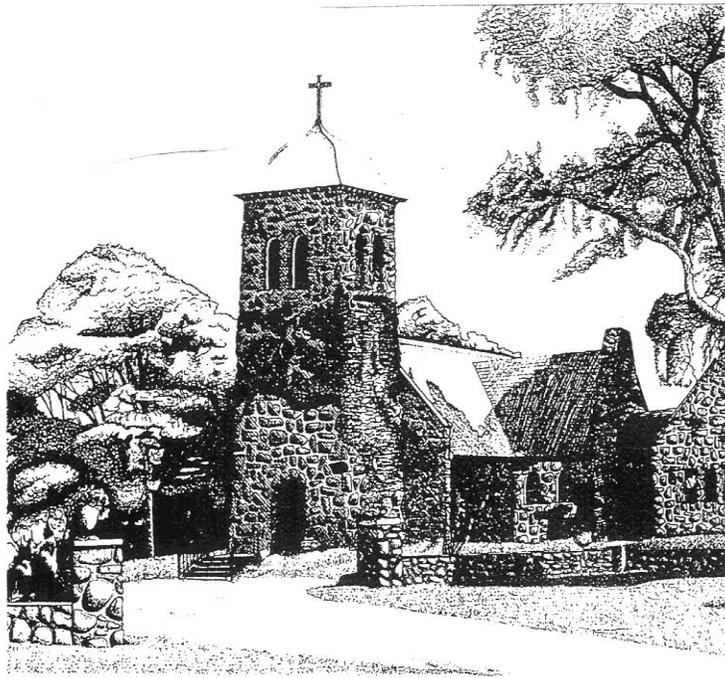


St. Ann's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

August 16, 2015



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ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Peter Cheney

Lisa Bither, Administrator & Asst. Treasurer
Reggie Sargent, Groundskeeper

Richard Grant, Organist
Bill Roach, Sexton

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

John Harris, *Senior Warden*
Roger Wood, *Treasurer*

Gavin Hadden, *Junior Warden*
Cynthia Daley, *Clerk*

<i>Class of 2015:</i>	John Harris, Roger Wood
<i>Class of 2016:</i>	Robin Ellis, Mark Lamarre, Katie Maiuccoro
<i>Class of 2017:</i>	Gavin Hadden, William Matthews, Nancy Thalmann
<i>Class of 2018:</i>	Joyce Camp, Delta Fuller, Carol Walker
<i>Class of 2019:</i>	Bonnie Himmelman, Betsy Heminway, Jim McWilliams, Rob Snow

COMMUNITY

St. Ann's is grateful to the many members of the St. Ann's community who have made financial pledges and special offerings as well as those who have so generously contributed their time and talent through service to our communal life and outreach in the community.

ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

AUGUST 16, 2016

9:00 AM

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| ❖ Opening Prayer | The Rev. Dr. Peter Cheney |
| ❖ Chaplain's Report | The Rev. Dr. Peter Cheney |
| ❖ Sr. Warden's Report | Mr. Harris, Sr. Warden |
| ❖ Junior Warden's Report | Mr. Hadden, Jr. Warden |
| ❖ Treasurer's Report | Mr. Wood, Treasurer |
| ❖ Planned Giving | Mr. Lamarre |
| ❖ Outreach | Mrs. Maiuccoro |
| ❖ Altar Guild | Mrs. Matthews |
| ❖ Columbarium Report | Mrs. Fuller |
| ❖ Nominating Committee Report | |
| Election of Wardens | Mr. Fuller |
| Election of Vestry Members | Mr. Matthews |
| ❖ Adjournment | |

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

KiKi and I (with Josie) made the 2,900 mile trek from Tucson in early June, and feel so blessed to be here at St. Ann's for our full 15-week season. I am so grateful to be sharing in the ministry of this wonderful summer congregation, and to be working with an exceptional group of volunteers – Wardens, Vestry and many others – who, along with staff members Reggie Sargent, Bill Roach and especially Dick Grant and Lisa Bither, do so much to make the ministry of St. Ann's possible.

