. A single room supplement is \$850.

What's included: Hotels with breakfast daily; dinner eight nights (dinner three nights in London is on your own); ground transportation and tour manager; and entrance and admission fees to all sites included on the itinerary, with the exception of a suggested donation at St. Martin's and at Ripon Cathedral, where we will attend church on Sunday, Oct. 16.



At left, beneath the Resurrection banner in the Sanctuary, Lori Cornett and Ann Schnapp, along with guest trumpeter Martin Williams, perform with Minster of Music John Holsinger, hidden behind the organ, on Easter Sunday. See more photos from HolyWeek and Easter, along with our service day at Westerville Area Resource Ministry, next week!