

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SOUTH YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORT
2023

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AGENDA - 57th ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2024

- Call to Order
- Rector's Remarks
- Acceptance of Minutes
- Warden's Report
- Treasurer's Report/Acceptance of Budget as approved by Vestry
- Presentation by the Nominating Committee
- Election of Officers/Vestry members
- Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Deanery
- Gratitude to Outgoing Vestry Members
- Other Business
- Adjournment



DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted by Diocesan Convention, November 2021



God created us to be:

Disciples of Jesus. We gather to break bread in Jesus' name, praying to become the Body of Christ in the world. We come together across all ages—children, youth, adults, and elders—to teach one another about Jesus' redemptive way. We invite our neighbors to know Jesus, proclaiming the Good News by what we say and how we live.

Seekers of justice. We recognize the dignity and inherent worth of every person, and we work to build communities where all people find fairness, compassion, and the freedom to live fully. We persevere in resisting evil, not just our own sins but the deep, structural sins of racism and oppression perpetuated in our name. We turn to the Lord for the grace to create honest dialogue, lasting transformation, and true reconciliation.

Protectors of creation. We cherish the wondrous works of God and strive to protect the beauty and integrity of all living beings. We recognize that our greed and thoughtless consumption has placed us at odds with the needs of our created world. We respond to the crisis of our climate, using resources rightly and advocating for the restoration of a healthy planet.

WELCOME STATEMENT



Welcome to St. David's - Striving to be disciples in the WAY of Jesus by loving, serving and healing in the Name of God. We the people of St. David's, believe that God's love is expansive and unconditional and that through Christ, God has called us to love one another as God loves us. We welcome all people regardless of gender, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, family configuration or difference of ability. We celebrate the worth, dignity and gifts of every person as a child of God.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2023

Wardens

Don Blackwell, Debbie Hays

Clerk

Janis Rennie

Treasurer

Wendy Katz

Assistant Treasurer

Colleen Weston

Class of 2024

Jim Logan, Steve Mulligan, David Bearman

Class of 2025

Katie Bearse (sub. for George Armstrong), Janet Cardillo, Linda Cranmer

Class of 2026

Nora Monteiro-Hunt, Kent Steinnagel, Robin Ward

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Becky Alden, Robin Ward, Alternate: Janet Cardillo

Cape Cod Council of Churches Delegate

David Weston

Cape and Island Deanery Delegates

Becky Alden, Robin Ward, Alternate: Janet Cardillo

CLERGY

Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Diocesan and The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, Assistant Bishop

Rector

The Reverend Andrea S. Taylor

Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. David M. Angelica

Deacon

The Rev. Marilyn A. McMillan

STAFF

Music Director- John Read

Parish Administrator - Nancy Slater

Sexton - Leonard Heaney

Financial Administrator - Eloise Swain Harmon

Church School Director - Elexxis Smith (Jan-Nov)

56th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - January 29, 2023

The 56th Annual Parish Meeting of St. David's Episcopal Church took place in person (and via YouTube) on January 29, 2023.

The following Vestry members and officers were present: Rev. Andi Taylor; Wardens Bill Lickfield and Debbie Hays; Vestry Members George Armstrong, Linda Cranmer, Nick Heaney, Wendy Katz (Treasurer), Jim Logan, Nora Monteiro-Hunt, Steve Mulligan, Janis Rennie (Clerk), Colleen Weston (Assistant Treasurer). Absent: Tom Kuebler, Janet Cardillo, Kent Steinnagel.

There was a quorum as 75 parishioners were present. (The YouTube video had 7 viewers.)

After a hymn, the Collect and scripture readings, Rev. Andi Taylor, recalling recent readings from Acts in Bible Study and reflecting on the Beatitudes in today's Gospel, asked us to consider all the times we've heard "Here I am." in scripture. When we say "Here I am.", that's the meeting point; it is in those moments that we find connection. Sometimes God is challenging us and we rise to say, "Here I am!" to answer His call. Other times, it is us, in need, calling God and saying, "Here I am."

Bill Lickfield called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

Rector's Report:

Andi said St. David's is a place where we say, "Here I am." During the recent difficult years, we have been flexible and resilient in serving one another. Andi cited the many contributions our parishioners make to each other, the Yarmouth community and beyond (Food Pantry, DYECH Cards, TakeAway Meal, Paper Pantry, Thrift Shop, etc.).

We are blessed that David Angelica led a group of parishioners in the course *From Life into Life* in July, agreed to be on our masthead as Priest Associate, and will cover Andi's sabbatical. The Spiritual Formation Group continues to keep our feet to the fire addressing racial justice (and as other congregations may not be addressing this, we need to invite others to join in our efforts). Finally, Andi is looking forward to the pilgrimage (8 members going) to Wales celebrating the 900th anniversary of St. David of Wales' canonization.

As we continue to say

"Here I am." to God,

"Here I am." to community,

"Here I am." for whatever work is put before me....

we face a two-part challenge to make sure our ministry continues. We need to increase legacy gifts and strengthen our ability to welcome those who walk in our door. "Here I am." St. David's is a place where we belong and can be of use in God's service.

Andi then invited new members to the front of the church as well as anyone who wished to re-affirm their commitment to St. David's mission - striving to be disciples in the Way of Jesus by loving, serving and healing in the name of God.

After the Prayers of the People and The Peace, the meeting continued.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting, as written in the Annual Report, were accepted.

Warden's Report: The Warden's Report can be found in the Annual Report. Debbie drew everyone's attention to the hats on the ends of the pews, which symbolize the many hats parishioners wear.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Katz gave the Treasurer's Report, which can also be found in the Annual Report. Wendy thanked the Assistant Treasurer Colleen Weston and Financial Administrator Elie Harmon. She explained that the Pond Fund has made our recent outside capital improvements possible. Regarding the 2022 report, Wendy said we had expected more of a deficit but had more income than expected and were frugal with our expenses. However, fixed expenses will go up and she encouraged anyone with an idea to increase our income (such as the successful

Valentine Cookie Sale initiated last February) to talk with a Vestry member. We are hopeful that our solar project will move forward and that we will be renting Nelson Hall more often. The Treasurer's Report and the 2023 Budget, as approved by the Vestry, were both accepted.

Election:

Bill Lickfield presented nominations for 2023

- Warden, 1 yr. – Don Blackwell
- Warden 2 yr. – Debbie Hays
- Clerk, 1 yr. – Janis Rennie
- Treasurer, 1 yr. – Wendy Katz
- Assistant Treasurer, 1 yr. – Colleen Weston
- Vestry, 3 yr. – Nora Monteiro-Hunt, Kent Steinnagel, Robin Ward
- Vestry, 1 yr. – David Bearman (finishing Nick Heaney's term)
- Convention/Deanery Delegates, 1 yr. – Becky Alden, Robin Ward
- Convention/Deanery Alternate, 1 yr. – Janet Cardillo

Since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to have the secretary cast one ballot for the whole slate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Welcome gifts were presented to new members David, Robin and Don (Kent was unable to attend the meeting).

Andi placed a rose on the altar in memory of Beverly Saccocia, a Vestry member who passed away in the fall.

Andi and Debbie Hays presented thank you gifts to Nick Heaney and Bill Lickfield (Tom was unable to attend the meeting).

OTHER BUSINESS

Debbie talked about the Memorial Book that is in the cabinet in the back of the church and asked that anyone considering donating \$500 or more for a special remembrance, do so soon as the book will be sent to the calligrapher soon. (It is not sent after every donation, but when several can be done at one time.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m., and our service continued with the offertory, and the Eucharist.

Janis Rennie, Clerk

ACOLYTES

I want to thank all of the 10am Acolytes who serve our God at St. David's Church: Richard Banks, Jonathan Taylor, Julie Grogan, and Madison Doucette who covers both 8 & 10 am. Thank you also to Jackie Fraser at the 8 am and to those who cover when needed. I appreciate your service. We are always looking for new members, young and old; please consider joining us!

Stephen Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD

St. David's Altar Guild is the magic behind the altar. As you enter church for worship services, the altar has been properly prepared by a small, but dedicated cadre of parishioners who quietly work behind the scenes. As we return to some semblance of normalcy, the preparation of the altar, linens and flowers continues to be a bright light in our church. We continue to be aware of and responsive to Covid-19 protocols as they change.

I extend my sincere thanks to our Altar Guild team leaders, Julia Johnson, Jean Blake, Tammy Blackwell, Janis Rennie and special thanks to Assistant Directress, Julia Johnson, for always being ready to pitch in as needed. In addition to our team leaders, thank you to Lori Flannery, Judy

Lundsten, Ken Blake, Carol Carlson, Erin Sullivan and Robin Ward, who helped us through 2023 with positivity and grace. We also mourn the death of Jill Hurley who left us this year to join the ultimate Altar Guild in heaven. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Katie Bearse at 508-681-5574 or talk to any current members. Thank you, also, to all who helped in any way this year to make our services spiritually and visually inviting.



Katie Bearse

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace of Cape Cod has designed cost-free programs that serve children who have an incarcerated family member. They have 2 groups, AG I is for ages 8-11 and AG II for ages 12-15. The highlight for the year is the annual one week residential camp in August at the South Shore YMCA camp in Sandwich for the AG I group. Summer camp for 2023 had 18 campers. We had three St. David's volunteers actively involved in the camp.

During the year, the Program Director schedules monthly gatherings, including, but not limited to ice skating, water parks, cookie making, visit to Edaville Railroad, rope climbing, and zip lines.

There are two paid employee positions. The Executive Director and the Program Director who do an outstanding job for Amazing Grace. In 2023, the board approved funding for a part time Director of Development and Communications. Volunteers for mentoring at any of the gatherings and the summer camp are always welcome and are always needed. The organization is supported by donations and grants to Amazing Grace, P.O. Box 636, Centerville, MA. 02636

Judy Hatch

ART EXHIBIT



In April of 2023 we were graced with the exhibit of over a dozen paintings by fellow parishioner Barbara Rockefeller. Barbara is an Independent Arts and Crafts Professional who was head of the Art Department at Saddle River Country Day School, NJ, President of the "Salute to Women in the Arts" group, Publicity Coordinator for the Bergen Museum of Art and Science in Paramus, NJ, Director of Sandwich Glass Museum, and Registrar at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. Several of her works are part of the Cape Cod Museum of Art collection.



THANK YOU, Barbara for the opportunity to experience the beauty of your craft for an entire Easter Season in our Common Room. Thanks also to Jennifer Dawson who helped transport and hang the exhibit, and Nick Heaney whose previous art endeavors raised the money for the display hardware.

