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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I am so glad to be writing to you as your incoming rector! (Not least because at the moment, writing to you means a respite from the half-packed boxes and assorted odds and ends of moving.) The movers will be here in a few days to pack up what's left, and shortly after that, our family will head out to begin our new adventure with St. David's. In the midst of such a busy transition on our end, I know how busily you have been preparing for our arrival on your end. Sara and I have been overwhelmed by the welcome we have already received—Betsy and Liz have done a terrific job in coordi-

nating all of the efforts to welcome us to Kennebunk, from Gillian Charbonneau's generous offer of a place to stay while our new home is being made ready to all of the offers of meals, babysitting, and household chores. What a generous community, and how blessed we are to be joining you!

I also want to give thanks for the work of the Discernment Committee. From my end, I can say that Ellen, Carole, Tom, Jack, Jim, Michelle and Jim worked hard to tell the story of St. David's with joy and truth. I was particularly impressed by the care and prayerfulness with which they approached the entire process. Their good work has given me a glimpse of what a special place St. David's is, and I am looking forward to hearing your stories as we journey together.

Christian ministry can only happen in community, and I am particularly excited to be working with such a passionate and devoted team of fellow ministers at St. David's. Cathy Zub, Tom Chappell and Rick Lombardi have already been an invaluable aid in helping with the administrative logistics of bringing a new rector on board. I am eager to get to know Gail, Kris, Tom and Bill to learn about your life together and to begin to be a part of it.

You already know a bit about me and my family thanks to Jack Wilde's excellent profile in October, and we will get to know each other even better in the coming months and years. I can promise you now that I will do my best to love you, to be faithful among you and with you, and to grow with you in the knowledge and love of God.

As Christians, we have an incredible story to tell, a story that the world is longing to hear. It's the story of the unshakeable and life-changing love of God in Jesus Christ, and I am honored to have been called to tell that story with the people of St. David's. Thank you again, and know me to be

Your Brother in Christ,

Andrew+

Fall Financial Update

The pieces of the puzzle are falling into place and now we have a better picture of what it will take financially to make our vision of a new St David's a reality! The two major questions that impacted our long term planning were "when would our new rector start at St David's" and "how will we end the current year" ... we now have the answers!

In September, with the enthusiastic endorsement of the Discernment Committee, the Vestry unanimously agreed to call Andrew D'Angio White as our new rector, effective December 1, and to move forward with his Letter of Agreement. The compensation portion required the crafting of a plan that would 1) meet the minimum guidelines, as established by the Diocesan canons; 2) meet the financial needs of the new rector; and 3) be affordable for the church. The result was a graduated compensation package that will be implemented over the next two years ... 90% of guidelines in 2017 and 100% starting in 2018. Based on the compensation plan, a 3 year forecast was developed to help evaluate our long term financial position. It was felt that a pledge base of \$235,000 annually would support our sustained operating costs, along with moderate increases in other income such as fundraisers or building rental. Based on 2016 pledges, this represents just over a 33% increase in pledge income. Realizing we have not seen this amount of pledge support for a few years, and the fact that an increase of this magnitude might not happen in one year, the Vestry agreed

on a plan to draw money from the Snowdon Endowment (currently at \$304,000) to provide supplemental income over the next two years until our sustainable income goal could be reached.

As the final step of completing the transition, the Vestry felt it was important to end this year on solid financial footing. Knowing that we were faced with a potential shortfall at year end, we asked your help to raise an additional \$30,000 by contributing to the Pyramid Fundraiser. Although we did not make 100% of the goal, in just over 2 months, we raised \$22,500! Thank you all for your generous and timely response. In November, we enjoyed our most successful Harvest Fair, raising just over \$13,000! But more importantly, we experienced a great outpouring of fellowship and demonstrated the new "spirit of St David's" to others in the community. The use of Supply clergy afforded us the opportunity to realize a reduction in Interim compensation expenses that allowed us to cover Andrew's first month here in December. Based on the added income from the Fair and Pyramid Fundraiser, we are projecting we will break even at year end.

Although the financial bar has been raised high, so have our expectations. We are moving closer to realizing our vision of a new St David's, and with your help, and God's help, we will make it happen!

