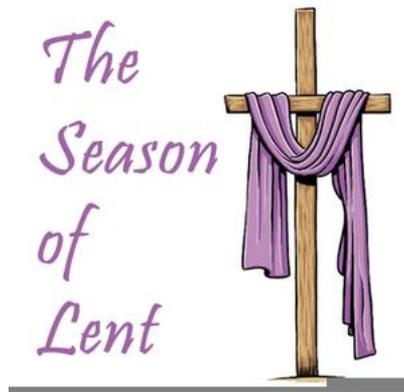


The Piper

March 2026



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A Message from Father Martin

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday

◆ **March 15 – Bishop Lucinda Ashby visits St. Andrew’s at 10 am.**

She will preside and preach, and confirm/reaffirm three adults. We will then share a Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall with open discussion with our bishop. (Please sign up for the Potluck.)

◆ **Lenten Class/Soup Suppers: March 8, 15 & 22. 5 to 7 pm**

We have had two good sessions thus far discussing Mariann Edgar Budde’s book How We Learn to Be Brave and have been joined by several members of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Scotts Valley. Feel free to join in any of the remaining sessions.

◆ **March 29 – Palm Sunday**

We begin outdoors to hear of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. Then waving our palm (or redwood?) branches, we enter the Church for a dramatic reading of the Passion, homily, and Holy Communion.

◆ **March 31, Tuesday 12 Noon to 1:00 pm**

Special Bible Study on the Easter stories in the Bible.

◆ **April 2 – Maundy Thursday**

We will meet at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Scotts Valley, 5271 Scotts Valley Drive, at 7:00 pm for a joint worship experience with the Washing of feet or hands, Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar.

◆ **April 3 – Good Friday – Two Services at St. Andrew’s**

- **12 Noon** – Our annual Community Good Friday Prayer Service, to which we invite all the churches in the San Lorenzo Valley to co-sponsor and co-lead. Lasts one hour.

- **7:00 pm** – The dramatic Good Friday Liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer.

◆ **April 5 – Easter Sunday!**

10 am worship service with St. Andrew’s Choir, Easter hymns, and Holy Communion. An Easter Egg hunt and festive reception following the service.

Please think about who you might invite to these memorable services.

From our Presiding Bishop

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church,

Here in the United States, we awoke this morning with alarm to the news that the United States and Israel have launched a large military strike on Iran. This violent attack comes despite weeks of negotiations that many of us had hoped would prevent armed conflict in this fragile region, which is home to so many religious traditions and faithful people.

Bishop Jeffrey Mello of Connecticut and a group of pilgrims from that diocese are in the Holy Land now, and when we spoke this morning, he let me know that they are safe at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I ask you to pray fervently for them and their safe return.

Pray, too, for all the people of the Holy Land, and especially for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and its leader, Archbishop Hosam Naoum. I had planned to be with Hosam today and tomorrow when he made a long-planned visit to our church. Many Episcopalians who had hoped to see him and assure him of our support will feel his absence keenly in the coming days. I commend to you the [letter that he has sent to the people of his diocese this morning](#).

As news reports tell us of fear and panic in Iran, I ask you to pray especially for the people of the Diocese of Iran and for all of the Iranian people. In recent weeks, we have mourned as the regime in Iran has killed peaceful protesters, and watched with alarm at both its increasing repression of the Iranian people and the escalating response of the U.S. government. As Christians who follow a Prince of Peace, we mourn that today's attacks will surely mean further hardship for the most vulnerable Iranians and, as retaliation inevitably follows, suffering that will spread across the entire region.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sean Rowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sean" being more prominent than the last name "Rowe".

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Garden of



Eatin'

Baked Carrot Casserole

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 1-1/2 quart casserole dish.

Ingredients:

4 cups of cooked carrots, mashed to make 2 cups

3 eggs

1/2 cup sugar

3 tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

Dash of cinnamon

1 stick melted butter

Beat eggs in a bowl. Mix in sugar, flour, baking powder and dash of cinnamon. Add mashed carrots and butter. Mix well and turn into casserole dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 and bake 45 minutes longer, until firm

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 or call or text Sharon. I type bulletins, etc. at home so don't always see the updates in the parish hall.