Rev. Andi Taylor

AUDIT



As this booklet goes to press, the Audit Committee is scheduling an audit for both the years of 2022 and 2023. While the rector was on sabbatical, this task seems to have fallen through the cracks until we started preparing this report.

2024 BUDGET

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	2023	<i>Actual</i>	2024
Weddings and Funerals	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,990.00	\$ 6,000.00
Christmas	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 9,098.00	\$ 4,000.00
Christmas - prior year	\$ 750.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 700.00
Easter	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,374.00	\$ 3,400.00
Facilities Rental (not AA/NA)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 4,000.00
AA/NA Donations & misc.	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,446.92	\$ 4,500.00
Plate Offerings	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,546.20	\$ 9,000.00
Pledges	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 240,424.00	\$ 240,000.00
Subtotal Income	\$ 269,350.00	\$ 276,279.12	\$ 271,600.00
Stewardship Events Income	<i>Sand Dunes</i>		
Concerts	\$ 300.00		\$ 600.00
Food Truck / Valentine/ Cookie Stroll	\$ 650.00	\$ 5,044.00	\$ 5,000.00
Christmas Fair	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,832.00	\$ 7,500.00
Silent Auction		\$ 2,946.00	
Summer Fair/other events			\$ 2,000.00
Subtotal Stewardship Events	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 15,822.00	\$ 15,100.00
Thrift Shop Income			
Thrift Shop Annex Sales	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,619.00	\$ 4,000.00
Thrift Shop (income - expense)	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 32,067.50	\$ 32,000.00
Subtotal Thrift Shop	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,686.50	\$ 36,000.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 317,300.00	\$ 327,787.62	\$ 322,700.00

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Crafting in preparation for Christmas on Old Main Street.

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Outreach Expenses	2023	<i>Actual</i>	2024
Cape Cod Council of Churches	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 3,500.00
Diocesan Assessment 20%	\$ 6,427.00	\$ 6,427.11	\$ 6,893.00
Community Outreach	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Rector Outreach <i>Food Cards</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Utilities 60%	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,800.80	\$ 14,800.00
Total Outreach	\$ 26,427.00	\$ 27,752.91	\$ 28,693.00
Payroll Expenses			
Deacon			
Deacon Compensation	\$ 300.00	\$ 287.50	\$ 300.00
Deacon Pension Fund	\$ 54.00	\$ -	\$ 54.00
Toal Deacon	\$ 354.00	\$ 287.50	\$ 354.00
Rector			
Rector Housing	\$ 38,900.00	\$ 38,900.16	\$ 38,900.00
Rector Medical	\$ 35,683.35	\$ 35,756.00	\$ 37,296.00
Rector Pension - 18% TCC	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 16,092.00	\$ 16,272.00
Rector Salary/ SECA	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,500.00
Rector Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 798.70	\$ 1,000.00
Supply Clergy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,200.00
Total Rector	\$ 143,783.35	\$ 143,296.86	\$ 146,168.00
Staff Salaries (2024 proposed 5% COL increase)			
Administrative Assistant	\$ 15,314.00	\$ 15,314.16	\$ 16,079.70
Christian Education Director	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,125.01	\$ -
Financial Secretary	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,750.00
Organist	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,512.98	\$ 27,300.00
Supply Organists	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sexton - Nelson Hall add on	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,787.24	\$ 2,500.00
Sexton	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,937.90	\$ 21,525.00
Total Staff	\$ 87,314.00	\$ 87,577.29	\$ 84,354.70
Taxes/payroll - FICA - Medicare	\$ 6,603.02	\$ 6,761.79	\$ 6,361.33
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 238,054.37	\$ 237,923.44	\$ 236,884.03
Total Outreach and Payroll	\$ 264,481.37	\$ 265,676.35	\$ 265,577.03

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Administrative Expenses	2023	<i>Actual</i>	2024
Breeze with fees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,565.31	\$ 1,550.00
Bank Adjustments		\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
Square Credit Card Pymt Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 330.34	\$ 340.00
Equipment Lease RICOH	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,456.24	\$ 5,400.00
Office Expense- paper et al	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,744.77	\$ 4,500.00
InDesign			
Payroll Service Charges	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,287.28	\$ 1,300.00
Postage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 1,300.00
Telephone and Internet	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,837.74	\$ 6,800.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 21,511.68	\$ 21,198.00
Buildings and Grounds			
Trash Removal	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,158.61	\$ 4,200.00
Landscaping	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,681.83	\$ 10,000.00
Safety Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,815.24	\$ 525.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,099.15	\$ 10,000.00
Snow Removal	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,500.00
Utilities 40%	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 9,867.22	\$ 9,800.00
Total Buildings and Grounds	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 40,522.05	\$ 36,025.00
Christian Education			
Adult Education	\$ 600.00	\$ 330.70	\$ 300.00
Church School	\$ 300.00	\$ 165.93	\$ 300.00
Youth Group/ Confirmation			
Total Christian Education	\$ 900.00	\$ 496.63	\$ 600.00
Diocesan Assessment 80%	\$ 25,708.00	\$ 25,708.34	\$ 27,572.00
Hospitality/ Fellowship	\$ 300.00	\$ 351.95	\$ 300.00
Insurance Liability/ Worker Comp	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,233.00	\$ 15,250.00
Meetings and Conferences	\$ 200.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 200.00
Public Relations/ Advertising	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
Total Assess/Hosp/Insur/Conf/PR	\$ 41,458.00	\$ 41,698.29	\$ 43,572.00
Worship			
Altar Guild	\$ 300.00	\$ 676.54	\$ 500.00
Music Budget - Incl. Licenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 576.79	\$ 600.00
Organ Maintenance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,564.24	\$ 2,500.00
worship - other		\$ 229.00	\$ 200.00
Total Worship	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,046.57	\$ 3,800.00
Total this page	\$ 94,658.00	\$ 108,275.22	\$ 105,195.00
TOTAL EXPENSES pgs 2&3	\$ 359,139.00	\$ 373,951.57	\$ 370,772.03
Net Income minus Expenses	\$ (41,839.00)	\$ (46,163.95)	\$ (48,072.03)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



The B & G committee presented an “Ongoing Work” list to the Vestry at its March meeting. This list included a new Nelson Hall kitchen floor. The scope of that work included removal and replacement of the subfloor and replacing the floor surface. It also included uninstalling, removing, returning and reinstalling all kitchen appliances. This has been completed. There is also research being done on purchasing a motorized projection screen as well as a light blocking device for the large octagonal window. For the Main Building, Kent Steinnagel and Don Blackwell replaced the lever door handle on the exterior door entering the kitchen area of the Common Room with a push bar exit device. The

double glass red doors exiting the Common Room into the courtyard are scheduled for replacement. They have been ordered. Windows, doors and shingles on 2/3 of the building have been replaced. Mold, in the basement, resulting from a boiler leak, was removed by the Mold doctors. This was covered by insurance. The bell was removed, repaired, and refinished. Thank you Kent for your work on this. Also, Ken Elliott was a key player in this project. At the writing of this report, we are awaiting the reinstall of the bell. Our prayer is that it will be rung on Easter Day! While the Grounds portion of Buildings and Grounds is constantly changing, some of the projects that were completed include the addition of three handicapped parking signs added between the main building and Nelson Hall and shrubs to the left of the Parish Office were trimmed which made for better visibility



from the street as will as the Handicapped parking signs being more visible. The solar array project is still on. We continue to request updates. It appears that the Historic Committee is the current obstacle. Unfortunately our landscape volunteer work force has “aged out” and we have had to turn to our landscaper. We do, however, hope to hold a spring clean up. Our Memorial Garden is in need of a caretaker. We have had a couple of folks come to trim the grave markers. That is appreciated. Bill and Tami Lickfield have done this for a number of years. They are willing to walk through the process with any interested person or persons.

Don Blackwell, Warden

CAPE AND ISLANDS DEANERY

We approved a \$3037 House of Mercy Grant for Amazing Grace Camp (with any residuals going to them) and Sending Serving Grants of \$2000 for St. David's Take Away Meal and Paper Pantry, and \$2000 for the Holy Spirit, Orleans, Food 4 Kids program. We also accepted a \$100,000 Green Loan application from Grace Church, Vineyard Haven for solar panel construction on their rectory and church. In March we discussed the Invite, Welcome, Connect book that was distributed at the 2022 Convention. Robin Ward and Andi Taylor also led a zoom course on the book for a broader diocesan group from Jan-April. In May we discussed Bishop Gates' retirement announcement, and learned about Grandmothers against Gun Violence. Officers were elected.

Co-Conveners: Rev. Max Wolf (Nantucket) and Ms. Celia Calhoun (Orleans)

Diocesan Council: Rev. Donna Foughty (Harwich Port) and Connie Melahoures (Plymouth)

Secretary : Dicky Allison (Woods Hole); Treasurer: Jean Taft,

(Woods Hole); Tech Advisor: Helen Gordon (Woods Hole)

Dean - Rev. Dan Bernier (Wareham)

Two new rectors were installed this past year:

Rev. Patrick Ward, Orleans

Rev. Brian Raiche, Provincetown.



Rev. Andi Taylor

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St David's Holiday Fair on Old Main Street that was held on the weekend of Nov 11, 2023 was a HUGH SUCCESS !

The Raffle Baskets once again were outstanding and beyond my expectations. Thank you all.

Us Episcopalians are really known for our baking and our cooking. The Apple Pies (40) were sold out quickly. We sold 25 Potato Leek Soup and 25 Pasta Fagioli Soup---thank you Nancy Moyer. Al Frasier, once again your Corn Chowder sold. (I guess we, St. David's, are lucky we were able to pre-buy those items). And Robin Ward, made for the first time, Beef and Bean Chili; and those sold out ! Oh, I forgot the Bake Table. Nora and her team did an awesome job---everything was almost gone by 11:30 or so!



The Mason Jar Soups and Hot Chocolate in the Mason Jar Mug sold well also. As well as the Sweet Pickles, (maybe more ?) The craft table with the knitted and crochet items was popular. Peter's jewelry was a success, especially the Anglican Rosary Beads. The Holiday wreaths sold well and John Latulipe with the help of his Mom Lisa Richardson, sold photo prints and Beeswax Candles.

Grand Prize via the Raffle ticket, Heritage Gardens Aglow, was won by our own Nancy Slater! In the spirit of St. David's, because she was unable to attend, Nancy donated her tickets to a Home Health Aide who was able to take an elderly client who recently lost his wife.

The Holiday Fair group had their first meeting in January and are ready for another SUCCESSFUL event in 2024!