Rick Lombardi, Treasurer

Spiritual Gifts Comm. Asks For Your Help

Letters to parishioners and friends of St. David's were mailed in early November. The Spiritual Gifts Committee has asked that you prayerfully consider the gifts of time and talent that you would like to give to St. David's as well as a financial commitment to keep our parish growing strong and healthy.

The forms for giving are needed back to the church by **Thursday, December 8** in order to give the Finance Committee and Treasurer time to complete a budget for 2017. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of your gifts for 2017.

If you did not receive a letter but would like to make a contribution to St. David's, forms can be found on the Information Table in the Great Hall.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who responded so quickly and generously to the appeal for snowsuits and warm jackets for St. Elizabeth's. Much of this donated clothing has been brand new with tags still attached, and all of it was in excellent, like-new condition.

Every week since the beginning of October, we have been bringing bags of warm outerwear to Portland, not just for children but for adults as well. The total collection has included at least 60-70 outerwear pieces and also bags of hand-knitted hats, scarves, mittens and socks.

Once again, the generosity of St. David's has exceeded all expectations. Thank you from the Outreach Committee on behalf of the many children and adults who will be warmer this winter because of you!

Nancy Clinton
Gillian Charbonneau

Alternative Christmas Fair Dec. 4 and 11

Christmas is a time to celebrate the rebirth of the Prince of Peace in our lives and part of this celebration includes the exchange of gifts with our family and friends.

Again this year the Outreach Committee will provide an opportunity to give a gift that can make a difference. After both services on **December 4 and 11** everyone will have a chance to purchase a small gift from the farmers/craftsmen in Haiti and Palestine or to contribute to the Harmony LaSalle School in Haiti in the name of a loved one. Examples of possible contributions to the school include \$10 or \$15 for books, \$25 to provide weekly food for a student's family, \$50 to sponsor a student for a month, and \$100 to cover a teacher's salary for a week. Items available for purchase will include handcrafted items from Haiti and Palestine, Christmas ornaments from Bethlehem, Haitian coffee and Palestinian olive oil - all proceeds benefit the Harmony School in Haiti.

Come to the Fair and purchase a gift that has special meaning and consider asking others to buy your gift at the fair this year. Sharing the peace and joy we feel at Christmas with our Haitian brothers and sisters is a wonderful way to celebrate. Contact Betsy Mihan or Gail Freeman for more information.

As I've grown old, the bell still
rings for me...as it does for all
who truly believe.



Caring Unlimited Christmas Gifts

All the gift tags have been taken. Thank you! The children's wrapped gifts with the tags attached are to be returned to the church **no later than December 4th**. There will be a final opportunity to sign up for gifts for the Moms on Dec. 4th. Thank you for your support of this special outreach.



The annual Caring Unlimited Christmas Party for children in shelter will be held on December 11th.

Sheila and Jack

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Scripts are available outside the office. The rehearsal schedule is as follows: Sunday Dec. 4, 11 and 18 following the 10:30 worship service. (There may be a little delay to welcome Fr. D'Angio White on Dec. 4.) Friday, December 23, Dress Rehearsal at 4:30pm. Saturday, December 24th, Pageant at 4p, please arrive at 3pm.



All speaking/acting roles are asked to come for all rehearsals, if possible. Any children, grandchildren, visiting children are invited to participate as shepherds, angels, sheep, oxen and wiseman pages. Please come for the December 18th and 23rd rehearsals. Please call Emma Hauser at 450-5011 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Caroling at Huntington Commons

All youth and young at heart are invited to join St. David's Youth and Friends at Huntington Commons to sing Christmas carols on **Saturday, December 17th at 10:15** at the Bradford building. Please call Emma Hauser at 450-5011 if you have any questions or if you hope to come.

Vestry Ruminations



St. David's is fortunate to have a plethora of members and friends engaged to work for ... and when possible improve ... the spiritual life and physical plant of our parish. And a few of these folks are on the Vestry!

Vestry work is in conjunction with the Rector, Deacons, administrator, and verger to discuss and move forward ideas for worship, programs, the life of the church, our place in the community... as well as listens to ideas and suggestions from committee chairs, their members, and the parish at-large... to make decisions and help give direction for St. David's in both the short-term (now through the next 12-18 months) and the longer term (2 - 5 years).