The busy life here in 2015 will include:

- The weekly blessings through worship and fellowship at 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings.
- The celebration of 19 marriage ceremonies.
- The initiation of 15 children into the Christian journey through baptism.
- The commendation of the lives of 6 members of the community through memorial services.
- The welcoming of two outstanding Episcopal priests and leaders, the Reverends Thomas Ward and Luis Leon, as guest preachers, and to lead a Centering Prayer retreat day at the rectory.
- The return of our beloved former Chaplain, the Very Rev. M.L. Agnew, and his wonderful wife Patty, as M.L. presides at a wedding and two baptisms, and preaches at both morning worship services on August 23rd.
- The formation of a weekly Centering Prayer group that meets each Wednesday morning in the rectory.
- The creation of a six-week Bible study series in the rectory focused on the Lord's Prayer and shepherded by the Rev. Harold Leininger.
- The introduction of a wonderful electronic keyboard to enhance the music on Sundays at the Seaside Chapel and to provide music for the weddings held there as well. Dick Grant is an amazing human being and musician, and we are blessed to have him at the helm now for these initiatives, along with his outstanding work at the 10 o'clock Sunday service and for indoor weddings.
- The continued commitment to formal "Outreach" to important ministries in the Kennebunkport and greater Portland areas that provide varying forms of assistance to underserved children and adults. Our wonderfully successful Fellowship Outing this year raised over \$12,000 for this outreach.

Indeed, St. Ann's is a busy and vibrant parish, and I am deeply blessed to serve here (my 14th year).

Peter G. Cheney, Chaplain

Sr. WARDEN'S REPORT

Peter Cheney took over as Chaplain in 2015 for the full 15 week season and has led a full program of worship, weddings, baptisms, memorial services, and interments at St. Ann's. Despite some early bad weather attendance has been strong. We continue to get about 9,000 visitors per year.

This year we began a program of guest preachers. Rev. Dr. Tom Ward led a day on Centering Prayer on Saturday, and preached on the following Sunday. Peter Cheney has been leading a six week follow up centering prayer experience with about 20 members of the Church. Rev. Dr. Luis Leon preached on August 2. Both were colleges of Peter at Virginia Seminary. Each brought his own unique and different experience and was very well received.

The Annual Fellowship Outing raised a record \$ 12,647 for our Community Outreach Program. Congratulations to Betsy Heminway and her team of Robin Ellis, Doro Koch, Katie Maiuccoro, Carol Walker, Jim McWilliams, Martha Griffin, Christina Campbell, and KiKi Cheney.

Work on the seawall, buildings, and grounds continued in the last year and St. Ann's has never looked better. In 2010 we began the Pillars program of planned giving. We now have 24 Pillars who have made provision for St. Ann's in their estate plans. We all have been enjoying the beauty and activities of St. Ann's and we believe it is our responsibility to pass on this special place to future generations and this planned giving is a very good way to do this.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve St. Ann's as Senior Warden for the last two years. I grew up in an Episcopalian family and we moved a number of times as I was growing up. My mother always told me that I would meet more people like me at church than anywhere else and this has been true at St. Ann's. I wish to thank Peter, my partners on the vestry, Lisa Bither, and the members of the church for making these two years both fun and productive.