Robin Ward and Kent Steinnagel



COOKIE STROLL

On December 9th over 400 people visited St. David's as part of the annual cookie stroll held by the South Yarmouth Library Association. Over 700 tickets had been sold for this major event. While we did not distribute cookies we did serve as a rest stop, trolley stop, parking area and offered a lunch for purchase. In addition, some of the cookie distributors utilized the kitchen at St. David's to bake their treats for the strollers.

With the recent greening of the Sanctuary coupled with the singing of the choir, along with beautiful creches on display by members of the church people definitely left with a wonderful feeling of Christmas. Hot cider and hot chocolate with candy canes galore added to the festive nature of the church.

Although the fire was not lit due to the warm temperatures of the day, people were invited to sit and relax and to partake in a light lunch of half a turkey/ham and cheese with lettuce and tomato sandwich, a bowl of corn chowder and a bag of chips. Soft drinks were also available for purchase.

The March Room had been transformed into a nicely decorated cafe where the strollers gathered to enjoy the food and the company of others. Due to the large number of people looking to enter there was a waiting line. Perhaps next year we should use Nelson Hall for the luncheon site. Funds from the sales of the items covered the costs of the items and there were funds left over to support St. David's. In addition, it is suggested that a large sign be placed directing people to the luncheon area and that the time for the choir be adjusted to reflect when choirs at other churches are singing. This year the Trolley pulled right into the driveway stopping in front of the doorways to the Common Room. This brought large numbers of people to us. Pamphlets and news letters of services, events and activities were also distributed to the strollers with encouragement to return and see us again. Many strollers also went to the Thrift Shop to purchase holiday items and other fine things. There were several trays of cookies leftover from the sites people visited. Those cookies have been donated to us and we will be distributing them at the upcoming TakeAway Meal and Paper Pantry Programs.

Thank you to all for your support, donations of items and hard work done to make this a success. It is all greatly appreciated. Peace to you and yours,

Richard Banks and Phil Evangelous

CHURCH SCHOOL

I am grateful for the loving care that our Church School Director Elexxis Smith gave to young people on Sunday mornings. In the Spring and Fall, they engaged in prayerful art projects and enjoyed some baking during the 10:00 am service. Parishioners were the beneficiaries of some tasty cookies at Coffee Hour. We all were sad to bid farewell to Elexxis in November as she moved to Tennessee.

In 2024, I look forward to shifting our attention toward "Messy Church" gatherings in which entire families of all ages can play, pray and eat together as we learn about God. I hope our entire parish can work together to help our youngest generation discover JOY in this Beloved Community.

Rev. Andi Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

8 AM Coffee Hosts - We now have a monthly rotation of Coffee Hosts for the 8 AM Service. Thank you to those who help out first thing in the morning.

10 AM Coffee Hosts - All Sundays are now staffed with Coffee Hosts that provide treats and beverages to the attendees of 10:00 AM Sunday Services. Coffee Hour provides an opportunity for new attendees, along with parishioners to learn more about the people and programs at St. David's. Members of this ministry often bake or cook tasty treats ranging from deviled eggs to brownies to share with everyone following the service. The ingredients for the coffee are provided by St. David's, and the Host brews the coffee as needed.

The Host will also do a clean-up of the area at the end of the reception. If you would like to learn more about this Ministry or provide a treat to be shared, please speak with one of the Hosts.

Kathleen and Richard Banks



DEACON REPORT



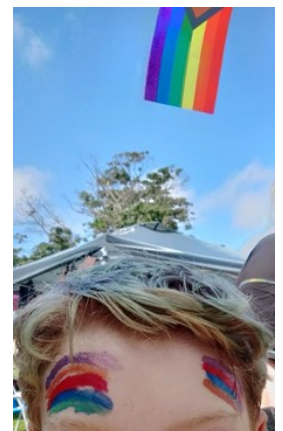
The Letter of Agreement for a Parish Deacon - which is typically signed by the Deacon, the Rector, the Wardens, the Archdeacon and the Bishop, - opens this way: "Jesus is the model for the servant leadership a Deacon is called to exercise in a variety of ways, including encouraging and enabling others to serve. A Deacon has one foot in the world and the other in the church."

For me, 2023 has been another year of feeling so very blessed to serve at St. David's, this loving and energetic community of faithful people. From its very beginnings in the 1970s, St. David's has been committed to addressing issues of the local community and the wider world. Still today our parishioners are leading us into learning about and taking action to address issues as diverse as racial reconciliation, the climate crisis, hunger and poverty relief, health and wellness, LGBTQ+ pride and inclusion, immigrant and refugee rights, and prison ministry. You can read about many of these efforts in other contributions to this Annual Report.

In a year of many highlights, one was our booth at the Cape Cod Pride Festival, first since Covid, on a sunny hot June Saturday on Hyannis Village Green. The middle photo, before the Festival opened, shows Julie Grogan, our face painter, awaiting her first customer and Kent Steinnagel smiling behind a rainbow flag. Kent and Steve Mulligan transported, set up and knocked down our tent over our table. Free drinks and refills of cold water attracted people - particularly those with dogs! - to chat with our volunteers who took shifts at the booth, distributing hand fans and brochures. Rainbow foreheads were the most popular paint jobs (right photo). As one of the few faith-based organizations there, we were thanked for our support by participants of all ages (left photo) as well as by public officials making the rounds of the booths. THANK YOU ALL!

What strengthens and encourages all of us at St. David's to express the love of Jesus in our service out in today's turbulent, troubled world is everyone's attention to nourishing their relationships with God all year round. In addition to regular Sunday worship and partnering with Rev. Andi, our staff and Vestry, this year it's been a joy for me to co-facilitate and learn from our Saturday Coffee with God monthly sessions, our Lenten Quiet Day and Friday Stations of the Cross, our Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle, our summer "sabbatical at home" with Fr. David, our Ministries Fair, and our Advent/Epiphany series "Exploring Spiritual Practices," to name a few. Striving with all of you to be disciples and become apostles in Jesus' Way of Love is truly a "Thanks be to God. Alleluia, ALLELUIA!" experience for me!

Rev. Marilyn McMillan, Deacon





Having some fun at the Mardi Gras party!

DIOCESAN CONVENTION REPORT

The 238th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the MA was held on October 27th and 28th at the Doubletree Inn in Andover, MA. Those in attendance were Becky Alden (Friday and Saturday), Robin Ward and Rev. Andi Suess Taylor on Saturday only.

The Diocesan Budget for the 2024 year was approved in the amount of \$9,024,117. This amount is \$4,225 less than the 2023 budget. Our Parish Assessment for 2024 will be \$34,465. The prior year was \$32,135. This is an increase of \$2,330.

A Resolution recognized The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates', 10th and FINAL Annual Convention. He did remind us that he will still be our bishop until October 19, 2024.

The Standing Committee proposed and passed a Resolution allowing for the Election of the New Bishop of the Diocese on May 18, 2024.

A Resolution was proposed and approved to continue OUR COMMITMENT to RACIAL JUSTICE in the Episcopal Diocese of MA. It was also urged by the Racial Justice Committee that the Budget Committee of the Diocese of MA allot at least \$20,000 per year for the Cathedral Staff Anti-Racism Training beginning with the 2025 Budget.

Another Resolution was proposed and approved to establish a Healthy Congregations Task Force for clergy, lay leaders, and parishioners of our Diocese. This Task Force will include mental health professionals.

It was Resolved that the REPARATIONS FUND will be a long term commitment by our Diocese that will promote "repair for all and redress for those who have been harmed by the institution of American Slavery and its legacies." This committee will be comprised of African American and Afro Caribbean communities of Eastern MA.

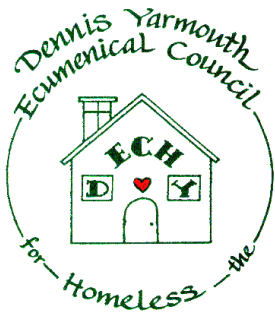
A Resolution was proposed and approved in response to the Convention Address by The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, THAT WE WILL BECOME MODELS OF PEACEFUL RESPECT; that we will CONDEMN VIOLENCE in our state of MA, in our country of the USA, and in the World; that we WILL EXTEND COMPASSION, OFFER AID as needed, and PRAY for ALL PEOPLE of DIFFERENT FAITHS.

An Amendment to Canon 14 was voted upon. It states---Organizations of Parishes, Missions, AND INTENTIONAL EPISCOPAL COMMUNITIES will be given seat, voice and vote at Convention. This amendment was the most interesting, taking nearly an hour for discussion and vote .

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Ward, Delegate to the Convention

DYECH CARING CARDS



It certainly seems that the years roll by quickly. It is again time to report on how we did with the DYECH Caring Card sales at St. David's. I remind you that DYECH is made up of most of the churches and some small businesses in Dennis and Yarmouth. We all try to raise funds to give to HAC (Housing Assistance Corporation) for their Homeless Prevention Program to keep folks in their homes.

We raise funds through our effort in selling "Caring Cards," where a percentage of the sale comes back to DYECH. This program is a "no brainer." as we are all purchasing groceries and we all know how much they have increased. I have noticed that a lot of you folks who used to

purchase \$100 worth of cards, are now purchasing \$200. We all have seen the prices go up and the size/volume of the products reduced.

Again, our objective is to give HAC funds for their Homeless Prevention Program. Many of their clients need some temporary help to remain in their homes. That's where we come in!

Over time, a lot of the fund-raising events we used to have no longer exist. Do you remember the ham and bean suppers with apple pie for dessert? They were great and we made lots of money having them. Like everyone else, we have lost a lot of our "worker-bees", who used to run these events. Our contributions to DYECH now come solely through the sale of our cards.

In 2023 our Caring Card sales at St. David's totaled \$72,705.00. At an average of 5% per sale, that means we gave HAC about \$3,630. Add to that the \$600 we made from the successful Christmas Gift Card Sale we had in December, and that totals \$4,230.00. No one even "broke a sweat" raising those funds, and HAC was MOST appreciative. So, I remind you that we are all purchasing groceries, why not do that with a Caring Card from Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Ring Bros., Dennis Public Market or Peterson's Market. (We also have cards for many other businesses that you may use). We sell these cards after both services on Sunday. We would love to see some new folks purchasing cards and knowing they are helping a wonderful and necessary program. Thank you for all you do for others.

