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A Message From Father Martin

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful **125th Anniversary Celebration** on September 12 and 13. You can read more about it in this issue.

We have a full October ahead of us. This coming Sunday, October 4, we gather for worship outside on the patio around the bell to celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals**. You are invited to bring your pet, or a photo of a pet (living or in heaven) for prayers and thanksgivings.

The following Sunday, October 11, we will celebrate the (transferred) **Feast of St. Andrew with our Celtic Service including bagpiping and the Kirking of the Tartans**. We will enjoy a Shepherd's Pie luncheon following the service. Invite friends and neighbors!

Then on Saturday, October 31, we will offer our annual **Halloween ministry**. Bring candy to the Office to distribute that evening and come help give it out and welcome visitors to the Church and the "*offrenda*" in front of the Altar.

We are partners with our Lord in serving the people of our congregation, our community, and this world. And we are stewards of our resources, our gifts and talents and time as we serve through St. Andrew's. Later this Fall, we will be reflecting on how we shall give and serve in ministry in the coming year. For now, let us be thankful for this wonderful church and congregation. And let us consider what St. Andrew's means to us and to the community. Let us talk about and pray about how God seeks to use us and St. Andrew's to share God's love and express God's mercy in 2027.

I am thankful to be serving here with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Martin+



Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Our Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13 was really great!



We began with bagpiping from 1 to 1:30 (photo of Paul Llewellyn on the left), at 1:30 presentations were made by representatives of State Assemblymember Pellerin and Senator Laird's offices (photo on right), also from our County Supervisor's Office, the director of Valley Churches United and the director of the Long Term Recovery Group (upstairs).



Then from 2 to 3 we had a wonderful and very well-attended concert in the church with musicians Patricia Gardner, St. Andrew's Choir, Jesse McMillin, Vlada Moran, David Erdman, Colin Whitby-Stevens, and Nicki Kerns. Then from 3-4, we enjoyed more cake and cookies in the parish hall, where several large historical displays were set up to review our history.

On Sunday, our service used the traditional Rite One ('thee-s and thou-s') language and was followed by an Ice Cream social.

Here is the text of the California Assembly Resolution (posted in the Parish Hall):

California Legislature Assembly Resolution

By the Honorable Gail Pellerin, 28th Assembly District;
and the Honorable John Laird, 17th Senatorial District, relative to commending

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Whereas, Through numerous avenues of faith-inspired charity and service to congregants and the community at large, California's places of worship have long fostered self-respect and life-changing empowerment for the congregants and have enhanced the quality of life for members of the communities to which they belong, and one such venerable place of worship is St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary and is therefore deserving of special public commendations; and

Whereas, In 1899, 12 local residents raised money to buy land and build the future St. Andrew's at a time when lumbering in the San Lorenzo valley was at its peak, as mills were shipping vast quantities of timber through Boulder Creek, a major railhead for California, and since its founding, St. Andrew's has served congregants living in the San Lorenzo Valley year-round as well as people coming to the Valley on vacation; and

Whereas, Due to a dwindling of the congregation after an auspicious start, beginning in 1911, St. Andrew's generally locked its doors in the winters and served principally as a summer chapel until 1950, when it welcomed its first full-time vicar, the Reverend John Davis Lee, in an arrival that would signal a stable future as the church gathered new members, and under the leadership of Father Joseph R. Kennedy, who came in 1974, St. Andrew's became a vigorous, self-supporting mission before becoming a parish in 1979 in a ceremony at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral and, subsequently, a part of the new Diocese of El Camino Real in 1980, and

Whereas, Cementing its role in the community, St. Andrew's served as a leader and community center for emergency aid services during the devastating 1982 storm in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and in 1988, the Church welcomed the Reverend Colville Smythe and his wife, Sylvia, who were integral in welcoming new members and programs, and