Members serve for either two or three-year cycles, at which time they roll off so that someone else may experience the rewards of collaborative leadership... or, with their blessing and agreement, members may be re-nominated for a second term. Our by-laws state no one may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

As you might know, we come together once per month (currently the 2nd Tuesday, 7p) to gain updates and have discussion and decide actions about matters important to you... i.e. the spiritual life and

fiscal health of the church (which recently included supporting the Discernment Committee's recommendation of... and then negotiating an agreement with our new priest), adult and children's Christian Education... including recognizing and moving to solve our deficient recent history for providing needed nursery care for young families wanting to worship with us..., Outreach via a myriad of avenues that includes St. David's Budget Box that support people and programs beyond our walls, supporting and encouraging those groups of people caring for our infrastructure, worship space, and gardens, acknowledging the importance of welcoming members and visitors alike with a consistently loving in-house hospitality, and assuring... when we had no full-time or transition priest in charge... church governance.

In closing, our roles are many, the work almost always rewarding, the sense of team strong even in times of choppy waters and occasional disagreement. With that in mind, consider serving when invited... and let us know how we are doing... lending us your views, your input, and your ideals that you believe would improve the corporate life at St. David's. We will take up your suggestions and ideas for our discussion... and communicate back with you our progress and our decision(s) as we can... and be a stronger parish because of you as we move into 2017. Thanks.

Bruce Brauning, Warden

St. Elizabeth's in need of warm mittens!

St. Elizabeth's is in need gloves (and mittens) for children, women and men, however the biggest need is for large and extra large gloves for men. If you look into your hall closet you may find a pair that you rarely use and we urge you to contribute them to St. E's. It is unbelievable how many people appear on bitter cold Tuesday mornings, with no gloves and hands stuffed into coat pockets in an attempt to keep warm.

We would greatly appreciate your donations. Thanks in advance for all help you can give.

Saint David's day to volunteer at St. Elizabeth's is Tuesday, December 27th.

What's New at St. David's Budget Box



Christmas items are on display for your shopping pleasure!

Frugal Friday is here. Every Friday in December, all items that have a white ticket are half price. We carry men's and women's clothing, shoes, accessories. Many items come into the shop with the original sales ticket still on them. We also carry all kinds of household items including small appliances, puzzles, children's toys, books, cookbooks, DVD's, etc. Our inventory changes all the time so come in and come often - you never know what fantastic find will be there for you.

Did you know that we offer gift certificates? They are offered in whatever amount you request. A \$20 gift certificate can go a long way on Frugal Friday!

The Box is open Monday - Saturday from 10 AM - 4 PM for your shopping convenience. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Pastoral Care Committee at Saint David's

What is the Pastoral Care Committee at Saint David's? The committee was initiated by Father Sam Henderson who designated Ed Bellegarde and Pam Turk as co-chairs. These three met several times to establish the purpose and scope of the committee, which is... to meet the pastoral needs of members of St. David's as well as the needs in the community at-large. Members were chosen for the committee in hopes of creating a cross section of the parish to represent various age and interest groups. These members are the Rev. Gail Chandler, the Rev. Kris Conley, Kate Keene, Carolyn Kershaw, Sue Cryer, Barbara Bowen, Bill Rhines and Cindy Anderson.

The committee reviewed the names in the Parish Directory to identify parishioners who might benefit from the services of the Pastoral Care Committee. Noted were some members of the parish who had not been seen in church in some time and a sub group was formed to send "Thinking of You" cards from St. David's to remind them of Fr. Andrew's arrival on December 4th. The committee also sought to identify certain groupings of individuals who might have common interests or life situations, i.e. shut-ins, seniors, care givers, single folks, youth groups, members with young families, etc., ... with the hope of providing educational opportunities to meet the needs of the various groups such as, end-of-life issues or caregiver support.

One such educational opportunity, in conjunction with the Outreach Committee, is a presentation by Sally Tarte, Executive Director of [A Place To Start](#), on Main Street in Kennebunk. (More information about this presentation can be found article below.)

