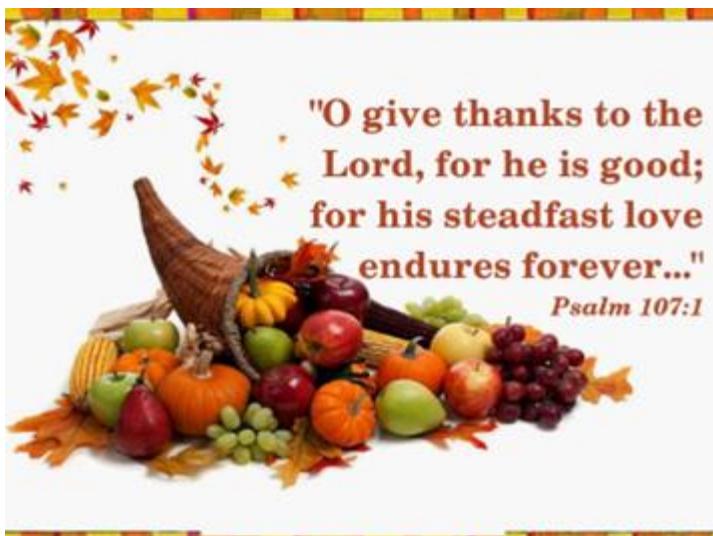


# The Piper

## November 2025



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## **A Message from Father Martin**

Dear Friends,

I apologize that this November Piper newsletter is coming out on the 4th day of the month. I had a busy and challenging last week. (Glad to be home now and on an even keel.) So here we are.

Our Halloween ministry last Friday was wonderful. Cathy Newfield decorated outside and put up our “Offrenda” in front of the altar, to which more photos were added. We had more persons and families than usual come in to the see the Church and many commented on the peaceful spirit and were interested in hearing more about St. Andrew’s.

On Saturday, our Diocesan Convention was held, with elected delegates Barbara Banke and Rochelle Kelly joining me in worship, hearing reports, and voting on business. Gracious things were said about St. Andrew’s and the Long Term Recovery Group for CZU fire victims and others who use our upstairs offices.

This is November, an especially good time to consider all our blessings and to express our thanksgivings to God and to those around us. **On Sunday, November 16, we will have a Thanksgiving / Harvest Potluck after Church.**

Sign up this Sunday if you can with what you hope to bring. And attend in any case, bringing whatever you can. It will be great to gather and share our thanksgivings and to encourage one another.

This Sunday, November 9, we will distribute stewardship letters and cards for your “giving estimate” or pledge for supporting St. Andrew’s in 2026. We each support our ministries as we are able. **We will offer our pledges at the Altar on our Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24.**

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 7. See Mary Woolliscroft for more information.

Please join me in this prayer from our Prayerbook (p. 836) daily in November or as often as you can:

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

#### St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Jane Pomeroy, Senior Warden  
John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden  
Susan Greer  
Sara Hector

Steve LaFever  
Sheryl Mello  
Ray Rischpater

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.

# Garden of



# Eatin'

By popular request, here is my **IRISH SODA BREAD** recipe. This recipe came down in the family of my Irish friend Joyce. Sue Roe

## Ingredients

2 cups white flour  
2 cups whole wheat flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 stick softened butter  
2 eggs  
3 cups buttermilk

## Directions

Mix all dry ingredients. Cut in butter. Add eggs and milk. Mix well. Pour into greased and floured bundt cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until browned. Cool 25 minutes in pan and then turn out to finish cooling.

### HeeHeeHee!!!

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



## **Honoring all who have served and are now serving.**

Episcopalians are invited to join a first-time churchwide **Veterans Day Holy Eucharist service** at 7 p.m. ET Nov. 11—via livestream or in person at the Church Center chapel in New York City—to honor those who

have served in the military and specially recognize the Episcopal chaplains who support them.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe will preside, and the Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia, bishop suffragan for the church's Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, will preach. The service will include a special “commissioning for further service” of chaplains who serve military veterans in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

“For the first time, The Episcopal Church will gather for a churchwide Veterans Day service—a sacred and historic moment of gratitude and witness,” Ritonia said. “This event honors the courage and faithful service of our veterans and uplifts the ministry of Episcopalians who serve them in chaplaincy, care, and community.”

Next year marks the 250th anniversary of military chaplaincy within The Episcopal Church. The Rev. John Hurt, an Episcopal minister, began serving as a chaplain in the Continental army in 1776. Today, more than 100 Episcopal priests serve as chaplains across the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration medical centers, and federal correctional institutions.

The Veterans Day Service will include recorded readings from military veterans and personnel around the world; prayers written by veterans; music from the Washington National Cathedral; and more.