Sharon Fishel Office: 831-247-5572

March 8 Jake Thomas

March 15 POTLUCK

March 22 Rochelle Kelly

March 29 Emily Kjaergaard

April 5 Barbara Banke and the congregation (Easter)

April 12 Jennifer Kennedy

April 19 Rochelle Kelly

HeeHeeHee!!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of money for us. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They don't say, "Hurry up."

St. Andrew's Ministries

The Women's Circle



Dear Friends,

Women's Circle met on Monday March 2, 6:30pm at the home of Ann Moyer. We will resume meeting on the first Thursday evening of the month in April.

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday March 18, at 10:30 at the parish hall. Ann Moyer, 619-321-8596

Men's Circle

Men's group met on Monday, March 2, 6:30pm at the home of Christian Kjaergaard. Next meeting will be on Thurs. April 9 at the Yabroffs in Felton. Questions? Call Brad Moyer 619-321-7316 or Christian Kjaergaard 650-864-4404.

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

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 Joan McVay, Janet Parske, Laura McClain and Ray Rischpater. 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.

A men's AA meeting is now held upstairs on Tuesday s at 6:30 pm

Ramblings from a Wanderer

I've been struggling a bit on what to write for March's Piper!! Hmmmm. Then, after the difficult and violent activities in Mexico and around the world the last few days and all of the inquiries I've received from friends & acquaintances around the world, it seemed I was being guided to think about (and maybe write about) my feelings about safety and making a home in a foreign place, a place "away from home" and its implied lack of safety.

First, the killing of the cartel leader in Puerto Vallarta, a place I've never been but have been told is a beautiful, peaceful, and fun place to visit. In that event, one man who most would agree was evil and lead others to do evil things in evil ways, was killed. In retaliation, his workers who were devoted to him, serving him in his chosen profession and being paid by him, set fire to several OXXO mini-markets and some vehicles in order to disrupt traffic and normal life. In those activities, "civilians" were warned to leave the premises or their cars, so they were not harmed. This was a conflict solely between the Mexican military & police and cartel members. After a few hours, the fires were put out, cartel members were arrested and in some cases shot or injured, and the violence was over and clean up operations began. Area residents remained indoors for overnight and most businesses closed for the night. On Monday, life resumed and over the next few days, everything was back to "normal".

In our city, which is about an 11 hour drive from there, one OXXO and one vehicle on the city outskirts were set on fire. Immediately the fires were put out. The city administrators recommended that people exercise caution and remain indoors if possible; the mall and larger stores closed at 4 in the afternoon; and some restaurants closed for the night. On Monday, most everything was open, and by Tuesday, we again had traffic and customers in restaurants and shops.

I was asked so many times if I was safe, if I would be coming back to the States, if I was afraid, and so on. Simple answer was that I was not afraid, I was safe, and I wouldn't be traveling to the States!!

It did make me think back to the four years I spent working at US Embassy Baghdad during the war in Iraq. And how I did not feel unsafe—we were surrounded by very high walls and many soldiers and security personnel and we rode in "up-armored" vehicles wearing helmets and body armor. We had "early" warning (about 2-3 minutes) of incoming rockets or gunfire so we could either get inside or in the "duck and cover" concrete bunkers placed around the compound. We were given safety briefings every couple of weeks.

But, most importantly to me, I was safe because God had led me there and was keeping me safe while I was there. I felt then, and still feel now, that I have

a safety bubble around me that will protect me wherever I am. One of my friends laughed and told me that was ridiculous (probably others thought it but didn't say it), but I truly believe it and still do.

God has taken me on my life journey, this pilgrimage, through moves across the country and back as well as to a war zone; through marriages and divorce and death; through cancer and treatment; and now to Mexico, by far the biggest change I've experienced in my life. And I feel that as long as I have the trust in Him and do my best to follow on the path He has set for me, I will always be safe and do not need to be afraid.

So, now as I'm preparing to sign papers to purchase a house, as I continue to improve on speaking Spanish, as I explore more of this beautiful country, as I meet and make friends with more Mexicans and ex-pats who have also decided to make their home here—I thank God for His protection, for leading me on this amazing journey. I feel so privileged to know His love and His protection, and I know without a doubt it is there for everyone, if only they will believe and trust, and be open to His love.

Susan Greer



St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Jane Pomeroy , Senior Warden
John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden
Rochelle Kelly
Joan McVay

Sheryl Mello
Brad Moyer
Ray Rischpater, Clerk

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.



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.