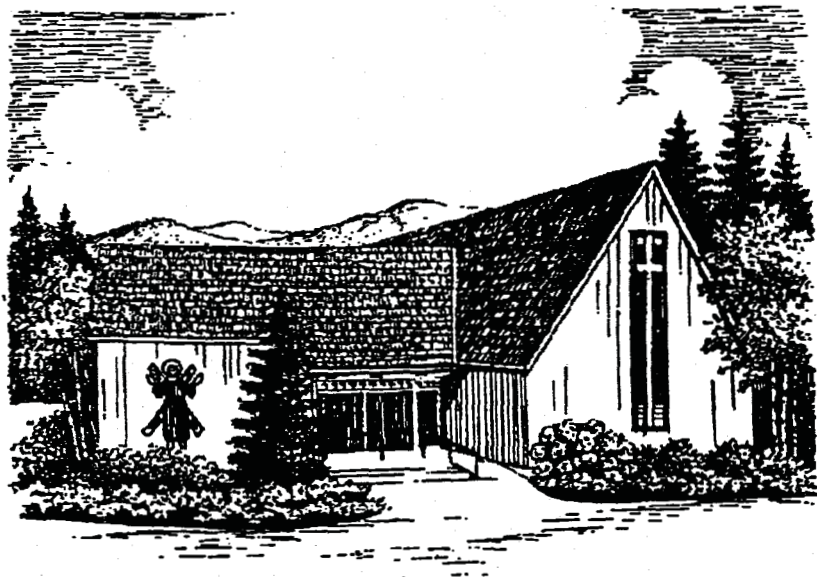
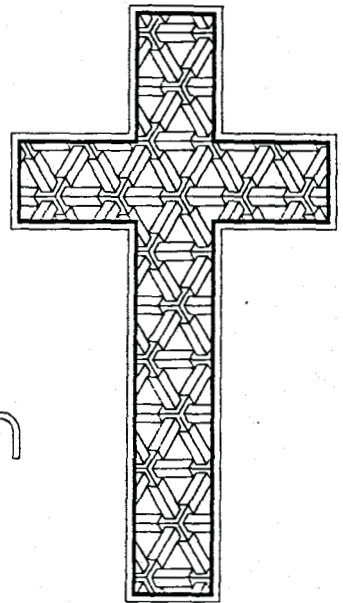


ST. ANDREW'S

Port Angeles, Washington



PARISH PROFILE

*Done in 1993 after the retirement
of Reverend David Storm*

INTRODUCTION

In July 1993, the vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Port Angeles, Washington, appointed a thirteen-member committee with the charge to coordinate the search process for a new rector. This Parish Profile has been developed from results of a parish-wide survey and the participation of the church membership in small group discussions. The vestry has approved the profile.

Until his retirement of June 30, 1993, the Reverend David Storm served as an enthusiastic, multi-talented and devoted rector for 21 years. For half of those years, it was a one-priest parish just as it is today. Father Storm's legacy to St. Andrew's is a stable, growing, Worship and Celebration parish, liturgically knowledgeable and with a respected image in the community.

MISSION

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known.

HISTORY

St. Andrew's was one of the first churches in Port Angeles. On August 31, 1891, a small group of Episcopalians met for the purpose of organizing a mission. At a follow-up meeting in the Baptist Church on November 22, 1891, nineteen persons signed a petition to Bishop Paddock to become the 27th mission in the Diocese. The petition was granted. By May 19, 1892, St. Andrew's first building had been erected at 6th and Chase Streets.

In 1904, work was begun on a new and larger church at 2nd and Peabody. The new church was consecrated and dedicated on September 17, 1905. During 1907-1908, a Parish Hall was built. This added space was planned to be suitable as a meeting place, auditorium and gymnasium not only for the congregation but the community at large. St. Andrew's became self-supporting and a parish on January 25, 1943 and moved to our present home in 1971.

For several years in the 1950's, Reverend John Como also served as part-time pastor for St. Luke's mission in the neighboring town of Sequim. St. Luke's is now a flourishing parish with new facilities. In the early 1960's, St. Andrew's under Canon McNeil, reached out to Forks, sixty miles to the West. St. Swithin's, the mission established there, remains an active part of our church family and with services led by our rector twice a month on Sunday evening.