“This service marks a new chapter in our commitment to walk with veterans—not only in remembrance, but in enduring relationship and hope,” Ritonia said. “If you have a veteran in your life, I encourage you to share about this service and invite them to maybe watch it with you.”

The livestream—from the Chapel of Christ the Lord at 815 Second Ave. in New York City—will air on The Episcopal Church’s website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. Those interested in attending in person can [register online](#).

## ***Thoughts from a Parish Member***

### **UNHOLY CHAOS**

Unholy chaos is what I would call the majority of the world today. I come to St. Andrew's in hope of finding a difference. I have spent a lot of time recently asking how the church can help bring order in this world.

Sometimes I feel like we need to sing more spiritual songs, look at the mass differently, or make other changes to the service.

Then I step back and put my ego aside and say, "What is this not about?" The answer is clear, "It is not about me." What is clear to me is that the church is changing, people are changing, and the world has certainly changed.

Why is it important for the church to embrace change and perhaps the way we do things? I believe the answer is clear. Our goal is to help people see and experience God's unconditional love for them and how to share it with others.

There is no "one" answer on how to accomplish that. That goal is achieved through each person's personal journey. Each journey is both unique and different. It is not about whether we do Prayer A, B, or C, or whether we do Prayers 1-6, or sing from LEVAS or not.

Our journey should be about hearing the message and realize one important thing. The service concludes with a reminder that God so loved us, that He sacrificed His son, to provide everlasting life through loving one another. Then, at the end of worship, we are told "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Walking out the door should be a reflection about how to do that. Each week I try and find a way to make that happen. I want my journey to reflect my appreciation for God's ultimate sacrifice.

Yes, the church needs to embrace change. The reason is to help people find order out of chaos. The reason is to get the message out that God is Love! So, when I grumble about things, I have to stop and tell myself, "This isn't about me." Can you just imagine that love that God has for us that He gave His Son. We must be that important.

The message must be all encompassing. We need to focus on loving one another. "Leave this place, secure in the knowledge that you are loved. Tell others about it. Let it show in everything you say and do."

AMEN! — Steve LaFever

## COFFEE HOUR PROVIDERS

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE YUMMY THINGS YOU BRING US

If you are unable to bring coffee hour please call someone else on the list and also, please let the office know so we can put the correct provider in the bulletin. To let the office know please email [staoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:staoffice@sbcglobal.net) or call or text Sharon. I type bulletins, etc. at home so don't always see the updates in the parish hall.

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Barbara Banke	345-2992	November 2
Eve Yabroff	(253) 225-8683	November 9
Emily Kjaergaard	408-221-3830	November 16
<i>(help needed)</i>		November 23
Jennifer Kennedy	251-1471	November 30
Jane Pomeroy	(408) 472-1586	December 7
Barbara Banke	345-2992	December 14
Eve Yabroff	(253) 225-8683	December 21
Emily Kjaergaard	(408) 221-3830	December 24



## Ramblings from a Wanderer

And, now as the first six months of my journey/pilgrimage/discovery have come to a close, I am amazed at the ease with which I've moved into this different life. It is surprising how Bella and I have created new routines in a place so different from that which we came.

In the past three months, we've made new friends, canine and human, hearing such interesting stories of others' journeys and pilgrimages. Different, yet similar in so many ways: a certain amount of discontent, a major life event, a need for change. Then a visit to this beautiful, vibrant, unusual place. And the move happens — seems to become permanent without intention.

It makes me wonder if that is what my future will be also! I can definitely imagine how easy it would be to follow that pattern. This place where I have landed does have a magic about it; a magnetism that draws one in; an energy of color and music, of joy and life, generosity and kindness. Will the character of my pilgrimage change—from wandering and looking for a place to land to discovering new people and living new experiences in the place where I have landed?

Settling in a place mostly surrounded by persons who speak a different language and who have a different culture, in a place with cobblestone streets and different architecture. Are these new experiences, this new culture, these new people part of the pilgrimage, the discovery?

I am now wondering if all of life is a pilgrimage, always a journey of change and discovery... simply a different way of looking at our lives and how we live them. Do we simply have to consider our life as a pilgrimage, rather than intentionally walking away from everything that is familiar in order to go on a pilgrimage?

Although, walking away from everything that is familiar was not nearly as difficult as what I had once thought it would be. Leaving behind all the "things" I'd collected over many years, a home it had taken several years to complete, and a comfortable place and people, was not as traumatic or disorienting as I had once thought it might be. Actually, leaving behind the physical "stuff" has been very freeing, leaving more time for experiencing the world around.

