

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, May 15, 2022

## Study exploring 'Thirty-Nine Articles' begins this week

Fr. Ron Baird will be begin a new class on the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion beginning this Sunday, May 15, during the Adult Forum. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join Fr. Ron between services—from about 10:15 to 11 a.m.—in the Sanctuary for what will be his last Adult Forum teaching before his retirement.

A requested topic in comments made on the recent Church Health Assessment, the Thirty-Nine Articles have since 1571 expressed the foundational principles of Anglican belief. The Anglican Church in North America, in the Fundamental Declarations of the Province, upholds the Articles as expressing the Anglican response to doctrinal issues and fundamental principles of authentic Anglican belief. The Jerusalem Declaration, adopted at the Global

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Children's Chapel soloists lift their voices in song during a heartwarming Mother's Day presentation last Sunday. See the back page for details.



**Anglican Heritage Tour**  
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The brochure for the Anglican Heritage Tour, which Fr. Ron and Judy plan to lead this coming October, is available this Sunday! Copies are at the Information Desk, and online at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org). Simply click on the button in the slider on the home page. 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 Daily Lectionary

The Week of the Fifth Sunday of Easter · May 8-14

**Sunday, May 15** — A.M.: Psalms 32, 36; Deuteronomy 16; Luke 9:1-17 P.M.: Psalm 38; Ecclesiastes 1; 1 John 3:1-10

**Monday, May 16** — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-17; Deuteronomy 17; Luke 9:18-50 P.M.: Psalm 37:18-41; Ecclesiastes 2; 1 John 3:11—4:6

**Tuesday, May 17** — A.M.: Psalm 40; Deuteronomy 18; Luke 9:51-62 P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Ecclesiastes 3; 1 John 4:7-21

**Wednesday, May 18** — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; Deuteronomy 19; Luke 10:1-24 P.M.: Psalm 44; Ecclesiastes 4; 1 John 5

**Thursday, May 19** — A.M.: Psalm 45; Deuteronomy 20; Luke 10:25-42 P.M.: Psalm 46; Ecclesiastes 5; 2 John

**Friday, May 20** — A.M.: Psalms 47, 48; Deuteronomy 21; Luke 11:1-28 P.M.: Psalm 49; Ecclesiastes 6; 3 John

**Saturday, May 21** — A.M.: Psalm 50; Deuteronomy 22; Luke 11:29-54 P.M.: Psalm 51; Ecclesiastes 7; Acts 1:1-14

**Next Sunday, May 22** — A.M.: Psalms 52, 53, 54; Deuteronomy 23; Luke 12:1-34 P.M.: Psalm 55; Ecclesiastes 8; Acts 1:15-26

## Lectionary for the 6th Sunday of Easter · May 22

**First Reading:** Acts 14:8-18 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Revelation 21:1-4,22-22:5 (11:15 a.m.)

**Psalm 67** (BCP 350)

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-4,22-22:5 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** John 14:21-29 (All)

## Encouragement for your time with God

Our parents gave us a certain name. What is the name God has given you? "Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name." (Isaiah 49:1) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Archbishop Tito Zavala, his wife Miriam, and the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Church of Chile.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** The Very Rev. Brian Wolthuis, the Rev. Deacon Tim West, and the people of All Saints, Holland, Michigan.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Jan and David Johnson; April, Jay, Indigo, Elsie and Pippin Jordan; and our Godly Play Children's 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.*

**Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at [standrewspolaris.org](http://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](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org) or 614-423-4250, ext. 103 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 also welcomed and encouraged, and are best submitted as full resolution jpeg photos by email to Judy at the above address.

## Reserve your plot in the Community Garden now!

The Community Garden is now open and ready for planting!

Please reach

out to Carlo Cherubini ([cherubinicarlo@yahoo.com](mailto:cherubinicarlo@yahoo.com) or 614-327-2317) to confirm your plot if you had one last year and would like to have the same one again this year, or to be assigned a plot for the first time. And go ahead and share the info with friends and neighbors!



## First donation drop-off day for fall rummage sale is this Sunday, May 15

The first donation drop-off time for the fall sale, to be held in conjunction with the Harvest Festival will be this Sunday, May 15, between the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. Household goods, decorative items, children's books and toys, all in good condition, are welcome. There will be no clothes, furniture, or electronics accepted for this sale.



# A final look at measuring our parish's church health

*This is the final article in a three-part series looking at the results of our recent ReMissioning Church Health Assessment.*

Fr. Ron Baird and the St. Andrew's Vestry met in April with the Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge, director of Anglican Revitalization Ministries for the American Anglican Council (AAC), to review results of our recent ReMissioning Church Health Assessment. Canon Mark expressed his belief that overall the report from Asbury Theological Seminary, which administered the survey, reveals that St. Andrew's is in an ideal position for growth going into the transition of leadership to a new rector when Fr. Ron retires at the end of this year.

The report encouraged us to continue to evaluate every program and ministry through the lens of Christ's gospel message, and to continue to build on the foundation of our mission and purpose statements.

