



*It is no use walking anywhere to preach
unless our walking is our preaching.*

*... St. Francis of Assisi
Italian monk and saint (1181-1226)*

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Dear People of Saint Andrew's,
Having seen some of you this summer as a Supply brought me into contact with many of you. However now that I am to become your "Priest in Residence", the title the bishop is giving to me, I want to reintroduce myself to you or to introduce myself to those who were not here when I was Interim in 2001/2. How all this came about is a story I don't have room to explain here except to say it is as much a surprise to me as to most of you. I believe now that God has been guiding these developments that none of us imagined just a short while ago.

Anyhow I will tell you that I am originally a local boy, born at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, growing up in Medford where I attended public schools. I was one of four boys. My mother had been an English teacher way back and my father was an accountant who was in WW 1 and WW 11 and later assistant to the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. I graduated from Willamette U. in Salem Oregon with a degree in English Literature. There I met my wife Erica (Hubatka) who was born and raised in Canada. I received my M.Div. from General Seminary in NYC. I was ordained deacon and priest in 1961 and began my ministry as curate at St. John's, Greenwich Village, NYC. There our daughter Margaret was born. Then I became a very young rector at Grace Church, Port Jervis, NY where our son Alan Jr. was born. After nearly three years I decided to become a curate again at Church of the Resurrection on Manhattan's Upper East Side

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(and yes I loved living in the Big Apple). I then went to a town on the CT border, Mahopac, NY, to Church of the Holy Communion, where I helped take a long time mission to parish status. In 1979 we set out for the San Diego area when I became rector of St. Andrew's Church, La Mesa, spending twenty years in that position. It was there I met two snow birds from Ayer MA, Jack and Priscilla Andrews who made us their vacation church home.

In 1999 I retired and returned to New England to be near our daughter, her husband Nick Politis and our granddaughter Isabel who had settled in Candia NH outside of Manchester. My mother was still alive and in the family home in Medford. I did some supply work for Martha Giltinan, and when she left I was asked to become Interim. I came to treasure this parish and all of you. Subsequently I did a short Interim at Trinity, Newton, Centre and nearly two years as Interim at St. John's in Saugus. Now I am coming back here in an entirely new capacity. I look forward to working with you in pastoral and liturgical leadership and growing with you in the Life in Jesus we all share together, to support your ministries and to work to share God's love and justice with a world God created, redeemed and calls to find it's true life in him. We are each the beloved of God and to discover that and help others to do that as well is a tremendous opportunity to come to the core meaning of life. Our world needs that good news, and we are called as well to be peacemakers and passionate about the justice that is the right of every person and community. Jesus is Lord, and he is the "express image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), and the Father draws us to himself through Jesus. May we all become more and more like him in our destiny to be transformed into his divine image.

God bless us all as we walk together in the time ahead.

Faithfully yours in Him,

Alan B. MacKillop

Holiday Fair News

The Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, November 12th, from 9-3 in the Parish Hall. The committee needs everybody's ideas and donations to put on this community event. We still need items for the raffles (contact Dianne Bunis at 448-4090, if you haven't received her flier), for the craft and silent auction tables, and we want smaller, less expensive items for the St. Andrew's attic (please no clothing, bedding, draperies). May we count on you for baking your favorite deserts for the bake table? We are hoping for lots of cookies from you this year, attractively wrapped by the half dozen. Also a sign up poster is available at coffee hours so that people can plan in advance which lunch foods they would like to donate, and whether or not they can work during the fair, or help set up/take down. This is always a fun day, so put it on your calendar!

Spinnet Organ

We have a Kimball Spinnet Organ with bench which we would like to give away to a family or needy cause. It is in need of a bit of tuning, however. The only cost is to come and take it away.

Sandy Dickinson
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Editor's Note:

Next Issue: November 2005

Deadline: October 20th

Send submissions to: acahill@hybricon.com, or drop off your submissions at the Church Office during office hours or in the Peabody Room on Sundays.

Questions? Please call me at: (978) 448-4053 (home) or (978) 772-5422 x 323 (work).