St. Andrew's has a long history of community participation both as a church and through the individual members of its congregation, for example:

1. During the Great Depression, hot meals were served in our parish hall by our members with help from other churches and local organizations.
2. Sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop for over thirty years.
3. Sponsored and cared for two Vietnamese and one Romanian families.
4. Presently helping homeless families in cooperation with Serenity House.

Many persons on their own initiative are involved in working with the needy, mentally ill, handicapped and in general civic and cultural activities.

Through the years, St. Andrew's has always been an important part of this community including Forks. It is grounded in the traditions of the Episcopal Church, cares for its own people and reaches out into the community and beyond, striving to do Christ's work.

ST. ANDREW'S TODAY

WORSHIP

Coming together to worship our Lord is the primary desire of St. Andrew's parishioners. We celebrate the Eucharist twice on Sunday, at 8 and 10 a.m. with a coffee hour following our latter service. We have celebrated morning and evening on Wednesdays and have had a once-a-month evening Eucharist that was much less formal. Rite I is used at the 8 a.m. service. A few parishioners continue to miss the 1928 prayer book, and there are others who desire more use of inclusive language.

Our Services are mostly traditional although we enjoy an occasional introduction to something a little different. We have had dancing, pageants by the Sunday School classes and musical selections both vocal and instrumental.

The months with a fifth Sunday bring us together to worship at a 9 a.m. service followed by a parish brunch. This provides an opportunity for 8 and 10 "o'clockers" to mingle socially and become acquainted. Aside from the Eucharist and Morning Prayer, we have not been too open to other forms of worship. Our committee has encountered a desire at St. Andrew's to learn more about all things pertaining to our Lord. We believe that the congregation will be open to many kinds of Worship Service if led along carefully and tactfully.

EDUCATION

Education opportunities are offered at St. Andrew's for ages two through adult. Our education hour is 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Adult education classes are offered by both clergy and laity. Many in the parish have expressed a desire for Bible Studies which we currently do not have.

St. Andrew's employs one quarter-time Youth Coordinator and our Youth Group meets every other week in addition to each Sunday morning. The Youth Group is active in acolyting, choir, participation in the liturgy every third Sunday of the month, and are active in Diocesan youth work.

The children's education program for ages two through fourth grade is led by lay volunteers each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. A weekly lesson based on the gospel reading for that Sunday is taught with music, drama and arts & crafts. The children sing the third Sunday of each month during the 10:00 a.m. church service. Our focus is to increasingly link our children with the adult members of the parish. This effort has been met with a very positive response.

The nursery is staffed from 8:45 - 11:15 a.m. each Sunday to accommodate all those who wish to attend the education hour at 9:00 a.m. as well as the church service at 10:00 a.m.

MUSIC

Music at St. Andrew's expresses our love of liturgy within the parish. The quality of our pipe organ is indicative of the importance placed on music. There is a high level of appreciation for the offering of talent by all ages. Our music director believes in an intergenerational approach to music and invites the participation of those eight and older. Music is part of St. Andrew's outreach to the community. Frequently there are chamber music concerts and visiting musicians often supplement our regular choir.

SERVICE

A variety of service groups provide support for life at St. Andrew's. The Altar Guild assist the priest by caring for the altar, elements of communion, laundry and other tasks as needed. St. Agnes, the other active guild, supports programs for children and the general welfare of the parish. Activities of the women of the congregation are coordinated by the Episcopal Churchwomen's organization.

The Prayer Chain and Healing Teams are dedicated groups who are available around the clock to those in need. Service groups not included in other sections of the profile include: Liturgy Committee; Ushers; Greeters; Memorial Garden; Innkeepers; Tree group; Marriage Encounter; Men's and Women's Breakfast Groups.

PRESENT STAFF

At this time, the parish is being served by an Interim Priest on a 4/5th time basis. The congregation is thankful for his guidance during this transition period. We have benefited liturgically and personally from his low-key, warm and open approach to our needs. Licensed lay readers and chalice bearers assist during the services and take communion to the ill and shut-ins.

The office is staffed half-time by an experienced, computer-literate secretary who has been at St. Andrew's for six months. The vestry has voted to make this a three quarter time position as of January 1, 1994. The facilities are maintained by a sexton who works part-time. Volunteers assemble the monthly newsletter and assist with other tasks as needed.