In the first two articles in this series we looked at our congregation's strength level related to Christ-Centeredness, Authentic Worship, Kingdom Generosity, Spiritual Formation, Missional Impulse, and Leadership Development. This week we look at the remaining four of the 10 health factors for thriving churches measured by the health assessment. They are Vision Clarity, Covenant Community, Effective Systems, and Lay Mobilization.

- Vision Clarity (3.4 of a possible 5): Our congregation "appears to embody the vision of the church." In this area, our church received the highest scores for having a clear and compelling mission and vision based on the Great Commission, and for our ministries flowing out of our mission and vision.

The report suggested that we continue to solidify the church's vision at leadership gatherings such as our St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone (SALT), through preaching and teaching, and in printed materials and media, as we do in the weekly bulletin, on our website, and in "The Net" through articles and photographs highlighting how our ministries are living out our vision.

- Covenant Community (3.5): The report found that our members understand the importance of fellowship for community. We scored highest in the areas of making Bible reading and exploration an integral part of our small group/Sunday School gatherings, and fostering a welcoming environment in our small groups/Sunday

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## Prayer intercessors available on Sundays

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.

School for newcomers.

To ensure that our congregation continues to embrace the importance of a covenant community the report suggests we evaluate our small group and Sunday School ministries to see if they are meeting the needs of the congregation, provide training for leaders in how to successfully host and run a covenant discipleship group, and cast a vision for these covenant groups to be a part of the church's overall discipleship strategy.

- Effective Systems (3.4): Based on our scores, our church appears to operate efficiently and in a fluid manner. Survey respondents believe our ministry programs and systems work together, and we scored the highest in this area in our members' understanding of the organizational structure of the church and in actively and efficiently planning for the longevity of our ministries.

***We exist to worship God and be good stewards of his creation. Our mission is 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.***

The report suggested that we evaluate our current systems and structures to assure that they reflect the vision of the church and serve its most important needs; empower our leaders to speak up with their ideas and suggestions; and develop a

detailed plan for the church's goals for the next three to five years, with an eye toward the possibility of hiring new staff or creating new ministries as needs arise.

- Lay Mobilization (3.6): According to the report, our church understands the importance of empowering the laity for the work of the Body of Christ. We scored highest in helping our members identify and use their gifts in the church; clearly and consistently communicating the importance of church membership; and encouraging members to work together as a team

To make sure our that our church's laity continue to thrive as a vital part of the church's mission, the report suggested we evaluate our current lay ministry involvement; establish clear and strategic ways for recruiting, training, empowering, and mobilizing volunteers; and champion lay ministry from the pulpit and honor those who serve our church.

Fr. Ron and the Vestry express their appreciation to all of you who participated in the Remissioning Church Health Assessment. The information gleaned from the survey report appears to show that we are effective in many areas that will help us plan for continued vitality in the future.

# Picnic for young families

## Sunday, May 29

Parish families with children still living at home are invited to gather for a picnic lunch after the second service on Sunday, May 29. We'll officially kick off at 12:45 p.m. We plan to grill outside and utilize our picnic tables. The younger children can enjoy the new playground equipment scheduled to be completed the day before.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other families in the church who are a similar stage of life and may share common interests!

Each family is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The parish will provide meat, buns, condiments and drinks.

We'll also have some sports equipment and games available for



youth and children to enjoy.

If the weather is bad, we'll hang out in the Gathering Area and put on a movie for the younger kids in the Room 101 where the middle school students meet on Sunday mornings.

We would like an RSVP from families

planning on attending no later than Thursday, May 25. You may RSVP to Fr. Shane Tucker at [stucker@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:stucker@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5112, ext. 4. You may also leave a message with Rachel in the Parish Office at 740-548-5112, ext. 4.

## Thirty-Nine Articles

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Anglican Future Conference in 2008, upholds the Articles as “containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God’s Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.”

The Articles went through at least five major revisions between 1536 and their finalization in 1571 following the coronation of Elizabeth I and the re-establishment of the Church of England as separate from the Roman Catholic Church. Today, the Articles form part of the Books of Common Prayer used by the Church of England, the Anglican Church in North America and the Episcopal Church in the United States, and other denominations in the worldwide Anglican Communion and the Continuing Anglican Movement.

You may read the Articles in full beginning on Page 772 of the Book of Common Prayer 2019, available as a free download and for purchase at <https://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net>.

## Volunteers, donors asked to gather for Afghan Mission ‘family photo’ today

The Service Team of St. Andrew’s would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated their time, talent and treasure to help the Momand family from Afghanistan. We would like anyone who has helped in any way (even volunteers we have not been able to use yet) to join us this Sunday, May 15, between the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services for a group picture.

We would like to show the family how many people are involved in the effort to help them resettle in Columbus, not just the few they see on a regular basis. We will meet at 10:50 a.m. in the Narthex and take the picture between the Adult Forum and the band warm-up.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped or is currently helping to make the Momand family welcome in Columbus.

**Our children, under the direction of Minister of Music John Holsinger, rehearsed for weeks in Children’s Chapel for last Sunday’s Mother’s Day presentation at the 9 a.m. service. Was there a dry eye among any of the moms when these children—so earnest in the offerings of praise to God—lifted their voices in “Worthy?”**