*Be sure to include your name and telephone number on **all** submissions!*

All Saints' Day

All Saints Day falls on 1 November but is normally celebrated on the following Sunday for most people. This festival celebrates the triumph of God through his people and the unbroken fellowship of the living and departed. While we celebrate many exemplary and inspiring stories of various saints in many ages through the year All Saints reminds us of the many who are known "to God alone" or are remembered by us in families or friendships for instance. It is a time of baptisms when new members enter that fellowship that stretches across the lines of death to another shore. Names of loved ones are remembered at the altar with gratitude and faith that Jesus who holds us all together keeps those relationships intact though they now do not have the sight and feel and touch that we knew before loved one's departure. It is in him that we move forward with confidence, hope and faith because he is risen and "the first fruits of those who have died." (Paul's words in 1 Cor. 15). We will remember names of loved ones at the Wednesday Eucharist at 12:30PM (All Soul's Day) and on Sunday 6 November at 8 and 10AM. Please indicate below the names you wish remembered and the times you prefer to keep the lists manageable. Please return the names for All Saints services to the office or to leave them in the offering plates.

All Soul's Day 2 November at Noon () All Saints Sunday at 8 () or 10 AM ()

NAMES _____

"Seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ——— let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12:1
"The souls of the faithful are in the hand of God." Wisdom 3:1

Apple Pie-Making

Date: Monday, October 17th

Bring your paring knife and/or rolling pin and apron to the **St. Andrew's Parish Hall** and join us for a fun-filled day of friendship and laughter. There are jobs for all - novice through experienced. If you've never made a pie come learn. If you're an old hand, come share your insights with us.

Our goal is to make 60 - 70 pies. The time is from **9:00AM - 2:00PM**. Come for as short or as long as you can. A light lunch will be served.

If you cannot attend, but would like to help, we would appreciate cash donations for supplies. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Peabody room. These pies are a great addition to any meal. They freeze well so order early as pies are limited!

If you have questions or requests call Peggy Braat 978-456-8701, or Barbara Kamb, 978-486-4360.

Notes from the Wardens

We are very pleased to welcome back to St. Andrew's, the Rev. Alan MacKillop, to serve as our Priest-in-Residence. Father Alan served us as an Interim Priest a few years ago. With Fr. Alan's help, we are looking forward to seeing St. Andrew's grow and also helping us to reach out to welcome back past parishioners. Talking with many parishioners, they are very pleased that he has agreed to help us at this time of need and we are looking forward to his ministry at St. Andrew's.

We said goodbye to our long-time Administrator, Judy Converse. She has been so helpful to all of us and could handle any situation efficiently that was given to her no matter how difficult. Judy is pursuing a career in the ministry of the Lutheran Church and found that her studies were taking much of her time, and therefore, was unable to continue to give St. Andrew's the time required. We wish her the best in her ministry and thank her for the time given to St. Andrew's.

Hugh Tones, our Interim Organist, found a full-time position and we wish to thank him for filling in at St. Andrew's as we continue our search for an organist. We are very pleased that Judy Adams has agreed to fill in for us as the search continues. Thank you, Judy.

As you can see, many changes have taken place during the last month; however, the Vestry is positive that we are moving in the right direction and also welcomes both Fr. Alan's return to lead the way and Judy to fill in as our organist.

Saying goodbye to Fr. Ed was difficult as he has helped us in many ways. Fr. Ed is looking for a full-time position and could not give us a long-term commitment. At the present time, we are currently in a position where St. Andrew's cannot afford a full-time Rector and needed someone who was willing to work part-time for the next two and one half to three years, who could help us grow into a more stable position. We wish Father Ed the best and thank him for his ministry at St. Andrew's.

Your Wardens

Al Colburn

Mary Medeiros

Carolyn Smith

Welcome

We are pleased to announce that Lynn Ferrillo has accepted the position of Parish Administrator for St. Andrews. With Lynn's knowledge and devotion of St. Andrews, we know that she will be an asset in performing the duties of this position.

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