John Harris, Senior Warden

Jr. WARDEN'S REPORT

Update of status of facilities and grounds:

- Work complete Last fall and spring:
 1. Hissong: All drainage work complete. Final punch list in progress. Current Total Cost \$62,515. This will be charged against the \$74,000 transferred from endowment to cover major facility costs. Use of balance to be determined.
 2. Yearly Roof inspection and repairs and gutter cleaning by Heritage complete. Awaiting bill and yearly proposal.
 3. Pipe leak and wall repair in Rectory office complete by ZUKE. Cost \$1,469.
 4. Clear and remove vines from telephone pole and trees along marsh and clear and remove old plantings at rectory. No charge.
 5. Replant garden at rectory by Blackrock. Cost \$4,800.
- Masonry Repairs to other site structures such as Stone gate posts, cracks in exterior walls at church and rectory, point up and repair flagstone paving outdoor chapel, and repair of seawall at columbarium are under study and will be following for pricing.
- A list of required yearly maintenance and inspection items are as follows:
 1. Roof inspection and repair and gutter cleaning by Heritage

2. Masonry inspection and repair by Christoph. All Stone structures.
3. Rectory plumbing, heating, and bathroom inspection and maintenance with drain down and start up. Currently by C & H Plumbing.
4. Scrape and painting all structures as required.
5. Repair lawns due to seawater damage as required and re-grade roads. Hissong.

This is what we know about currently. Additional work to be performed such as replacement of railing behind rectory and possible replacement of rectory gutters and leaders under study.

Gavin Hadden, Jr. Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

St. Ann's was fortunate to end 2014 with a surplus for the year of approximately \$70,000. This reflected the generosity of parishioners and prudent management by the Vestry Council.

The budget for the current year – which will revert to a calendar year basis, instead of the previous September 30th year end – reflects a modest deficit, of approximately \$3,000. This is based on projected revenues of \$238,000 and projected expenses of \$241,000. The expenses assume a contribution of \$25,000 to capital reserves for long-term preservation of St. Ann's property. The Vestry Council believes that it is prudent to expect to spend this amount on average every year, in order to minimize the risk of having to spend larger amounts in the future if the property is not adequately maintained.

One example of the type of significant expenses we should expect to incur periodically occurred last winter, when we undertook a significant drainage project. This was budgeted at \$76,000 but fortunately came in below budget, at approximately \$63,000.

Thanks again to the generosity of our parishioners and a very active year for weddings, we are hopeful that we will be able to exceed our revenue target for the year. The Vestry Council will remain focused on keeping expenses to the budgeted level.

With many of our expenses largely fixed, and with pledges, gifts and plate donations accounting for around two thirds of our annual revenues, we are actively exploring ways to increase both the magnitude and the certainty of our revenues – in particular via regular pledges to St. Ann's. The Vestry Council believes that the operations of the church should be funded on an annual basis by our revenues, without recourse to drawing down from our endowment.

The Vestry Council is also focused on increasing the size of our endowment, in particular through planned giving. As of July 31st, the total invested funds in the Preservation Endowment, the General Fund and the September Endowment amounted to approximately \$3,080,000. This was after funding the previously-mentioned drainage works. While we hope that this is adequate for our needs in the short term, we believe that the exposed location of our wonderful but aging buildings and grounds requires us to build a stronger financial foundation for the medium to long term. Consistent with this philosophy, the Vestry Council recently voted to transfer \$120,000, representing cash surpluses from last year and previous years, to the Preservation Endowment.

Our endowment continues to be managed by FL Putnam from Portland, Maine for long-term growth. Their performance has been in line with external benchmarks reflecting their recommended asset allocation – currently 55% equities, 40% fixed income and 5% cash.

Roger Wood, Treasurer

PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

The Planned Giving committee is grateful that parishioners are recognizing the need to support the Preservation Endowment, which is St. Ann's set-aside fund for capital improvements and major repairs of the church's physical plant. Our beautiful St. Ann's has provided a place for worship since 1887, and we are striving to ensure that St. Ann's will continue to be available for our heirs. Maintaining a seaside chapel and its attendant grounds is a costly endeavor, and, in addition, significant projects need to be undertaken periodically to protect and rejuvenate St. Ann's from the ravages of sea, salt, snow, and wind.

During 2015, the committee is continuing to meet with parishioners who might have an interest in making a life-income gift to St. Ann's, or making a bequest to St. Ann's through their will.