At our meeting in October we decided to wait until Fr. Andrew could meet with us to offer his direction as we move forward.

Listed below are some Pastoral Care ministries that are currently in place and operating effectively:

Eucharistic Lay Visitors - Gail Chandler, Chair
 Prayer Shawls - Cindy Anderson, Chair
 Martha Circle - Carolyn Kershaw, Chair
 Card Ministry - Pam Turk, Chair
 Flower Ministry - Pam Turk, Chair

If you are interested in serving any one of the above ministries, please contact Pam Turk or one of the Chairpersons listed above.

The next Pastoral Care Committee meeting will be on Friday, January 13th at 10am.

Pam Turk

A Place to Start

There is a storefront in downtown Kennebunk right next to Perfecto's called A Place to Start which is a place for people with all kinds of Dementia/Alzheimer's issues where they and their Caregivers can go totally free of charge. A Place to Start offers services and programs such as facials, art classes, music classes, hand and neck massages, luncheons (provided by Atria) and more. There are specific sessions for the Caregivers on relevant topics. A monthly schedule lists activities for the month.

Sally Tarte, the Executive Director and owner of A Place to Start will sit down with Caregivers on an individual basis to help plan a course of action depending on the specific needs of the family.

Sally began A Place to Start to honor her mother

who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease. It is a lovely facility; comfortable furniture, a fireplace, table and chairs for board games/puzzles/cards, and a coffee pot at the ready along with assorted goodies. It has a very 'homey' feel.

We, on the Outreach Committee, are very impressed with the work Sally has done. She has offered, upon our request, to come to Saint David's on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 12noon, a bit after the 10:30 coffee hour to share more of what A Place to Start has to offer both patients and Caregivers of Dementia/Alzheimer's issues. Sally is a dynamic speaker with a huge heart. Please come to hear what she has to say...and enjoy coffee and munchies, to boot.

2016 Harvest Fair in Review

Thank you to everyone who made the 2016 Harvest Fair a success. You came to the fair, you bought things, you bid at the raffle, you ate and you worked on committees. Most importantly, you had a great time being a part of this annual event to benefit St. David's.

The 2016 Harvest Fair was a great success, and once again the amount of revenue that we brought in exceeded our expectations. We are very happy to report that, after expenses, the Harvest Fair generated \$13,173!

Our offerings were superb, the food was delicious and plentiful and fellowship created by all those who worked so hard to make it a success was warm and inviting. This year attendance was down but the great news for us is that the quality of what our Harvest Fair offered offset the lower attendance.

The room layout for the **Raffle** table from last year provided a good flow, the tables were loaded with 40 amazing raffle baskets. **Elsie Eastman**, with her beautiful voice, played the guitar and provided our musical entertainment. **Maroo Eyemontt** did an outstanding job pulling together about 2,000 pieces of reworked, reimagined donated jewelry. Proceeds this year jumped from about \$1,000 last year to \$1,500 this year!

Dave Bowen and his crew stepped up to the plate again, and into the kitchen where he did a wonderful job of organizing and serving the vast array of soups and sandwiches provided by our generous local restaurants and caterers. **Sue and Tom Cryer** cheerfully passed out coffee and donut holes for free, much to our guests delight.

Silent Auction items were plentiful and of exceptional quality, and the **Table of Treasures** offered a little something for everyone, and the committee ladies did an amazing job of displaying and selling!

The **Bake Table** was outstanding this year, and revenue was up \$200 from last year. We had abundant offerings, and for the first time offered free "tastings" of certain items which increased sales. After many years of dedicated service, **Sue Cryer** and **Priscilla Madore** are "taking off their aprons" and we will be looking for two new co-chairs.

Thanks to Rambler's Way (**Tom and Kate Chappell**) for donating their fine wool clothing spun from the super fine wool raised on their farm.

Chicken pies (all hand made by **Cynthia McDonnell and Janet Surret**) and **Linda Rhines'** jams and preserves sold briskly.

Sarah Armentrout took orders for 42 wreaths, and **Sharron Eastman** hand made all the beautiful bows. Don't forget that pick up is December 4th.