Whereas, Currently St. Andrew's is being served by Interim Pastor Martin Yabroff, a native of Los Gatos who received his Master of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology, and boasting a long history that has included significant and continuing community outreach and service, the Church donates 5 percent of all contributions to community outreach efforts, awarding grants to a range of local to global nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, Since its founding, St. Andrew's – a small and welcoming congregation that has maintained a commitment to respecting the dignity of every human being and to serving as a safe and loving place for healing and spiritual growth – has upheld a fine tradition as an active and viable member of the San Lorenzo Valley community, and its 125 years of continual involvement in civic and charitable affairs has improved the quality of life for many;

Resolved by Assembly Member Gail Pellerin and Senator John Laird,

That special public attention be directed to St. Andrew's Episcopal church for the invaluable contributions it has made to the San Lorenzo valley community and to the State of California, and that it be extended the heartiest congratulations as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Members Resolution No. 1413

Dated this 12th day of September 2026

Garden of



Eatin'

This is a good one for the holidays coming up. I often double or triple it and give a loaf or two as gifts. Sue

PUMPKIN BREAD

1 cup granulated sugar	1 teas. baking soda
1/2 cup golden brown sugar, firmly packed	1/2 teas nutmeg, cinnamon, salt
1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin	1/4 teas. ginger
1/2 cup canola oil	1 cup raisins
2 eggs, unbeaten	1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 cups sifted all purpose flour	1/4 cup water

Combine sugars, pumpkin, oil and eggs; beat until well blended. Sift together flour, salt, and spices; add and mix well. Stir in raisins, nuts and water. Spoon into well-oiled loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 65 to 75 minutes or until done when tested with a toothpick. Turn out on a rack to cool thoroughly.

HeeHeeHee!!

A man climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai and gets close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute."

The man then asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny."

Then he asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

Following Jesus into the Public Square



Practical and Spiritual guidance for living into our Baptismal Covenant

October 17th 2026, 10 am – 3pm

St Mary's Pacific Grove

\$25 includes lunch and snacks

We live in a time when political values are in direct opposition to gospel values. Many of us are discouraged and feel that there is little we can do to make a difference even as we see our neighbors being arrested, government programs decimated and the environment devastated. Yet our baptismal covenant calls us to persevere in resisting evil, to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being, so we cannot simply step aside.

This workshop will:

- Help you discern how God is calling you to use your gifts
- Provide you with tools to live into your baptismal covenant, rooted in nonviolence
- Give you hope for the possibilities that God can open

Everyone is welcome. Come as you are. Please consider bringing friends from your congregation or community so that you will have a network of support.

The workshop leader will be The Rev. Jaime Edwards-Acton. Jaime has been Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for over 20 years, a vibrant, bilingual, multi-cultural congregation in the heart of Hollywood. Jaime is co-chair of Sacred Resistance in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

We understand... a call to stand in resistance to the systemic evils that oppress and marginalize any member of our human family – including but not limited to racism, sexism, nativism, homophobia, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Grounded in our baptismal promises, our resistance to public policies that perpetuate those evils is how we put our faith into action in the world. ~ Sacred Resistance6

Note: This is a high participation event!

Register on the Diocesan website: <https://realepiscopal.org/en/social-justice-eventregistration/>

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real

St. Andrew's Ministries

The Women's Circle

Dear Friends,

Women's Circle will meet October 1, 6:30pm at the home of Ann Moyer, 305 Eleana Drive, Ben Lomond, entrance across street from 230 Morningside Drive. And again on October 21, 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Join us!

For questions, contact Ann Moyer at 619-321-8596.

Men's Circle

Men's Group will meet October 8, 6:30pm at the home of Paul Llewellyn. Address to be provided to men via text. Contact Brad Moyer for more info. 619 321-7316.

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 562-243-4080, or by email

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 Laura McLain, Joan McVay, Janet Parske, and Ray Rischpater. We are looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested, please contact Joan, Janet, Laura or Ray.

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 4th Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Julie Cory at 831-246-8750.

