



SINCE 1891, KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*  
*Port Angeles, Washington*

**1891 – 2016**

*Celebrating 125 Years*  
*of Worship and Service*

*125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book*



## A Prayer for St. Andrew's



## and St. Swithin's

Almighty and ever living God, we give you thanks for the people of St. Andrew's and St. Swithin's.

As part of your living body, the Church, we pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek to discover the road ahead of us and see where it will lead.



Give us wisdom and grace to find your will for us. Guide us into the fullness of the life you have given us. May we find ways to serve you in ministries of Christian love.

All this we ask through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Dedication

This Book is offered to the Glory of God and in earnest thanksgiving for all of those faithful parishioners living and in paradise who have served St. Andrew's with devotion and sacrifice through the one hundred and twenty-five years of the church's life in this community.

## A Letter from the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel,



### 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia

June 29, 2016

The Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

To the Good People of St. Andrew's, Port Angeles,

Happy 125th Anniversary. I am glad I can be with you for it, and I look forward to that so much. I always do. When I visit St. Andrew's I always experience joy in life and joy in following the Way of Jesus. When I read some of the letters from my predecessors on your prior anniversaries, they speak of the same joy they see in you, and they speak of strength and Bishop Curtis said, "there I find some of the finest Episcopalians I know." My experience is that you have kept all those legacies alive. I remember the first time I visited with you about nine years ago. I experienced all of this, and yet at a time when you were not exactly sure of your future. At that meeting, the leaders in your midst made a bold and risky decision to stake their claim with abundance and with confidence in the work of the Holy Spirit to bring good to your fold. Nine years later, we can see and experience the gift of that leadership. You are a strong and joyful place, living up to your history of doing just that.

Bless you all, and I cannot tell you what a blessing it is to me to be on this journey, and in the service of our Lord, with all of you.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gregory H. Rickel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel  
VIII Bishop of Olympia



## A Letter from the Rev. Gail Wheatley,

### 6<sup>th</sup> Rector of the St. Andrew's



August 31, 2016

Dear People of St. Andrew's and St. Swithin's,

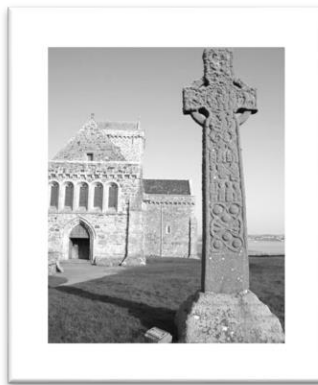
The last time one of these "letters" was written for an anniversary booklet was for the 90<sup>th</sup> in 1981 by David Storm+. We hadn't been in this building for very long, we'd just begun using the "new" 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, and Ronald Reagan was in his first term as President. Much has transpired in our individual lives, this community and the world in these 35 years. We can talk about the bricks and mortar things like the new parish hall addition and the much-appreciated portico over the front entrance on the west. A gravel parking lot has been added and we are blessed with the creation of St. Andrew's Place Assisted Living on the south side of the church. The lower/original parish hall was refurbished and named All Saints Hall in honor of so many who have gone before, leaving us their legacy of support and love and faithfulness.

Many of you were here for the 90<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> celebrations and there are many "new" faces, including Doug's and mine! And we know that although we can celebrate this place with love and gratitude, what endures and continues, is the faithfulness of worshipping God, intentionally striving to fulfill our mission to "Know Christ and Make Him Known," continuing throughout our lives to be formed as Christians, young and old, in the image of Jesus and taking his message of love and inclusion and welcome into a world in desperate need of it. Therein is the heart of St. Andrew's and St. Swithin's.

Worship is the center of who we are and we show our love for God through music, prayer, contemplation, retreat, Sunday school, restoration of our walking trail, and an unparalleled time of 2015 sabbatical. From that worship, we have been sent into this community and responded to the needs of the world for 125 years. We have participated in feeding, sheltering, supporting, and praying for those in need. We have tried new and old things. Praising God though art and the care of creation continues to be foundational.