Claire Tyner

EBBS and FLOWS

Deaths in 2023

Jeanne Bates
Janet B. Darling
Nancy P. Hastings
Jill Hurley
June Rose Jordan
Kathleen Martin-Estus
Mary Louise Olander
Linton E. Taber

Baptisms in 2023

Benjamin Scott Campbell
Bruce Jeffrey Desmarais



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry is a four-year certificate program which “provides the framework for the group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading, videos and discussion.” It is a facilitated weekly (Sept.-June) program run by the University of the South School of Theology, Sewanee, TN with local mentors. Our local mentor is Amy Crocker who attends St. Mary’s. Bernice Winthrop is the administrator for the group. This academic year the group is comprised of year one student, Janet Tapply; second year participants, Judy Lundsten, Janis Rennie and Robin Ward; year three student, Julie Grogan; and year four participant, Helen Purnhagen. This year’s theme is “Living as Spiritually Mature Christians” with specific focus areas: Old Testament year one, New Testament year two, History of Christianity year 3, and Theology year 4. Under each of these areas we develop our spiritual practices that we might serve others in our daily lives and grow in our relationships with God. In order that everyone can participate, our weekly sessions are in person, by Zoom, or hybrid from 4:00-6:30 P.M at St. Mary’s in Barnstable. Scholarship opportunities are available to participants. If you are interested in knowing more about this program and/or joining next year’s class, please contact Rev. Andi Taylor or any of the participants.

Judy Lundsten

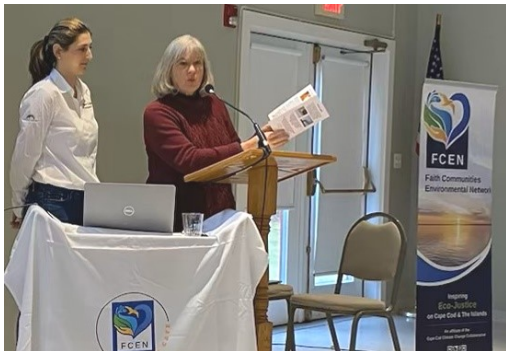
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Once again, our efforts were geared toward planting and caring for our raised bed vegetable gardens. We were blessed with quite a bit of rain this summer but still depended on our volunteer watering crew. Lyn Solomon continues to represent Saint David’s on the Faith Community Environmental Network (FCEN) and to report its activities in the newsletter. Our plans to install solar panels over the



parking lot continue to evolve slowly. Deacon Marilyn and Becky Alden continued to offer opportunities related to racial justice in the form of another successful Sacred Ground series. At left is a picture from our “Energy Café” which was attended by 32 people!

Lyn Solomon



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are privileged to administer the chalice to our parishioners at all services. An assigned EM at each service also leads the Prayers of the People. It was wonderful to return to serving the chalice, despite limitations, this year. As some EM’s have chosen not to return to the altar this year, it has been challenging to meet our commitment to our worship, but we prevailed.

We always need people to serve; you can add another dimension to your experience of worship by joining this ministry. It is quite easy to do and you become an integral part of our worship. If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Church Office at 508-394-4222 or Julia Johnson at 774-212-3100. We always welcome parishioners to this important ministry. 2023 Eucharistic Minister Roster: Richard Banks, Katie Bearse, Don Blackwell, Jean Blake, Jackie Frasier, Julie Grogan, Debbie McDevitt Hays, Julia Johnson, Jim Logan, Elizabeth Mcinnis, Ed Morassi, Nancy Moyer, Steve Mulligan, Kate Ramsay, Linda Smith, Lyn Solomon, and Robin Ward.

Julia Johnson

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Our Pastoral Care Team meets monthly to keep in touch about who in the parish may need extra care and who has been able to visit them in the past month.

I encourage you to tell us if you or a friend would like Home Communion. Please get in touch with me, Deacon Marilyn or Fr. David.

Rev. Andi Taylor

FINANCE - TREASURER'S REPORT - 2023

Well, we've made it through another recovery year from Covid. Welcome 2024!

I always have to begin by thanking the rest of the finance team. It takes a team, and we've worked well together these last 5 years to keep things rolling along. Elie Harmon does the hands on bookkeeping and Colleen Weston is my invaluable assistant. Thank you both.

Our exterior siding and window project has been ongoing thanks to the Pond Fund grant and individual contributions, as well as tapping some savings we put away for just such projects. The Pond Fund is a grant for capital projects that we apply for annually, and has been crucial for our renovations. The campus is looking beautiful!

We ended the year again with a deficit, but it wasn't as bad as we had anticipated. So that's the good news. We cover this by withdrawing money from our invested funds. The goal is to withdraw less than what they increased in value so that we don't deplete the funds. Our overall income was up. Pledges were down somewhat, but I'm amazed at the results of the hard work of the wonderful Thrift Shop staff and Christmas sale volunteers - Incredible!

Although there are some expenses we have no control over, everyone has been very careful with spending to try to keep our expenses in check. We're a frugal group, and try to cut costs wherever we can. Utilities have risen this year so we'll have to keep trying. We're hopeful that the solar project will be finalized soon, and that will help immensely with increased income. The costs to keep this beautiful campus running are high, but amazing things happen because we're here.

All of what we do for the community and beyond is because of the financial support we get from you through your pledges, gifts, and support of our events. St. David's has always been known as the "outreach church" and we can't do it without the family of St. David's. Thank you for all you've given and done - and keep up the good work.

Wendy F. Katz, Treasurer



Church Insurance covered the cost of black mold remediation in both Nelson Hall and the basement of the Common Room.

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	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
CURRENT OPERATIONS INCOME			
Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms			
Funerals	4,990.03		
Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms - Other	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms	4,990.03	5,000.00	-9.97
Christmas	8,898.00	3,600.00	5,298.00
Christmas - prior year	720.00	750.00	-30.00
Easter	3,374.00	3,500.00	-126.00
Facilities Rental	2,680.00	9,500.00	-6,820.00
Other Miscellaneous Income			
AA/NA Donations	4,445.00	4,500.00	-55.00
Interest income	1.75		
Total Other Miscellaneous Income	4,446.75	4,500.00	-53.25
Plate Offerings	10,540.20	7,500.00	3,040.20
Pledges			
Prepaid Pledges 2024	12,125.00		
Pledge Income	227,434.00	235,000.00	-7,566.00
Birthday Envelopes	685.00		
Initial Offering Envelopes	180.00		
Total Pledges	240,424.00	235,000.00	5,424.00
Stewardship Events			
Stewardship Events Income			
Cookie Stroll	654.00		
Valentine Cookie Sale	651.00		
Piano Concert	0.00	300.00	-300.00
BBQ Income			
BBQ Expense	-750.00		
BBQ Income - Other	4,489.00	650.00	3,839.00
Total BBQ Income	3,739.00	650.00	3,089.00
Christmas Sale	7,832.00	6,000.00	1,832.00
Silent Auction Income	2,946.00		
Yard Sale Income	0.00	488.00	-488.00
Total Stewardship Events Income	15,822.00	7,438.00	8,384.00
Total Stewardship Events	15,822.00	7,438.00	8,384.00

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	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Thrift Shop Income			
Thrift Shop Annex	3,619.00	4,000.00	-381.00
Thrift Shop Expense	-315.00		
Thrift Shop Income - Other	32,382.50	31,000.00	1,382.50
Total Thrift Shop Income	35,686.50	35,000.00	686.50
Total CURRENT OPERATIONS INCOME	327,581.48	311,788.00	15,793.48
Total Income	327,581.48	311,788.00	15,793.48
Gross Profit	327,581.48	311,788.00	15,793.48
Expense			
All Outreach Expenses			
Cape Cod Council of Churches	3,025.00	3,500.00	-475.00
Diocesan Assessment 20%	6,427.11	6,427.00	0.11
Community Outreach	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Rector Outreach - food/gas card	2,500.00	3,000.00	-500.00
Utilities 60%	14,800.80	12,500.00	2,300.80
Total All Outreach Expenses	27,752.91	26,427.00	1,325.91
PAYROLL EXPENSES			
Deacon			
Deacon Compensation	287.50	300.00	-12.50
Deacon Pension Fund	0.00	54.00	-54.00
Total Deacon	287.50	354.00	-66.50
Rector			
Rector Housing	38,900.16	38,900.00	0.16
Rector Medical	35,756.00	35,616.00	140.00
Rector Pension - 18% TCC	16,092.00	16,200.00	-108.00
Rector Salary/SECA	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00
Rector Travel	798.70	1,000.00	-201.30
Supply Clergy	750.00	1,000.00	-250.00
Total Rector	143,296.86	143,716.00	-419.14
Staff Salaries			
Administrative Assistant	15,314.16	15,314.00	0.16
Christian Education Director	6,125.01	7,000.00	-874.99
Financial Secretary	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Organist			
Organist Salary	26,512.89	26,000.00	512.89
Supply Organist	900.00	1,000.00	-100.00
Total Organist	27,412.89	27,000.00	412.89

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Sexton			
Sexton - Nelson Hall Cleaning	2,787.24	2,500.00	287.24
Sexton - Other	20,937.90	20,500.00	437.90
Total Sexton	23,725.14	23,000.00	725.14
Total Staff Salaries	87,577.20	87,314.00	263.20
Taxes/Payroll - FICA/Medicare	6,761.79	6,603.02	158.77
Total PAYROLL EXPENSES	237,923.35	237,987.02	-63.67
Regular operating expenses			
Administrative Expenses			
Breeze	1,498.31	1,400.00	98.31
Square Transaction Fees	330.34	300.00	30.34
Equipment Lease	5,456.24	5,300.00	156.24
Office Expense	4,723.55	4,000.00	723.55
Payroll Service Charges	1,287.28	1,500.00	-212.72
Postage	1,284.00	1,300.00	-16.00
Telephone & Internet	6,837.74	6,000.00	837.74
Total Administrative Expenses	21,417.46	19,800.00	1,617.46
Building and Grounds			
Trash Removal	4,158.61	4,000.00	158.61
Landscaping	10,681.83	6,000.00	4,681.83
Safety Equipment	2,815.24	600.00	2,215.24
Repairs & Maintenance	12,099.15	7,000.00	5,099.15
Snow Removal	900.00	3,500.00	-2,600.00
Utilities 40%	9,867.22	8,400.00	1,467.22
Total Building and Grounds	40,522.05	29,500.00	11,022.05
Christian Education			
Adult Education	330.70	600.00	-269.30
Church School	165.93	300.00	-134.07
Total Christian Education	496.63	900.00	-403.37
Diocesan Assessment 80%	25,708.34	25,708.00	0.34
Hospitality/Fellowship	351.95	300.00	51.95
Insurance Expense	15,233.00	15,000.00	233.00
Meetings & Conferences	255.00	200.00	55.00
Public Relations/Advertising	150.00	250.00	-100.00

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	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Worship			
Altar Guild	676.54	300.00	376.54
Music	576.79	400.00	176.79
Organ Maintenance	2,564.24	2,300.00	264.24
Worship Lectionary Subscription	229.00		
Total Worship	<u>4,046.57</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>1,046.57</u>
Total Regular operating expenses	<u>108,181.00</u>	<u>94,658.00</u>	<u>13,523.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>373,857.26</u>	<u>359,072.02</u>	<u>14,785.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-46,275.78	-47,284.02	1,008.24
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Legacy Income			
DIT Interest/Dividends	<u>6,016.06</u>		
Total Legacy Income	6,016.06		
Transf from DIT - for prior yr	<u>27,300.00</u>		
Total Other Income	<u>33,316.06</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>33,316.06</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>-12,959.72</u></u>	<u><u>-47,284.02</u></u>	<u><u>34,324.30</u></u>



Having a little more fun at the Mardi Gras party!