FACILITY

Nestled off Park Avenue, south of the city proper, is St. Andrew's church. The site is heavily wooded to the west, south, and east thus screening the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The building was erected in the early 1970's and is comprised of a wood frame structure set into the site to accommodate a two-story facility. On the lower level, are located the educational facilities, social hall and kitchen. St. Andrew's social hall and kitchen are utilized by the Parish with its own functions as well as groups from the community at large.

On the second or main level are located the worship sanctuary, church office, administration area and the adult education/library/conference room. The sanctuary seats 175 individuals with a choir loft at the back of the space. In the choir loft is a Tracker organ, the only one of its kind in the area. The conference room is also used on a regular basis for meetings by the Parish and the community. Organizations that use the church facilities are the Boy Scouts, Port Angeles Garden Club, Port Angeles Symphony board, Diversified Industries Video and Art Clubs and a Seattle Children's Hospital Guild.

St. Andrew's boasts a traditionally unique quality not found in other churches within this community. In the mid 1970's the vestry and parishioners decided

that the church would remain open twenty-four hours a day. There have been many indications of parishioners and other individuals having sought and found the peace and solitude of the sanctuary during times of need in their personal lives.

To the south of the church, between the structure and the parking lot, is a simple memorial garden where the cremated remains of thirty-some parishioners have been placed. It is hoped that in the future this area will by further developed and expanded.

St. Andrew's Church provides its members and others in this community with not only a place to worship but also a place to meet, enjoy good fellowship and learn.

FINANCIAL STATUS

St. Andrew's is solid financially but is not a church of affluence. Our parishioners assume responsibility for stewardship as a reflection of their commitment to their faith. Consequently we expect to participate not only with our pledges of funds but also with time and talent both within the work of St. Andrew's and as an extension into the community.

Our twenty-two year old church building is well maintained and bears no mortgage. For many years, despite the strain on our budget, St. Andrew's has kept its pledge to the Diocese of Olympia. This has been difficult to accomplish in 1992 and 1993. We participate in mission work, support seminaries and numerous church-related and community-related charities. We encourage memorial gifts and bequests to St. Andrew's Endowment Fund. The income from this fund helps to meet the church budget.

DEMOGRAPHICS

St. Andrew's parish includes 199 households (100 families and 99 individuals) for a total of 431 baptized persons. In 1992, the average total Sunday attendance was around 130 persons. On Christmas Eve, 207 attended and 285 were present on Easter Sunday.

Our congregation is composed of all age groups; however, the largest portion is made up of seniors. The majority is Caucasian and there are more female parishioners than male. These statistics closely resemble the composition of the city of Port Angeles. Members represent a wide range of occupations and professions. Most live in the environs of Port Angeles and arrive by car within 15-20 minutes of leaving home.

ST. SWITHIN'S

St. Swithin's has been a mission of St. Andrew's since about 1960 and is located in Forks, Washington. We are a small, rural, timber-based community that is 60 miles southwest of Port Angeles.

The mission was started with a small group of parishioners who met in the home of Gordon and Lu Marsh. Through the years, the congregation has worshipped at the local VFW Hall, the Congregational Church and is currently at home at Prince of Peace Lutheran church.

Forks is a relatively transient community and the size of the congregation varies accordingly. Attendance at our services typically averages about 12 people per Sunday.

St. Swithin's meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. In the past, we have been served by a priest, assistant priest, deacon and lay reader all coming out from Port Angeles. The interim rector is actively encouraging member of St. Swithin's to become lay readers so that we may lead our own services on the Sundays when no priest is available.

Since we meet in facilities provided by the Lutheran Church, many members of St. Swithin's have become actively involved in the Lutheran congregation as well. We have developed close ties with the Prince of Peace congregation. All Lutheran activities and services are open to the members of St. Swithin's and we also invite our Lutheran brothers and sisters to participate and worship with us. We wish for this close association between the two congregations to continue and would encourage the new rector to become involved in some way in the Forks Ministerial Association.