My nearly eight years with you as priest and pastor have been a small part of St. Andrew's history and it remains a deep blessing to be making my own journey of faith among you. We are heirs of faithful presence and work in our world as well as ancestors of the next generations. We look back with gratitude and forward with joyful anticipation of what God has in mind for us in the next 125 years; to God goes the glory. As ever, you have my love and prayers.

Gail Wheatley+



*St. Martin's Cross Iona Abbey  
Sabbatical 2015*



## Our History

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church began as a small mission. On **August 31, 1891**, a small band of Episcopalians met to plan the first service. Presiding at the initial service, held **November 22, 1891** was the Rev. George Watson of Trinity, Seattle. He conducted this first service in the Baptist Church at First and Oak Streets.



*Arrow indicates First Baptist Church where our founders held the first Episcopal church service*

The new mission built its first church on the southeast corner of Sixth and Chase Streets. The formal opening was **May 18, 1892** and incorporation papers were signed on **March 12, 1893**.



1904

*Second and Peabody Streets*

In **1905**, under the guidance of the Rev. James Cheal, St. Andrew's traded the church location for property at Second and Peabody Streets where, on **September 17**, a new church edifice was consecrated.

On **June 8, 1908**, a parish hall was dedicated for the use of the church and the wider community.

**During the depression, in 1930,** much-needed free community meals were prepared and served in the parish hall in a program called the good ship Good Cheer under the direction of the Rev. Maclean Goldie who was vicar from 1927 - 1934. The parish hall was used by the whole community and enabled St. Andrew's, along with other local churches, to supply food, clothing, fuel and other assistance to the needy during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This generosity to the community continues through the next 85 years and will continue on into the future.



*1930 - The Good Ship Good Cheer  
Committee*



*The Rev John Como*

**In 1939,** the Rev. John Como became the last vicar to serve St. Andrew's Mission and the first rector to serve St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as we became a parish on **January 25, 1943.** Pastor Como remained as rector until his death on **May 31, 1960.**



The Rev. Canon Walter McNeil, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Olympia, came to serve as the third rector of St. Andrew's in **1964**. Canon McNeil had a heart

for outreach and soon established services at Neah Bay; St. Swithin's, Forks and summer vespers at Elwha Camp Circle, Olympic National Park. As we've moved into the second millennium, we continue with this outreach to St. Swithin's. In recent years, we have had a youth representative involved in Christian Ministry in the Olympic National Park.



*1966 - Canon McNeil breaks ground for a new building at 510 E Park Avenue*

**1966** was an important year in our history as we marked our 75th anniversary with the purchase of a four-acre tract on Park Avenue as a site for a new church building. The new

building was completed in 1971 and dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of St. Andrew, the apostle on November 30, 1971.



*1975 - St. Andrew's*



In 1972, the Rev. David A. Storm was installed as rector. During Fr. Storms' tenure, mission work was further expanded to St. Jerome's in Sekiu/Clallam Bay. Unfortunately, this mission was not sustainable and was discontinued.



*Coulter Organ*

During this period, St. Andrew's also replaced its old Wurlitzer organ with a fine Kenneth Coulter Tracker Organ in order to enhance and improve the worship of this congregation and contribute to the cultural life of the community. The organ, with its 888 pipes and 15 stops, was offered to the glory of God and to the community on April 1, 1978.

The Rev. Michael Carr served as rector from **1994 to 2007**. Shortly after his term began, it became necessary to add a new parish hall for fellowship as the old parish hall was being used so much for community service. This proved to be a costly endeavor but after a capital campaign, supplemented by several large gifts, the congregation was able to burn this mortgage in 2005.



*1999 - New Fellowship Hall and Education Wing*



The church saw another building project completed in 1988 when St. Andrew's Place Assisted Living Community was opened. That facility was built just south of the church by the Episcopal Retirement Communities on land donated by the church. It is the only retirement community on the Olympic Peninsula that accepts Medicaid as payment. Members of St. Andrew's Church contribute to the well-being of the residents by providing pastoral care, May baskets, social opportunities and other assistance.



*1998 - St. Andrew's Place Assisted Living*

In December of 2008, the Rev. Gail Wheatley was called to be the sixth rector of St. Andrew's. Pastor Gail has led the congregation into a deeper spirituality in many ways. New worship services have become tradition, including Blue Christmas for people who find the holidays a difficult time to be happy; and Taizé worship services that provide quiet time for prayer music and meditation.