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	Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NON OPERATING INCOME	
Church School Dir. Contribution	0.00
Mold Repairs	
Mold Repairs - expense	-4,880.00
Mold Repairs - income	16,633.78
Total Mold Repairs	11,753.78
David Angelica Thanks Purse	0.00
Sabbatical DIT account	
Sabbatical Clergy - expense	-6,600.00
Sabbatical DIT account - Other	6,600.00
Total Sabbatical DIT account	0.00
Kitchen floor replacement	
Kitchen floor - expense	-3,500.00
Kitchen floor replacement - Other	3,500.00
Total Kitchen floor replacement	0.00
Wales Trip	
Choral Scholarship Wales Cathre	0.00
Wales trip - expense	-11,078.00
Wales trip - income	9,078.00
Wales Trip - prior year	2,000.00
Total Wales Trip	0.00
Wifi upgrade - income	
wifi upgrade - prior yr	0.00
Total Wifi upgrade - income	0.00
Anonymous Gift for Gutters	
Anonymous Gift/Gutters - prior	1,000.00
Anonymous Gift for Gutters - Other	-1,000.00
Total Anonymous Gift for Gutters	0.00
Insurance Reimbursement Fund	0.00
New Chairs for Sanctuary	
New chairs expense	-547.00
New chairs income	547.00
Total New Chairs for Sanctuary	0.00

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	Jan - Dec 23
Sanctuary Exterior	
Upgrade - Renovation Fund	39,700.00
Sanctuary Ext/Pond Fund prior y	-5,566.23
Sanctuary Exterior Expense	-61,816.96
Sanctuary Exterior - Other	32,347.62
Total Sanctuary Exterior	4,664.43
March Room Flooring Donations	
March Room Flooring Donations p	-1,972.22
March/Common Room Expense	-27.78
March Room Flooring Donations - Other	2,000.00
Total March Room Flooring Donations	0.00
Mutual Aid Network	
Mutual Aid Network - prior year	580.31
Mutual Aid Network - Other	-580.31
Total Mutual Aid Network	0.00
Grants from Episcopal Diocese	
Grants for IPADs	
Grants for Ipads - prior year	420.32
Total Grants for IPADs	420.32
Total Grants from Episcopal Diocese	420.32
Sanctuary Floor Gift/Donation	
Sanctuary Floor Expense	16.76
Sanctuary Floor - prior year	-1,016.76
Sanctuary Floor Gift/Donation - Other	1,000.00
Total Sanctuary Floor Gift/Donation	0.00
Spring Retreat	
Spring Retreat Prior Balance	-240.00
Spring Retreat - Other	1,200.00
Total Spring Retreat	960.00
Artwork Contribution Account	
Artwork Contribution Account Pr	316.83
Total Artwork Contribution Account	316.83
Care for the Earth	
Care for the Earth Prior Balanc	113.77
Total Care for the Earth	113.77

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Takeaway Meal Program	
Takeaway Meal - prior balance	15,314.75
Takeaway Meal Income	4,378.18
Takeaway Meal Expense	-11,589.19
Takeaway Meal Program - Other	500.00
	8,603.74
Total Takeaway Meal Program	8,603.74
Music Fund	
Music Fund - expense	-1,300.00
Music Fund - prior balance	25.00
Music Fund - Other	1,150.00
	-125.00
Total Music Fund	-125.00
Bronze Markers	
Bronze Marker income	2,390.00
Bronze Marker Expense	-1,010.50
Bronze Markers prior year bal	-1,172.60
	206.90
Total Bronze Markers	206.90
Church School/YG/fund raisers	
Church Sch Fundraisers - prior	800.62
Church School/YG/fund raisers - Other	-800.62
	0.00
Total Church School/YG/fund raisers	0.00
DIT/Special Ministries	
Special Ministries - current yr	-7,920.00
Special Ministries - prior year	80.94
Special Ministries DIT transfer	7,852.32
	13.26
Total DIT/Special Ministries	13.26
Flowers	
Altar Flowers	-458.07
Christmas Flowers	-466.07
Easter Flowers	12.37
Flower Expense	-797.63
Flowers - prior year bal	142.91
	-1,566.49
Total Flowers	-1,566.49
Good Friday	
Good Friday Distribution	-103.00
Good Friday - Other	103.00
	0.00
Total Good Friday	0.00

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Heifer Project	
Heifer Project Distribution	-275.00
Heifer Project income	331.25
Total Heifer Project	56.25
Interest income	3.30
Memorial Churchyard	
Memorial Churchyard	88.57
Memorial Churchyard income	431.00
Memorial Churchyard - Other	2,225.64
Total Memorial Churchyard	2,745.21
Memorial Fund	
Memorial Expense	
End of Life Class	-1,000.00
Memorial Expense - Other	-829.99
Total Memorial Expense	-1,829.99
Memorial Fund - prior year bal	-4,484.45
Memorial Fund - Other	6,410.00
Total Memorial Fund	95.56
Miscellaneous income	
Episcopal Disaster Relief	
Episcopal Disaster Relief prior	65.00
Episcopal Disaster Relief - Other	623.00
Total Episcopal Disaster Relief	688.00
World Hunger	219.00
Total Miscellaneous income	907.00
Paper Pantry	
Paper pantry - prior year bal	9,908.90
Paper Pantry Expense	-7,657.74
Paper Pantry - Other	3,515.00
Total Paper Pantry	5,766.16
Pond Fund Grant	
Pond Fund Income	25,000.00
Total Pond Fund Grant	25,000.00

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	Jan - Dec 23
Scholarship	
Scholarship - prior year bal	3,287.18
Scholarship DIT transfer	13,096.80
Scholarship Fund Distribution	-11,600.00
Scholarship - Other	-1,500.00
	3,283.98
Total Scholarship	3,283.98
Total NON OPERATING INCOME	63,219.00
Total Income	63,219.00
Gross Profit	63,219.00
Net Ordinary Income	63,219.00
Net Income	63,219.00

Finance - Non Operating



Freya Halvorsen chairing a meeting of "Salty Paws" Therapy Dogs.

DIT ACCOUNT BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	INCOME FUND	STOCK FUND	TOTAL
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED - PRINCIPAL			
PERPETUAL PLEDGE	\$11,268.34	\$21,640.34	\$32,908.68
RUTH STOTT MEMORIAL - RESTRICTED INC	\$285,341.38	\$547,985.78	<u>\$833,327.16</u>
			\$866,235.84
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED - DESIGNATED USE			
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$161,156.22	\$308,982.49	\$470,138.71
PIPE ORGAN FUND	\$674.90	\$1,293.96	\$1,968.86
SYMOND SPECIAL MINISTRIES	\$1,948.31	\$3,741.68	\$5,689.99
WARMINGTON - POOR & HOMELESS	\$45,797.55	\$87,952.21	\$133,749.76
HARRINGTON MEMORIAL	\$104,840.43	\$201,341.54	<u>\$306,181.97</u>
			\$917,729.29
UNRESTRICTED - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST			
DESIGNATED USE			
GENERAL FUND/OUTREACH	\$29,389.29	\$56,440.85	\$85,830.14
HORTON FLOWER FUND	\$6,258.98	\$12,000.25	\$18,259.23
LOUISE SMITH MUSIC FUND	\$3,997.60	\$7,664.56	\$11,662.16
MAINTENANCE RESERVE	\$9,016.18	\$17,315.20	\$26,331.38
MEMORIAL CHURCHYARD	\$639.03	\$1,225.22	<u>\$1,864.25</u>
			\$143,947.16
UNDESIGNATED USE			
GENERAL FUND/IN HOUSE	\$10,658.53	\$20,801.62	\$31,460.15
MEMORIAL FUND	\$3,111.50	\$5,975.56	\$9,087.06
CASH RESERVE FUND	\$9,530.40	\$18,635.12	\$28,165.52
RECTOR'S SABBATICAL	\$123.68	\$237.00	<u>\$360.68</u>
			\$69,073.41
TOTALS	\$683,752.32	\$1,313,233.38	\$1,996,985.70

Finance - Non Operating



Busy bidders at the October Silent Auction.

FLOWER COMMITTEE



The members of the Flower Committee, Tami Lickfield and I, serve to provide altar flowers for church services throughout the year. Funds are provided through donations and memorials and we donate our time to purchase and arrange the flowers for the services. It is a privilege to provide floral arrangements as a part of our worship at St. David's. We welcome you to join us in our flower work; please contact me at 774-487-7501 for more details. If you would like to make a memorial contribution, please contact the Parish Office at 508-394-4222 or via email at office@stdavids4222.comcast.biz.net John Hays

FOOD BASKET

In 2023, we delivered 5854 food items to The Cape Cod Council of Churches' Hands of Hope Food Pantry in West Harwich. This is our highest total ever! The Pantry provides lists of frequently requested items, which are not provided free of charge or at reduced prices from the Boston Food Bank. In November, we concentrated on Thanksgiving Dinner items. Thank you, Neil Murray, Tami Lickfield, Wendy Katz, Jim Logan, Linda Cranmer, Jim and Sue Abril, Janet Tapply, Lyn Solomon, Nora Hunt, Mark Anschutz, Phil Evangelous and Judy Lundsten for faithfully delivering all those items to The Food Pantry. I am also thankful for all of you who keep that food coming every week. It is amazing what we can do together!
Elizabeth Rixham

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

At the beginning of 2023, the Friday Book Group finished reading The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel, an investigation into the divinity of Christ. We moved through the year reading Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans, a look at how to connect with your church community, Believing is Seeing by Michael Guillen. Dr. Guillen takes us through the intersecting of science and faith and he ultimately concludes that "not only does science itself depend on faith, but faith is actually the mightiest power in the universe." Our final book for the year The In-Between by Hadley Vlahos, written by a hospice nurse sharing the lives of her patients and their different responses to the end-of-life journey.
Linda Halvorsen