The Planned Giving committee members, Bill Matthews, Carol Walker and Mark Lamarre, are always available for confidential consultation. If you are in the process of making a planned gift to St. Ann's, please contact Lisa Bither, our Chapel Administrator, or Mark Lamarre. (lisa.bither@yahoo.com or marklamarre@me.com)

Mark Lamarre, Chair, Planned Giving

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

St. Ann's Outreach committee is committed to helping regional organizations in Southern Maine. St. Ann's contributed to nine agencies at the end of 2014 for a total of \$16,000. These agencies included: Church Community Outreach Services (CCOS), Community Outreach Services (CCOS) Holiday Baskets, Seeds of Hope, Community Harvest, Carlisle Charitable Foundation, Kennebunkport Public Health, St. Elizabeth's Pantry, Preble Street Resource Center and Wayside Soup Kitchen.

The outreach committee currently has several ongoing projects. This week St. Ann's will began collecting backpacks and school supplies. We are also in need of personal care items as well as household cleaning supplies and baby care items. These items can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church.

I have attached a list of agencies that have received support from St Ann's outreach in the past year.

Katie Maiuccoro, Chair, Outreach Committee

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild currently has 17 members serving our beloved St Ann's church. This year we regretfully accepted Annette Browne's resignation. In June, several of us gathered to polish brass, return hymnals to pews, and set up the altar. During this summer, we are preparing and cleaning up after 21 communion services. We are especially grateful to Kiki Cheney for helping with all the baptisms throughout these 15 weeks. Linda Flint is in charge of the Lemonades on the Lawn, and Joyce Camp and her crew take care of our beautiful gardens. I thank them and the rest of our altar guild. We will meet in

late September to put everything away for the winter.

Marcia Matthews, Altar Guild Directress

COLUMBARIUM

There have been several interments at the columbarium this summer. We're still waiting for the plaques to be installed. As usual, the garden takes a beating from the weather, but the weeds manage to grow well. Between Black Rock and a few members of the Altar Guild we try to keep them in tow. Anyone is welcome to participate in that endeavor whenever the spirit moves.

Delta Fuller, Chair, Columbarium

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the St. Ann's Bylaws, the Officer Nominating Committee comprised of Rev. Peter Cheney, Sr. Warden, John Harris, Chair of the Altar Guild, Marcia Matthews, and former Sr. Warden, Peter Fuller, met on June 19th to nominate the following candidates for the year 2016.

Bill Matthews, Sr. Warden

Gavin Hadden, Jr. Warden

Roger Wood, Treasurer

Cynthia Daley, Clerk

Peter Fuller, Chair of Officer Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee, comprised of Bill Matthews, Chair, Robin Ellis, Betsy Heminway, Katie Maiuccoro, and Nancy Thalmann has had two meetings this summer with the intent of finalizing a list of Vestry members for the summer of 2016 and also of building a strong list of future candidates for service in future summers. We feel we have been successful on both fronts. Beginning new, five year terms next summer will be Vicki Donaghy, Debbie Stapleton, and Roger Wood.

We propose the following list for service in the 2016 season:

Joyce Camp

Bonnie Himmelman

Debbie Stapleton

Vicki Donaghy

Mark Lamarre

Nancy Thalmann

Robin Ellis

Katie Maiuccoro

Carol Walker

Delta Fuller

Bill Matthews

Roger Wood

Gavin Hadden

Jim McWilliams

Betsy Heminway

Rob Snow

Bill Matthews, Chair of Vestry Nominating Committee

2014 OUTREACH

CCOS [Church Community Outreach Services]	\$2,000
CCOS [Church Community Outreach Services] Holiday Baskets	\$1,000
Seeds of Hope	\$5,000
Community Harvest	\$3,000
Carlisle Charitable Foundation	\$2,000
Kennebunkport Public Health	\$1,000
St. Elizabeth's Pantry	\$1,000
Preble Street Resource Center	\$500
Wayside Soup Kitchen	\$500