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

Men's AA meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm upstairs.

**A letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe
on the 25th Anniversary of 9/11
September 11, 2026**

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

Twenty-five years on, we live in a world shaped by 9/11. Our lament will never end for those who died in the attacks, those who gave of their lives in the days and weeks following, and those who still suffer. Our grief is particularly sharp on this historic anniversary.

We also mourn that, since that day in 2001, our common life has been deformed by division and fear of one another. Sometimes it seems that the chasm has become unbridgeable.

As Episcopalians, however, we know there is a better way. We saw it then in the extraordinary witness of first responders, and especially in the heroic relief ministry at our own St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan. We see it now across our church in countless ministries of reconciliation, peacemaking, and in our commitment to interfaith cooperation with our Muslim siblings in faith.

Even in the face of unimaginable evil and suffering, God calls us to be repairers of the breach and restorers of paths to dwell in. I pray that this commemoration of 9/11 renews our commitment to answer that call in our own lives and communities, and together as the body of Christ in the world.

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



Message From Your Junior Warden

As Jr Warden, I want to keep you informed on the outlay that we have invested in the church and grounds so far this year.

As of mid-September, we have spent \$11,900 on repairs and maintenance of the church/grounds/general upkeep (including a new furnace in the Church, new hot water heater for the Parish Hall, and repairs to the yard fencing). Fortunately, we have had the funds from our budget and savings to be able to cover the costs this year. However, next year is an unknown, thus we may have to be selective on which items we are able to cover for repairs.

Regards, John Woolliscroft

Random Musings by Laura McClain

Donut Weekend

I grew up in the small town of Terre Haute, Indiana in the 1970s. Our family attended St Joseph's Catholic Church. Each week the members of the congregation would contribute \$1-2 into a pool and there was a drawing for a prize every 6 months, but you had to have contributed each week in order to win. One weekend our parents were out of town, and they gave my sister and I (ages 7 and 8) money to put in the pool. Instead, we decided to buy donuts in the parish hall after mass. A few months later, our family's name was drawn as the winner of the pool! But when they checked the books, it was discovered that there was one weekend (the donut weekend) that our family had not made a contribution, so we did not win. Whoops.



Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr wrote this prayer in the 1940s. It became associated with Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and other 12 step programs. However, it is relevant to all of us, whatever our struggles may be.

Serenity= A deep state of inner calm, quietude, or tranquility, free from mental stress, anxiety, or agitation.

Doesn't that sound amazing? Don't we all want to achieve that?

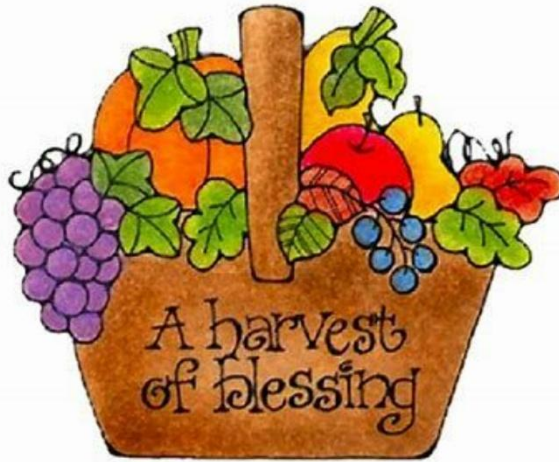
I say this prayer daily, especially the first line. God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.

I'm in a 12-step fellowship where the third step is Make a decision to turn my will and life over to the care of God. Wow. I have been pondering this step for weeks. The decision is easy. But full surrender...oh boy. Letting go of control. Letting go of the outcome. Paying attention to what God is trying to tell and show me and acceptance of what has already happened and whatever comes next.

(The courage and wisdom parts will be addressed later – I'm not quite there yet.)

Let go and let God.

Laura



Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry:
I am not there. I did not die.

- Mary Elizabeth Frye

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.