PORT ANGELES: THE COMMUNITY

Port Angeles is located in the north central section of the Olympic Peninsula between the Strait of Juan De Fuca and the Olympic Mountains in the State of Washington. It has a predominantly mild climate with mild summers and damp winters. It is the county seat of Clallam County. County population is approximately 53,000 with one-third of the people living in Port Angeles. The city is the gateway to Olympic National Park and ferry terminal to Victoria, British Columbia. Transportation is readily available to the greater Seattle and Victoria areas by air, ferry and auto. Driving time to Seattle is approximately three hours.

Many types of recreation are found on the peninsula. Both freshwater and saltwater fishing are popular during the open seasons. Many people take advantage of the hiking, camping, picnicking, cross-country and downhill skiing in Olympic National Park and other areas. There are opportunities for photographers, naturalists, botanists and those who just enjoy watching the wildlife that inhabit the region.

Port Angeles is the hub of cultural events on the peninsula. The Light Opera Association puts on a summer musical and Community Players present five theatrical productions throughout the year. The Community concert Association brings at least three or four concerts to the city each year. The Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra is one of the oldest and finest small city orchestras in the State. The fine Arts Center offers year-round showings of work by Northwest artists and touring shows.

Olympic Memorial Hospital is a 126 bed facility that serves the entire north central peninsula. The region offers complete health care and ready access to Seattle by ground and air ambulance. An MRI facility opened in Port Angeles in the summer of 1992.

The Port Angeles public school system has an excellent reputation and provides education from kindergarten through high school. There are also several private church schools. As part of the state community college system, Peninsula College offers opportunities for full-time and part-time students in both academic and technical programs throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

Our economic base is in transition from timber and tourism to tourism, timber and light industry. Daishowa America and ITT Rayonier are the largest employers in the area.

Port Angeles has experienced moderate growth in the past decade. The county and city both strive to maintain a "quality of life" that is unique to the north peninsula.

PARISH SURVEY

St. Andrew's search committee was formed by Senior Warden Jack Lyons and the vestry. At our first meeting, Canon Betsy Greenman gave us our charge: Produce a profile of our congregation and our community by gathering and evaluating information through a parish survey and do preliminary screening of candidates. The Reverend Bill and Sue Maxwell were appointed as our consultants.

The survey covered seven broad areas of church services, and was well received, eliciting response from approximately 40% of the parish. The response was broken down into four age groups: Ages 9-20; 21-50; 51-65; and over 65. Most interesting was finding that the same feelings and attitudes were expressed by the majority in each age group. Also interesting is the fact that the over 65 group represented almost one half of the respondents and that they were concerned that they do represent such a large segment of the congregation.

The search committee conducted two meetings with members of the congregation, one at St. Swithin's in Forks, and one at St. Andrew's. We were searching for input on the survey we had conducted to ensure that it reflected the true feelings of our parishioners. Following these meetings, we incorporated the comments into fine-tuning our profile.

Areas of special interest are noted below and in the Rector Profile which follows:

1. **LITURGICAL/SPIRITUAL LIFE:** A large majority indicated that there should be more participation by the congregation in the worship service.
2. **EVANGELISM & RENEW:** The majority of all age groups felt that we need to seek, add, and include new members in this parish with particular emphasis on young families.

RECTOR PROFILE

St. Andrew's is a parish that reflects the larger transitional nature of our community. For this reason, we need a shepherd who will not only lead us but hear us when we need help and guidance.

It is important to have an individual who can inspire the congregation on Sunday and also generate the enthusiasm needed to reach out to the community. We must attract new members to the parish, especially young single people and families.

One of our concerns is the desire for a closer balance between biblical studies and contemporary issues. We need an individual who will relate to and work enthusiastically with the young people. One who can both listen to and guide them with sincere understanding.

The rector should have an active interest in the music and liturgy of the church allowing creativity and flexibility in both.

He/She must be able to feed us spiritually and inspire us to strengthen our devotion. In addition, the survey indicated that the congregation wants someone

who can help draw out the talents of all parishioners and encourage participation in a broader manner.

Our rector must have a vital, growing relationship with Christ. This spirituality should be grounded in a strong Anglican tradition. He/She must express a willingness to bring the contemporary world into the church and a desire to carry the church out into the world community. We ask for a spiritual leader who supports the ministries of St. Andrew's and will assist the parish in strengthening its stewardship program.