Was the purpose of going on a pilgrimage ultimately to discover new places and people and to establish new routines? To re-discover how lovely and joyful life can be if we break out of the old routines and habits? All I really do know is that I'm glad I did it...and I also know I am not at the end of the pilgrimage yet and I'm enjoying all the steps I'm taking. And I thank God for leading me on this voyage of discovery. - Susan Greer

*The Right Reverend Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, has been called to serve as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, one of the points of unity for our Anglican Communion. Our Bishop Lucinda Ashby has met her and speaks very highly of her. The following are excerpts from her address after her call. (The full address is linked on our website.)*

Today, as I respond to the Call of Christ in this new ministry, I remain rooted in my first calling: to follow Christ, to know him – and to make him known to the world.

Reflecting on the experiences which have prepared me for this role, I am deeply thankful to the people, the churches and communities of the Diocese of London. . . . Washing feet has shaped my Christian vocation as a nurse, then a priest, then a bishop. In the apparent chaos which surrounds us, in the midst of such profound global uncertainty, the possibility of healing lies in acts of kindness and love.

. . . Given the many struggles of our Church and of societies here and around the world, I am often asked where I see hope. I have the privilege to see hope in communities, chaplaincies and churches in the Church of England and across the wider Anglican Communion.

. . . In parishes across this nation, I see faithful clergy and congregations worshipping God and loving their neighbours. . . . I hear parishioners ringing bells and inviting people to pray. I hear the quiet hum of faith in every community, the gentle invitation to come and be with others, and the welcome extended to every person. In all of this, I see hope – because I see the person of Jesus Christ, reaching out to us all.

The Christian faith is unwavering in its teaching that we are all made in the image of God. Each one of us deserves to be treated with dignity, compassion and respect. Christ commands us to love God, and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

. . . Some will be asking what it means for a woman to lead the Church of England, and to take on the Archbishop of Canterbury's global role in the Anglican Communion. I intend be a shepherd who enables everyone's ministry and vocation to flourish, whatever our tradition.

Today I give thanks for all the women and men – lay and ordained; deacons, priests and bishops – who have paved the way for this moment. And to all the women that have gone before me. Thank you for your support and your inspiration.

. . . I will not always get things right. But I am encouraged by the psalmist who tells us that, 'Though you stumble you shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds you fast by the hand.'

I trust in the truth of those words for me, for you, for the Church of England, for the nation, for the Anglican Communion and for the world. Held fast by the Lord's hand, please pray for me as I will pray for you.

# St. Andrew's Ministries

## *The Women's Circle*



Dear Friends,

Women's Circle will meet November 12, 10:30-12:00 at the parish hall with Jane Pomeroy hosting. We will talk then about whether to meet on November 26, the day before Thanksgiving. It has been suggested we may want to go out for lunch together that day. Ann Moyer, 619-321-8596

We would like to celebrate your birthday—please give the date (month and date) to Susan Greer at [sgreerincruz@gmail.com](mailto:sgreerincruz@gmail.com), or to Sharon Fishel



**LOSS (WINGS)** Associated with Suicide Prevention Services of the Central Coast, it is a support (not therapy) group for anyone who has lost someone to suicide, years ago or recently. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm (please note this is a change in time) in the Parish Hall. The Facilitator is Dr. Joan McVay of St. Andrew's. For more information, contact Julie Cory at 831-246-8750.

### Prayer Team

We have an active prayer team at St. Andrew's led by Sue Roe. When a prayer concern is made known to Sue, she sends it out to the group so they can be praying for you. Please contact Sue if you would like some prayers.

Also, if you would like to be one of the pray-ers, let Sue know and she will be happy to add you to the group.

Please contact Sue at Phone 562-243-4080, or by email [suemhr@aol.com](mailto:suemhr@aol.com)

### Outreach Committee

If you know of or support a non-profit organization and would like it to be considered for a grant from St. Andrew's, please provide information on its programs to the Outreach Committee. The members of the committee are Susan Greer, Joan McVay, and Ray Rischpater. We are looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested, please contact Susan, Joan, or Ray. The committee generally meets after Bible Study, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

**ACA** (Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families) meets every Wednesday evening upstairs.

# Upcoming Events

## November



16 — Harvest Potluck 11 am

23 — Stewardship Sunday—  
Pledge in-gathering

## December



7—Christmas Tea Party 11 am



24— Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm



The recent *Celtic* celebration and supper was a great success. All who attended enjoyed the wonderful entertainment and delicious food. Thank you to everyone who helped make this yearly event even better!

The Outreach Committee has recommended, and the Vestry approved, sending \$500 to Heifer International, \$477 to Community Bridges and \$477 to Valley Churches United.



*Give thanks  
for the plenty  
God gives us*



Join us for Worship Services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and the social hour after. The sermon may be watched on St. Andrew's Facebook page, if you are not able to attend in person.