GREETERS

At 10 AM, the Greeters Ministry has resumed being at the doors of the Sanctuary to meet and greet people attending services at St. David's. All Sundays are now staffed with at least one person and most have two Greeters. The role of a Greeter is to ensure that all attendees, whether new to St. David's; a regular attendee or someone who is visiting feel welcome and respected. First time attendees receive an information packet that contains information about St. David's and upcoming religious and social events. They also receive a loaf of bread that has been baked by a parishioner as a welcoming gift that signifies that we appreciate them joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist. Greeters also ask the attendee to sign the guest book, wear a name tag and remind people of the coffee hour following the service. If you would like to be a Greeter or bake some loaves of bread please let any Greeter know that you would like to join this Ministry.
Richard and Kathleen Banks



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity Cape Cod is going strong. Fundraisers keep raising money and donations continue to come in. Volunteers show up to help with housing being built in every town on the Cape. Once again, I participated in the Ride for Homes; thanks to all who contributed to this event!
Sally Mavroides

HEALING PRAYER TEAM

We have been so grateful to be able to pray in person with everyone who comes to the Art Kimber Chapel after the 8:00 am service and during communion at the 10:00 am service. Please consider joining our team. Every Pray-er counts!
Debbie Hays

HEIFER REPORT

Thank you for your contributions throughout the year - our collection of QUARTERS on Sunday mornings allows St. David's to continue gifting an animal. Giving an animal gift is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Every animal gift provides families access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Heifer International is in it's 76th year of service.
Jackie Frasier

LECTORS/WEEKDAY PRAYER LEADERS

Jackie Frasier schedules people for 8 am Sunday worship services and Marilyn for the 10 am - plus many of our special worship services throughout the year. We are privileged to listen to the dedicated group of individuals who serve as our Lectors, on a rotating basis. These folks are committed to deliver clearly the Sunday lectionary lessons from Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament, as well as to lead our congregants in saying the Psalm of the day. They're all especially attentive to speaking those typically unpronounceable biblical names with ease and confidence. Once the upcoming schedule is published, the Lectors as a group manage their own assignment swaps and keep our Office Manager, Nancy Slater, informed of changes for recording them in the Sunday Bulletin. When last-minute absences occur, Lectors present readily step forward and fill the void. How would we possibly get along without them?!

The group currently includes Becky Alden, Don Blackwell, Tammy Blackwell, Marsha Fredericks, Julie Grogan, Bonnie Harrelson, Julia Johnson, Jim Logan, Elizabeth Mcinnis, Lyn Solomon, Jonathan Taylor and Robin Ward. We all recall with love and mourn the recent passing of two of our 10AM Lectors: Beverly Saccocia in 2022 and Nancy Hastings in 2023. We welcome new volunteers to join the rotation. Please speak to any of us - or Rev. Andi or Rev. Marilyn - if you are interested in the possibility of serving as a 10 AM Lector.
Rev. Marilyn McMillan



MEMORIAL CHURCHYARD



The Churchyard is a very attractive alternative to a regular cemetery and our volunteers do their best to beautify and maintain this area. We are constantly removing old shrubs and vines and planting new trees and flowering plants. Plots in the churchyard are plentiful and inexpensive and can be reserved at the church office. Anyone considering memorial gifts to St. David's can purchase a tree or other type of planting in the name of their loved one.
Bill and Tami Lickfield

MUSIC

Music has always been an integral part of worship at St. David's. We have a tradition of a strong choir with a mix of recent and longtime members. Although we continued to deal with the challenges brought about by COVID and other viruses, I am pleased to report that our music program never lost momentum in 2023. If anything, we became further energized. An especially powerful example was the passing of Nancy Hastings, a loyal and well loved tenor in the choir. Nancy showed unswerving faith and a knack for planning as she prepared for her next phase. As a result we delivered the memorial service she wanted -- complete with the powerful anthem, "Be Still and Know That I Am God," with former parishioners Rob and Bev Parke among the choristers.



The summer presented what initially looked to be another challenge -- namely Rev. Andi's sabbatical. To the credit of Rev. Marilyn and Fr. David Angelica, we instead celebrated an infusion of new energy to our musical life. Three special Saturday evening worship services brought in upwards of thirty in attendance: Bluegrass on July 29, Jazz on August 12, and Celtic on August 26. In so doing we employed a new selection of musicians we can call upon for future such endeavors. After Andi returned this renewed vibrancy continued with a powerful Celtic Eucharist on the first Sunday of Advent.

Now we are into a new year. I welcome your ideas for more exciting musical experiments. At the same time, we will continue to provide worship music that is at once traditional and accessible to the congregation. I thank you for your ongoing support on behalf of the talented, dedicated souls listed below.

SOPRANO -- Debbie Hays, Nancy Moyer, Lyn Solomon

ALTO -- Becky Alden, Nancy Black, Linda Halvorsen, Betty Logan

TENOR -- Linda Cranmer, Jim Leighton, Pete Malpass, Elizabeth McInnis

BASS -- Don Blackwell, John Hays

John Read



More mingling at the October Silent Auction.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024

Nominations

Warden, 1 yr. - Jim Logan

Warden, 2 yr. - Judy Lundsten

Clerk, 1 yr. - Janis Rennie

Treasurer, 1 yr. - Wendy Katz

Assistant Treasurer, 1 yr. - Colleen Weston

Vestry, 1 yr. - Katie Bearse

Vestry, 3 yr. - Wayne Bergeron, Rebekah Eldridge, Ed Morassi

Convention/Deanery Delegates, 1 yr. - Becky Alden, Robin Ward

Convention/Deanery Alternate, 1 yr. - Janet Cardillo

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Katie Bearse



My name is Katie Bearse and I have lived on the Cape since I was two years old. I grew up in Hyannis and moved to Dennis when I was 19. I started my faith journey in 2012 seeking to explore my religious roots (my grandmother was a devoted Episcopalian). I found such a welcome and inclusive atmosphere within the St. David's community and this was the first and only church I attended. I was baptized and confirmed here in my early 20's. Since 2012, I have served many roles here, including vestry, altar guild and being an usher to name a few. Some of my hobbies include knitting, solving puzzles, gardening and cooking. I enjoy spending quality time with my many nieces and nephews, my husband and my cats. I like to take walks on the beach, going hiking, and I love to go camping in New Hampshire. As a returning member of the vestry, I am committed to keeping St. David's mission of community and faith strong and active.

Wayne Bergeron



I have been married to my wife Janine for 42 years. We reside in Dennis and have two adult children. I retired from teaching at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School after thirty-six years as the Creator and Dept. Head of the Alternative Learning Program which serves at-risk adolescents. I have been involved with Dennis government; seventeen years on the Conservation Commission, five term Selectman, created first in-state fuel assistance program for town residents, oversaw fifteen town budgets, directed town efforts to build current Dennis Veterans' Home on town property, and directed town donation of land for the creation of FORWARD, a home for young adults on the Spectrum. I have been running my fishing charter boat business for the past thirty-four years.

Rebekah Eldridge



I have been married to my husband Doyle for almost 10 years, together we have 5 children. Elizabeth, Samantha, Mark, Matthew, and Jonathan. Jonathan is in the United States Navy and stationed in Jacksonville Florida with his fiancé Alyssa. Mark and Matthew are our twins. I began as their nanny when they were 14 months old and ended up as their legal guardian. Sadly, Mark passed away at the age of 21 on October 1, 2021. Matthew still lives with us and is doing okay. Samantha is a sophomore at University of Connecticut and is studying to be a lawyer for the United States Airforce, and Elizabeth is a freshman at Roger Williams University, studying Art and Education. I work for the town of Wellfleet as the Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator and Select Board. I hold many degrees as I wasn't sure what I wanted to do until now. I graduated Johnson & Wales University as an executive Pastry Chef with an associate degree for Baking and Pastry Arts, I worked at Chatham Bars Inn and Ocean Edge resort for a few years, then received a degree to be a preschool teacher, where I taught preschool at Scargo School in Dennis, and am now almost finished with my bachelor's degree in public administration. I will start my master's degree in public administration at the beginning of April. I look forward to serving St. David's as I have been a member since my children were very little. My parents, the Blackwells, are also members. I hope I can bring new ideas and great advice to the vestry.

Jim Logan



I was born and raised in North Chelmsford, MA. I attended the local Congregational Church, married into the Episcopal Church at age 22 and was confirmed a year later. I began my career at Raytheon Co. in Bedford as a Draftsman/Designer followed by several years of freelancing. In 1977, I accepted the position of Sr. Designer/ Supervisor of the Mechanical Design Group at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge and worked there until retiring in 2012. Betty and I were married in 1978 and moved to Walpole a year later where we raised two daughters. We were both very active at Epiphany Episcopal Church in several leadership roles. We have three grandchildren. I also have a daughter and two grandchildren from my previous marriage. Betty retired in 2017, and we moved to the Cape permanently the same year. We were aware of St. David's through the Tyners and previous visits. We feel truly blessed to be called to this blessed community.

Judy Lundsten



Looking for a summer vacation spot for our three sons and their families, we started to spend time in Dennisport about 12 years ago. We loved the Cape and bought our current home nine years ago in South Yarmouth. Five years ago, we moved to South Yarmouth from Rhode Island where we had resided for 49 years. While in Rhode Island, I attended St. Michael's and All Angels, St. Paul's and St. Luke's. I was actively involved having served on the vestry, church school teacher and altar guild. For many years I also was on the Board of Directors for St. Mary's Home for Children in North Providence including Board president. I served on the Board of Directors for Dorcas Place International as well as Cranston's YMCA. When our three sons started school, I returned to teaching the blind and visually impaired in Cranston, Rhode Island. This teaching assignment led to many educational opportunities and I retired as a school superintendent of Cranston Public Schools. Then I commuted to Block Island as their part time school superintendent prior to moving to the Cape fulltime. It would be fair to say I love to learn which led me to St. David's. Having participated in several St. David's programs, including Sacred Ground, currently Education for Ministry and the Spiritual Formation Committee, I have found my church home at St. David's. I attend the 8 am service and look forward to meeting the 10 am congregation.