This was the last year that Sharron and Lori will be the Co-Chairs for the Harvest Fair. We've had an amazing run, and feel so happy that we've been able to work with our amazing committee, and put together an event that we can all feel proud of. We aren't disappearing! Sharron will continue to work on the Silent Auction, and Lori will still be in charge of the Table of Treasures.

We are "passing the reins" to **Sarah Armentrout**, the new Chair of the Harvest Fair! She has been a great addition this year shadowing every aspect of the Harvest Fair, and did a wonderful job taking over the wreath project from the Garden Committee. Please support her efforts next year!

We can't thank your committee members enough for their hard work, and the good energy they contributed. Together we made the 2016 Harvest Fair an exceptional event!

Cynthia McDonnell, Linda Rhines, Deb Howard, Jean Kita Burke, Harriet Mill, Joanne Brauning, Bruce Brauning, Nancy Clinton, Priscilla Madore, Rick Lombardi, Sue Cryer, Tom Cryer, David Bowen, Maroo Eyemontt, Ellen Tacy, Holly Margeson - Gray.

Special thanks to **Elsie Eastman** for helping us solicit for the Silent Auction and entertain us with her lovely voice, **Susan Gunter** for helping at the jewelry table and **Cathy Zub** for her patience and good humor throughout the process, and for handling all the advertising. Any many thanks to all of you who helped out in ways, large and small, that we might have omitted!

Submitted by:
Lori Parkinson
Sharron Eastman
Sarah Armentrout

| ~ December 2016 ~ | | | | | | | January |
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| November | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | 1 CPSG 5-6:30p Choir 7p AA 7p | 2 CPG -8:30a Women's AA 10a | 3 AA 7:30p |
| 4 HE 8/10:30 ADVENT 2 Alternative Christmas Fair Pageant Rehearsal | 5 Needlers 9:30 NA 7p | 6 NAMI 6:30 AA 7p | 7 MP-9a Bible Study 9:30a EFM 2-4:30p AA 7p | 8 Choir 7p AA 7p | 9 CPG -8:30a Women's AA 10a | 10 AA 7:30p | |
| 11 HE 8/10:30 ADVENT 3 Alternative Christmas Fair Pageant Rehearsal | 12 Needlers 9:30 NA 7p | 13 AA 7p Vestry 7p | 14 MP-9a Bible Study 9:30a EFM 2-4:30p AA 7p | 15 CPSG 5-6:30p Choir 7p AA 7p | 16 CPG -8:30a Women's AA 10a | 17 AA 7:30p | |
| 18 HE 8/10:30 ADVENT 4 Pageant Rehearsal AA 7p | 19 Needlers 9:30 NA 7p | 20 NAMI 6:30 AA 7p | 21 Winter Solstice MP-9a Bible Study 9:30a EFM 2-4:30p Outreach 4:30p AA 7p | 22 Choir 7p AA 7p | 23 CPG -8:30a Women's AA 10a Pageant Dress Rehearsal 4:30p | 24 Pageant 4p AA 7:30p Carol Sing 8p Eucharist 8:30p | |
| 25 Christmas Day 11:00 AM Eucharist AA 7p | 26 Office Closed Through Jan 1, 2017 NA 7p | 27 AA 7p | 28 MP-9a Bible Study 9:30a EFM 2-4:30p AA 7p | 29 CPSG 5-6:30p AA 7p | 30 CPG -8:30a Women's AA 10a | 31 AA 7:30p | |

Welcome Fr. Andrew D'Angio White!

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Christmas Flowers for the Altar

Each Christmas, we adorn the church with a variety of God's gifts from nature. In keeping with the season, flowers and greens are a principal part of beautifying the church as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. Donations to help purchase Christmas flowers can be made in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for people or events in our lives. There is no recommended amount for donations, but your generosity will be a great gift to help beautify our church for the Glory of God.

Donations can be made payable to "St. David's Flower Guild" and can be mailed to



Dawne Tilton
22 Chickadee Lane
Kennebunk, ME 04043



Dawne can be reached at 985-4047 or donations may be left in the collection plate during the Offertory.
Christmas flowers are given to the Glory of God,

and in loving memory of _____

and/or in thanksgiving for _____

by _____

****Deadline to submit Christmas Flower order form is Sunday, December 18th!**