*2014 - The Rev. Gail Wheatley preparing to lead worship*



*2014 - Pastor Gail and acolytes ready for the Palm Sunday procession*



*Bishop Rickel gives Pastor Gail a blessing  
as she begins her sabbatical*

The year 2015 brought our first clergy/congregation sabbatical. With the help of a grant from the Lilly Foundation, Pastor Gail went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and to England, Scotland, and Ireland. The congregation followed her journey with liturgies, music, guest priests, and speakers reflecting each of the places she visited.

Pastoral care is a very important ministry for parishioners and community members alike. Mission work with St. Swithin's, Forks, continues regularly with Pastor Gail and the Rev. Pam Hunter, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Forks sharing in presiding at weekly Eucharistic services.

## Iona Abbey and St Martin's cross



"Sunday evening began extended time here, the most sacred place in Scotland. Cold, windy, wet, beautiful, thin, holy, holy, holy."

*Postcard from Pastor Gail on sabbatical*



## Our Worship

Worshipping together is the heart of St. Andrew's. We come each Sunday to be fed by the Liturgy of the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Service of Holy Eucharist in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* is our mainstay on Sunday mornings. Many Sunday services have had a unique focus, such as our Creation season in the Fall, Jazz Mass that coincides with the community's Juan de Fuca Festival, and Church in the "Green Cathedral" in the woods at our annual picnic.



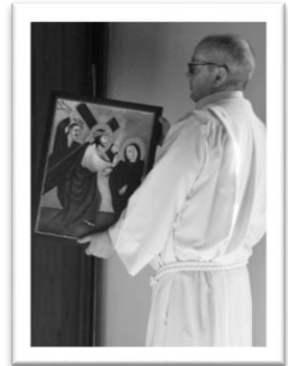
*Worship in the Green Cathedral in the woods during our annual picnic*



*Pastor Gail baptizing children into the household of God*



*2015 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



*Installing the Stations  
of the Cross*



*Worshipping at St. Swithin's*



*St. Andrew's Choir and Children*



*St. Andrew's Organists 2010*



*Gathered around the font for Easter Vigil*



Our Wednesday morning service of Holy Eucharist under the leadership of Pastor Gail has been a service where we can branch out and experience liturgies from around the world. As we have commemorated the saints from *Holy Women, Holy Men*, we prayed liturgies from Scotland, Ireland, and New Zealand. We have honored our Celtic tradition and paid homage to Creation.



*The Children are invited to the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer*

In worship, we come together to hear the Word of God and receive the bread and wine in the way Christ taught us. It is here that we are strengthened spiritually and then sent into the world to be a blessing to others. St. Andrew's has a long history of service in the community of Port Angeles, Clallam County, and in the wider global community.

## Our Faith Formation

St. Andrew's has consistently had a thriving Faith Formation program. There are a variety of opportunities for adults and children alike.

In 2010, we implemented the Godly Play program for the youngest of our folks, allowing them to experience worship, stories, symbols and rituals of our Christian faith. Many children of all ages participate in the annual Christmas/Epiphany Pageant.



*Godly Play Sunday School*



*Preparing for the Epiphany Pageant*



*Youth Group visit to Olympic National Park*

Our middle and high schoolers continue their faith formation with Rite 13 and Journey 2 Adulthood. Their experience is supplemented by activities with the youth group. Confirmation is an important milestone for these students.



*The Youth and Adults working on the Trail in our woods*

Adult Faith Formation has taken many shapes, including focus on the Sunday readings, Bible studies, Education for Ministry, book studies, discussion groups, author studies, films, and special events such as Earth Day, Quiet Days, and events in the diocese.



*Adult Faith Formation in the Library*



## Our Service to the Community

What follows is a partial list of organizations and events in which our parishioners have served as we've traveled this journey "to know Christ and to make him known."