Ed Morassi



I was born and raised in Western Massachusetts where, among other activities, I spent many hours working on my grandfather's farm. After graduating high school, I attended UMass Lowell and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Master's Degree in Administration. I met my wife Sue in college. We have been happily married since 1974 and have one son. I began my career as an educator in the Billerica Public School System where I served for 20 years. I left in 1992 to take a position in the private sector, retiring in 2015 as the VP of Operations at a water treatment company. In 2016, Sue and I relocated from Chelmsford, MA to our vacation home in South Yarmouth. Over the past seven years we have become actively involved with Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, the Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch Program, the Friends of Yarmouth Council on Aging, the Yarmouth Food Pantry, St. David's Paper Pantry and our local neighborhood association. In our "free time", we enjoy photography, hiking, biking, playing pickle ball, square dancing, traveling and dining out with friends. I have served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at St. David's and am looking forward to serving on the Vestry.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School had a good year! We still spent most of our time outside and, as always, had lots of fun! The gratitude of those we serve can be highlighted in notes I received from families.

** There truly aren't words to express how grateful we are to you for everything you have done for our family over the years. When we started, I had no idea how fortunate we would be to have our child learn so much from you, and how well prepared she would be for the next step. A million times thank you. . .*

** I don't know how to thank you and all the amazing teachers at St. David's. You've all taken such good care of my children . . .*

** Thank you for all you have done to help our family succeed over the years. It has been a wonderful "home away from home." All the work you put in gives all the kiddos a firm foundation in life . . .*

** It is very hard to put into words what you have meant to our family; we are thankful and grateful for your guidance in showing children how to share, play, learn, be kind and have fun . . .*

** Thank you for all your patience, love and kindness, we wouldn't be able to have our focus at work if we didn't have you taking such good care of our kiddos . . .*

** Just wanted to thank you for all you've done for us, you will always be special to us . . .*

This is why we do what we do!

Sally Mavroides

PILGRIMAGE TO WALES



Eight members of St. David's went to Wales in the last week of May to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of St Davids Cathedral (*this IS how they spell it*) as an official pilgrimage destination. We flew to Dublin, took in the Irish Emigration Museum, caught the train to Rosslare, spent the night and hopped the ferry to Fishguard at the crack of dawn. We arrived at St Davids in time to freshen up for Evensong, followed by trivia night in a local pub. The next day

we took a tour of the cathedral and library with curator Mari James. She read the Pentecost passage from Acts 2 from the 1588 Welsh Bible! That night we heard a concert of the Pembrokeshire Schools' Orchestra and Choir with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales that premiered a piece about "The Jabberwocky." The next morning, some pilgrims took a boat expedition to see puffins and seals, while others rested or hiked to Whitesands Beach. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a private tea with three Choral Scholars, the Director and Assistant Director of Music, followed by a BBC National Orchestra of Wales concert. On Pentecost Sunday we enjoyed the voices of the Choral Scholars at the cathedral's main service. The afternoon was a time to enjoy the many shops in town. Our final day at St Davids was a



Medieval Fayre at the Bishop's Palace which we took in after a hike to St. Non's Chapel and the Well of St. Non. The rector and her spouse remained in Wales as the pilgrimage group returned home again via bus, ferry, train, cab and plane.



Our Pilgrims shared their experiences during the Sunday announcement time once they were back at St. David's, South Yarmouth. Steve Mulligan spoke about the shared leadership of our devotion time as a group. Every night we gathered for Compline, led by each pilgrim in turn. He enjoyed drawing from BSA resources he knew about as a Scoutmaster.



Kent Steinnagel recalled his awe that St Davids Cathedral has had daily devotions sent up to God within those walls for over 1,000 years. It made him wonder how we can make sure the next generations are going to be able to share the experience we have of knowing Christ in our daily lives. Nancy Black noted the sense of community she felt, traveling as a group, counting heads all the time. She loved meeting the Choral Scholars, the Music Director and Assistant for some informal conversation. She was amazed that the congregation sang so loudly from hymnals that had no notes - only words.

Janet Cardillo shared her surprise that the huge cathedral seemed to have been built in a crater, with an outdoor staircase of 39 steps just to get from the main street to the front doors. *(It was designed to be hidden from Viking invaders.)* She felt so trapped and disabled until she met a kind taxi driver, Frank, who got her to all the events on time and even gave her a complimentary ride to see the beach. She credited her fellow pilgrims with the kindness of 7 angels, helping her with luggage and encouraging her to enjoy some walking around town. Marsha Fredericks described the beautiful Welsh countryside, with clear blue skies, meadows taller than people and new types of plants we had never seen before. She loved having a few days in Ireland before the pilgrimage and hopes to go back for more fun in both places another time.

Judy Lundsten talked about the bees of St Davids and the new beehive sculpture called "Do the Little Things." Legend has it that St. David gifted a hive of bees to St. Aidan, because *twice* Aidan's bees had followed their favorite monk back to Ireland. There is a matching sculpture at St. Eden's in Ferns, Co. Wexford, Ireland. "Do the Little Things," is the last thing St. David said - and that's exactly what bees do!



Rev. Andi Taylor

RECTOR'S REPORT



Many thanks to the community of St. David's for supporting a sabbatical in 2023. The preparation for the Pilgrimage to Wales helped me believe it was truly going to happen. I was honored to be "sent off" by our Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell on May 21st, and blessed to hand off clergy responsibility to Deacon Marilyn and Father David for the summer. I am so grateful that as a congregation you all enjoyed your own "sabbatical" by adding special evening services and Newcomer Cafes. I was overjoyed with the success of the fund drive for new windows in the Sanctuary. Congratulations to everyone! I want to congratulate the Vestry

for exceeding their fundraising goal by \$8,872! They really hit that ball out of the park with the Valentine Cookie Sale, Summer Food Trucks, Silent Auction, Holiday Fair and Cookie Stroll Lunch sales.

I began my time away with a wish that God might reveal to me how I should spend the next 10 years of ministry as your rector. I kept thinking some great project or vision would jump out at me, but over the summer, the main message I received was how important it is to be a companion. To be a companion (com=with, pano=bread) means to share one's bread with another person, to spend time with them, rejoice and grieve with them, to gladden their heart as we journey together. I returned with a desire to be present with you as we go through life together as children of God striving to follow Jesus. We truly get more accomplished by working together.

Rev. Andi Taylor



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The Scholarship program was begun in 1984 by two parishioners who were retired teachers and who volunteered at the Thrift Shop. They sold their personal items through the Thrift Shop specifically to start a fund to aid those members of the parish who were continuing their education. Annual appeals brought contributions from individuals, including two bishops, until we received two sizeable bequests. Specific criteria have been established to qualify.

These scholarships are awarded to parishioners who have reached the age of 18 and are continuing their education either through college or other programs. They are also awarded for summer programs such as camperships for those under age 18. It's a wonderful program to assist those in pursuit of continuing their education.

The committee was delighted to award a total of \$13,100.00 this year to the applicants, continuing the legacy begun in 1984.

<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>EFM</u>	<u>Camperships</u>
Elizabeth Bruce	Julie Grogan	Benjamin Bearman
Kira Dean	Judy Lundsten	Riley Bearman
Katy Faust	Sally Michael	
Tyler Harmon	Janis Rennie	
Julia Johnson	Janet Tapply	
Stephen Mulligan	Robin Ward	

Congratulations to all of the recipients - we applaud you! Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for your dedicated service; Lori Flannery, Nora Monteiro, Nancy Moyer, Steve Mulligan, Colleen Weston, Wend Katz and Gary Vigliano.

SOLAR PROJECT

It has been another quiet year for our solar project. We have an agreement to let SunWealth build solar canopies over our back parking lot once they attain approval from Eversource and the Town of Yarmouth. SunWealth has sent people to measure our property in order to create a specific proposal for the Yarmouth Building Dept. So far, the Building Dept. has not received a proposal, but we wait patiently and request your prayers for success in 2024!

Rev. Andi Taylor

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

At the time of this report, St. David's gave contributions of \$5,720 from our investment interest, to the community and beyond. This reflects 3 quarters for the year 2023. A full accounting will take place after our last quarter of 2023 in February 2024. This is the least amount of money we have ever given. We are hopeful the economy will improve in 2024.

The following organizations received monies from St. David's Special Ministries:

- St. David's contributed to following organizations: A Baby Center, AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod, Alzheimer's Support Group, Amazing Grace, American Red Cross, Angel Flights/NE, Angel House, The Association to Preserve Cape Cod, Bay to Sound, CC Times Needy Fund, Cathedral Capital Fund, Champ Homes, Children's Cove, Duffy Health Center, Emerald Hollow Therapeutic Riding Center, ERD, Five Talents, Flower Angels, Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, Hands of Hope, Homeless not Hopeless, Homes for our Troops, Housing Assistance Corporation, Independence House, Katelyn's Closet, PATH, Samaritans, Sight Loss Services, St. David of Wales, St. David's Paper Pantry and Takeaway Meal, Tommy's Place, Water.org, WE CAN, and the Yarmouth Food Pantry.
- We spent time accessing some of the organizations we had given to in the past. It was determined that we needed to cull the files as there were many groups and individuals that we had not given to in many years.
- I give thanks to the Special Ministries Committee for their diligence and commitment to serving our neighbors near and far.

Linda Halvorsen, Chair

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Spiritual Formation Committee was formed following a meeting last year as we came out of Covid restrictions and to answer "Where do we go from Here?" in regards to education and programming for St. David's. Becky Alden, Julia Johnson, Betty Logan, Judy Lundsten and Sally Michael have worked to formulate ideas and activities around the theme of Beloved Community and facilitate programs based on the parishes needs and interests. For example, the Wednesday Book Group expressed an interest in knowing more on how the Red Cross relates to international events specifically wars and conflicts. With the assistance of Becky Alden an hour program was presented after church and followed by a soup and bread lunch. Sacred Ground alums met and worked in groups to recommend next steps for this work around racial justice and equity. Most recently, discussion focused on Epiphany and Lenten activities. The Spiritual Formation Committee meets on third Wednesdays at 10 am in the March Room, in person and via Zoom. Please feel free to join us on this journey as we plan for the coming year.

Judy Lundsten

STEWARDSHIP

I am continuously astounded by the teamwork and the high level of participation of everyone at St. David's. You doubled the fundraising goals set by the Vestry **and** raised money for windows **and** kept up regular financial and ministry pledges! The pledge campaign in 2023 resulted in 97 pledges totaling \$223,333. What a remarkable testimony to your continued commitment to be a place where all may experience the love of God. We surely are ***Rooted in Abundance***. Thank you.

Rev. Andi Taylor



TAKEAWAY MEAL and PAPER PANTRY

The Paper Pantry and TakeAway Meal Programs in calendar year 2023 provided meals and personal hygiene products to over 2,844 people. In 2017 we served 1626 people. It is clear from these numbers and conversations with other groups, that the number of people in need on Cape Cod has dramatically increased. We are blessed to be able to effectively respond to this increased need and equally blessed by the support of the members of St. David's and community organizations for the time, talent and wealth that is shared with us throughout the year. In the earlier days of these programs we would consider serving 50 attendees a large number. Now we regularly serve 70 plus attendees each month.



Attendees at our programs are often seen taking public transportation, walking, riding bicycles, car pooling and driving their cars to obtain the items we provide. There are several families that we deliver items to each month. Every month, volunteers work to ensure that each attendee receives food and personal care items for themselves and their families. Family size varies from one to six adults and many families have children. We now have a back up inventory of canned food for those who may arrive when the main meal items have been depleted.

During the course of the year we try to offer special meals that reflect the time of the year. At Easter we serve ham, at Thanksgiving turkey and at Christmas both ham and turkey. In March we serve chili to

remember the first meal we served in 2017. In other months we serve a complete meal with BJs roasted chicken as the main course. We also offer alternative items for people with special dietary restrictions.

Paper Pantry distributes personal care products such as body soap, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste and shampoo. Other products distributed at special times include toothbrushes, deodorant and Kleenex. Adult incontinence products and feminine hygiene products are available upon request. First time attendees receive extra items.

We collaborate with The Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance to provide Chowders; Stop

and Shop for bread items; Cape Cod Food Network for financial support and food items; Flower Angels for flowers at special times of the year; Barnstable County for surplus food items; South Yarmouth Library Association Annual Cookie Stroll for cookies; and Stop and Shop for fundraising throughout the year.

Equally important are the Dental Hygienist, the Public Health Nurse and the County Nutritionist. Having these services available has afforded the attendees to receive much needed dental care; flu shots; health check ups and information on making good dietary choices. Unfortunately the Dental Hygienist will not be providing services in 2024.

We received financial support from the Cape Cod Deanery; Cape Cod Times Needy Fund; the United Way; the Hunger Food Network; The Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod; the Yarmouth Rotary Club; the Homeless Fund and the John B. Tew Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation.

We also receive food and financial support from members of St. David's and friends of St. David's. A prayer of thanksgiving is also made for the generous donations received throughout the year for the continued support provided by Special Ministries of St. David's. A special prayer is also extended to the individual who purchases the fruit each month.

In 2024 we will be resuming the registration process of the attendees so we can obtain



demographic data to be used for applying for grants. We stopped gathering this data when Covid forced us to alter our processes.

As you can see, the need for items has more than doubled, and the need for your help and assistance has increased substantially. We need brownies on Monday mornings, helpers on Tuesday afternoons to bag the personal care items, and helpers on Wednesday mornings to finalize the food prep. Please contact us to learn more about assisting with these Ministries.

Chris Morassi, Lyn Solomon and Richard Banks

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open Thursday and Saturday from 10am - 2pm throughout the year. 2023 has been very successful. The Annex Sales continue to attract many visitors. We are always able to put extra hands to work sorting and pricing, Monday and Tuesday (work days) and selling at the Thrift Shop Thursday and Saturday! Please come visit and sign up to volunteer!!

A new storage shed was generously donated to the Thrift Shop and has been erected and is being put to good use. *Marsha Fredericks*



TOYS FOR TOTS

Several bags, containing approximately 50 toys from St. David's were delivered to the Cape Cod Council of Churches/Hands of Hope distribution center on December 10, 2023.

Thank you to all St. David's people who contributed!
Eugene Monay

USHERS REPORT

8:00AM

Thanks to a number of parishioners' dedicated service, we have been able to provide ushers for every 8AM service throughout the year. Our ushers also serve as greeters. They go out of their way to make sure any new and regular faces are welcomed with a smile. Thanks to all who serve.
Jean Blake

10:00AM

We finally put the pandemic behind us and returned to normalcy at our 10AM service; No more masks, back to the traditional order of the service, and a return to using the chalice. All of the Ushers did a great job adjusting to the many changes that took place. They are dedicated, punctual and always ready to serve. We presently have ten Ushers who each serve 2 or services 3 per month. New additions are always welcome and training is easy. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me.

Jim Logan

2023 VESTRY MOTIONS

January 21, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for 2023 as amended. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that Rev. Andrea S. Taylor shall receive a salary of \$51,000 and a housing allowance of \$38,900 for the year 2023. The motion passed. The housing allowance shall be so designated in the official church records.

February 18, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Parochial Report. The motion passed and the report was signed.

March 18, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of up to \$8,500 from DIT to re-do the kitchen floor. The motion passed.

April 15, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$150 to install a push bar on the Common Room door that leads out to the parking lot and the Mission House. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to allow the expenditure of up to \$1,500 to get a professional cleaning of the appliances and equipment before they are moved out of the kitchen for the floor replacement. The motion passed.

August 19, 2023

After the July meeting and before the August meeting, a motion was made, seconded and voted upon via email to disperse funds for the shingling and window replacement projects. The motion passed:

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$60,000 to complete the work on the church of replacing windows, shingles and fascia boards up to the double doors in the Common Room on the courtyard side. Funds to come from the Gift Card Campaign and the \$25,000 from the Pond Fund gift.

October 21, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to close the Mutual Aid Network Fund (created during the Covid shutdown) and to transfer the \$580 balance into the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The motion passed.

December 16, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to use up to \$9,000 from non-operating funds to replace the two red doors in the Common Room with new doors with panic hardware. After discussion, the motion passed.

The Vestry of St. David's Episcopal Church, 205 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth, MA on the 16th day of December, 2023, after discussing the amount to be paid to Rev. Andrea S. Taylor duly made, seconded, and adopted the following resolution: The Rev. Andrea S. Taylor shall receive a salary of \$51,500 and a housing allowance of \$38,900 for the year 2024. The housing allowance shall be so designated in the official church records.

WARDEN REPORT

As one of your Wardens here at St. David's, this past year has been a very interesting one. It is the first time that our rector has taken a three month sabbatical. We were incredibly blessed to have had the Rev. Dr. David Angelica (Padre') take the helm during this time. While Debbie and I contracted certain times with David, he went far and beyond so as to be present whenever anyone needed anything. He led us, he challenged us, he fed us spiritually during those three months. Thank you, David. During this year the three phase building upgrade started. With Phase I complete, we were ready to begin Phase II but didn't have the funds. I came up with the "Gift Card" idea. The Vestry approved it and, after coming before the parish at both the 8 and 10 services a number of times, many of you stepped up and answered the call by contributing amounts (great and small), in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or as a gift to St. David's and VOILA! Phase II is complete! Thank you. We now have the final Phase of siding and windows for the education wing to complete. As I finish my term as a Warden, I will once again stress that if you did not participate in the "Gift Card" fundraiser, and would like to contribute, all you need to do is slip a check in the offering plate, or mail one to the office made payable to "St. David's" with "Building Upgrade" written on the memo line of your check. Please, include a note stating who you want it in memory of, in honor of, or as a gift. I thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve, it has been an honor. Blessings - *Donald R. Blackwell, Warden*



New windows being installed in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY 8 AM HEALING EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS ROTA

At our weekly 8 am Wednesday morning Healing Eucharist services, held in Kimber Chapel, we follow the current calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts to commemorate the individual(s) who are designated for that day - or nearest day. The commemoration includes praying a Collect for the individual(s), listening to Scripture Lessons selected for the individual(s), and hearing a Reflection about the life and ministry of the individual(s). The Wednesday morning service also includes praying our Healing Litany, offering individual healing prayers upon request, and celebrating the Eucharist together.

In recent years, we've been blessed to have volunteer parishioners offer many of the Reflections, in rotation with Rev. Andi and Rev. Marilyn. Starting with a summary bio from Lesser Feasts and Fasts, these folks dig more deeply into the lives and ministries of their subjects and prepare brief reflections about them which they share at the service. The subjects cover the range of Christian history. In recent months they've included C.S. Lewis (d.1963), Ammonius the Hermit (d.~403), Elizabeth Seton (d.1821), and Thomas Becket (d.1170).

The parishioners who currently participate in this Reflections Rota are Becky Alden, Don and Tammy Blackwell, Ken Blake, Neil Murray, and Linda Smith. THANK YOU! And THANKS to our Office Manager, Nancy Slater, for keeping us supplied with collects, lessons and bios. We welcome others into rotation. Please speak to any of us if you're interested in the possibility.

Reverend Marilyn McMillan

WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

The group continues to meet at 9 am on Wednesday in the March Room. Books read this year include: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *We Survived the End of the World* by Steven Charlseton, *The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois*, by Honoree Jeffers and, *Africa is not a Country* by Dipo Faloyin. Come join us for food and spirited discussion.

Eugene Monay

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Our Worship Commission met to discuss the needs for Acolytes, Altar Guild, Healing Prayers, Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. We will do so again to plan special services for Lent and Holy Week.

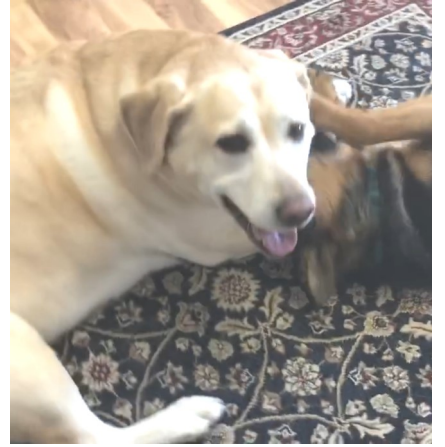
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EXTRA Photos - Dogs of St. David's



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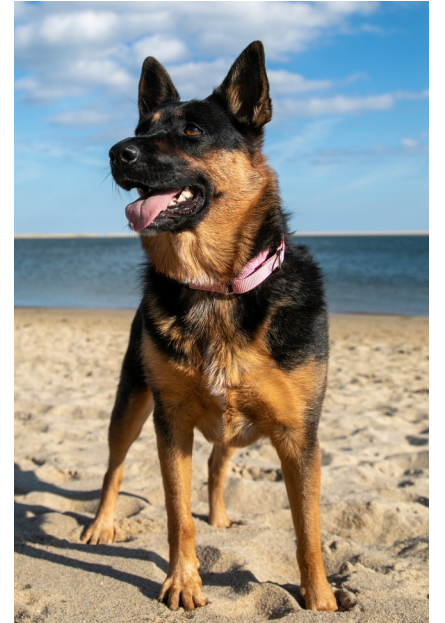
Bronte Harmon



Mary O'Neill



Jack Everett



Schatzi Taylor



Luna Katz



Macadam Harrelson



Friends enjoying the Advent Luncheon.



Cookie lovers at the Valentine Cookie Sale.



EXTRA Photos



*Phase II
of the siding and window
replacement project.*



*The fresh-looking Sanctuary
on Ash Wednesday, 2023.*