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'" (Matthew 25: 34-36)

### Feed the Hungry

Heifer International - Purchase of an Ark  
Port Angeles Food Bank  
Forks Community Food Bank  
Friday Night Friendship Dinners  
Boys and Girls Club Summer Lunches

### Clothe the Naked

Salvation Army Coat Drive  
Serenity House  
Goodwill  
Boys and Girls Club  
Mission to Seafarers Knitted Caps

### Welcome the Stranger

National Park Christian Ministry  
Boy Scouts Troop 101  
Open-Church Policy for shelter  
Overnight Shelter Volunteers  
Hospitality to Community Groups  
12-Step Recovery Groups



Heal the Sick

AIDs Ministry  
Knitters' Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Prayer Chain, Prayer Circle, Healing Prayers  
PAARC (Port Angeles Association of Religious Communities) --Health Clinic  
VIMO (Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics)



*Fr. Dave present a check to the Forks Food Bank*

Visit the Lonely

Crestwood Convalescent Center  
St. Andrew's Place Assisted Living  
Long Term Care, Forks  
Golden Years Residential Care  
Dungeness Memory Care

Care for the Poor

Homeless Connect  
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes  
Peninsula Housing Authority  
Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea and Chocolate  
MANNA (Ministry Assisting Neighbors in Need with Agape)  
Serenity House  
Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief/Episcopal Relief and Development

- Nets for Life
- Wine into Water
- Haiti
- New Orleans



*St. Agnes Guild takes  
May Baskets to residents  
of St. Andrew's Place*

Care for Spiritual Needs of People  
in our Community

PAFD Support Officer  
Clallam County Sheriff Office  
Chaplain  
Community Worship Services  
Blue Christmas  
Taizé  
Jazz Mass  
Thanksgiving Eve  
Monday Night Forum  
Pastoral Care  
Vacation Bible School  
World Day of Prayer

Care for Creation

Blessing of the Animals  
Worm Bins  
Recycling and Composting  
Care for Creation  
Earth Stewardship Ministry  
Green Faith Congregation  
Energy Efficiency Upgrades to our building  
Planting Trees for the Elwha River Restoration



*Coordinators of the Marketplace  
fundraiser present a check to VIMO*



This list is meant to be a sampling of activities and organizations in which the people of St. Andrew's have participated. As such, it is not an exhaustive list. We give thanks to God and to our parishioners for all the time, talent, and treasure given to further the mission to know Christ and to make him known.



### *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 2016*

The history of St. Andrew's is a work in progress and it is the very people of St. Andrew's who own this story of 125 years. With God's help and blessing the story of this church will continue to be written as we change and grow, responding to the Holy Spirit. Let us celebrate with joy and happiness these 125 years gone by and all the years yet to come.

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*  
*Chronology of Clergy*  
 1894 - 2016

1894	The Rev. Edward Davis	1 <sup>st</sup> Vicar
1897	The Rev. William Tuson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vicar
1903	The Rev. James Cheal	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vicar
1907	The Rev. Edgar Rogers	4 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1911	The Rev. Charles E. Rice	5 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1914	The Rev. Winfred H. Zeigler	6 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1916	The Rev. Francis Vernon Venables	7 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1927	The Rev. Maclean Goldie	8 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1934	The Rev. Omer Bailey	9 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1939	The Rev. John F. Como	10 <sup>th</sup> Vicar
1943	January 25 <sup>th</sup> , St. Andrew's Mission became a Parish	
1943	The Rev. John F. Como	1 <sup>st</sup> Rector
1960	The Rev. Bernard Young	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rector
1964	The Rev. Canon Walter W. McNeil	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rector
1972	The Rev. David Storm	4 <sup>th</sup> Rector
1994	The Rev. Michael Carr	5 <sup>th</sup> Rector
2008	The Rev. Gail J. Wheatley	6 <sup>th</sup> Rector

*Other Clergy Affiliated with St. Andrew's*

1926	The Rev. Charles Baird	Interim Priest
1964	The Rev. Robert Burger	Interim Priest
1979	The Rev. Mark J. Miller	Deacon
1981	The Rev. Dennis C. Lloyd	Deacon
1983	The Rev. Jim Thompson	Assistant Priest
2007	The Rev. Maggie Bourne-Raiswell	Interim Priest
2000	The Rev. Jayne C. Gott	Deacon
2015	The Rev. Stina Pope	Assisting Priest

\*In the early years, many rectors had very short tenures and the mission was on its own for months and sometimes years without a priest.