

**INFORMATION
ABOUT
VESTRY CANDIDATES,
DIOCESAN
CONVENTION/HURON
VALLEY AREA DEANERY
REPRESENTATIVES**

**FOR ELECTION AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING**

JANUARY 28, 2024

Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners:

In preparation for the election at the annual meeting on January 28, 2024 following the 10:00 service, it is important that you become more familiar with the candidates. The candidates standing for election to the Vestry and Diocesan Delegate/Huron Valley Area Deanery are:

Vestry

Pelham Barron
Marty Gillen
Sarah Inwood
Ian McCaul
Lisa Osbeck
Kevin Vander Tuig

**Diocesan Delegate/
Huron Valley Area
Deanery**

Lorraine Field
Paul Wise

Continuing Vestry Members			
John Burhenn	Jan 2025	Sarah Baird	Jan 2026
Claire McLaughlin	Jan 2025	Shirley Harden	Jan 2026
Ann Scott	Jan 2025	Scott Gerstenberger	Jan 2026
Jim Wortley	Jan 2025	Kay Wade	Jan 2026

These candidates were asked to reflect and respond to the following text:

Please tell us a little about yourself and family, work, or other volunteer work in which you have been involved, your journey of faith and how you ended up at St. Andrew's.

Reflecting on our Mission Statement (Witnessing to the Good News of God in Christ) how do your life experiences at St. Andrew's, other churches, and in the community at large, demonstrate your dedication to the various ministries of St. Andrew's? Please include special skills, areas of interest, and other information you think will help parishioners understand who you are and how you may contribute to our mission.

This booklet contains the responses from the candidates.

I would like to thank the members of the nominating committee for all of their hard work:

Chris Watson
Bob Westveer

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the nominating committee.

Lorraine Field
Senior Warden
Chair, Nominating Committee

PELHAM BARRON VESTRY CANDIDATE

Hello, I'm Pelham, and I have grown up as a member of St. Andrew's from the early 2000s when my family, including my parents Richard and Dawn, joined the congregation. Growing up here alongside my younger siblings Lorna and Oliver, I had the opportunity to participate in our church school program, sing in the junior choir, and occasionally help out with the breakfast program. Now this has come full circle as I help teach our J2A church school class.

My involvement with the church extends to many of our theater productions, most recently as Mr. Beaver in Narnia 2023. Additionally, for the past three years, I have served as a lay delegate to the diocesan convention.

Outside of church, my educational background is in Math & Statistics and I currently work as a data science manager at Ford Motor Company. In my free time, I am also an active trumpet player with several bands around southeast Michigan, and love to play and watch sports.

As a candidate for vestry, I'm excited about the opportunity to give back to the church, and eager to contribute my skills and energy to help our St. Andrew's community continue to thrive and grow.



MARTY GILLEN VESTRY CANDIDATE

Hello fellow St. Andrew's Parishioners.

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for one of the Vestry terms ending in 2027. My wife Lauren and I are the proud parents of Kate Hutton and Liz Halgren who have blessed us with five grandchildren, three of whom regularly attend St. Andrew's. Lauren and I have been attending St. Andrew's services for more than eight years during visits with our daughter's family, Liz and Kyle Halgren and formally joined St. Andrew's after relocating to Michigan from Pennsylvania a little more than a year ago. We immediately began participating in St. Andrew's Sunday service activities as Intercessor, Lector, and Usher. I joined the Stewardship Committee and am enjoying working on this important ministry. I have also attended three Vestry meetings in 2023.

The experience and qualifications I would bring to the St. Andrew's Vestry after 20 years with my former church are:

- 12 years of Vestry experience (two six-year terms)
- Chair of the Vision 2020 Capital Campaign
- Chair of the Technology Committee for 5 years. I am familiar with Church Windows software
- Chair of the Annual Giving Stewardship committee for 8 years
- Member of the Finance Committee for 15 years
- Rector's Warden for 3 years
- Lector, Intercessor and Usher for 18 years

With your support, I look forward to contributing to the future success of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Respectfully,
Marty Gillen



**SARA INWOOD
VESTRY CANDIDATE**

As a member of this church for close to 30 years, I realize what a truly special place St. Andrew's is. As we close in on our 200th anniversary of serving God's people we have much to be proud of - the Breakfast Program, our vibrant Sunday School, and our ever growing Social Justice Ministry. In order to keep these, and other programs going, it is vital that the Vestry help look for ways that we can all help grow our church. If elected to the Vestry I would work to continue our good works and look for ways to expand our church family as we move forward.



IAN MCCAUL VESTRY CANDIDATE

My name is Ian McCaul. I was born and raised in Kalamazoo and attended Grand Valley State University for a degree in English literature and writing.

I moved to Ann Arbor a little over 10 years ago, and I've been attending St. Andrew's for about 4-5 years now. I was raised Unitarian Universalist as a child, and my mom and I were relatively involved in our church until I moved away for college. During college, sort of by happenstance, I ended up reading a number of authors—Flannery O'Connor and John Updike stand out in particular—who changed my views and got me to start thinking seriously about Christianity.

After I graduated, I spent a lot of time reading and thinking and praying and exploring denominations; I was attracted to the Episcopal Church because of its liturgy and prayers (I actually got a copy of the BCP before I even set foot in a church).

I attend the 8 a.m. Sunday service as well as the Wednesday and Friday services. I'm very grateful to St. Andrew's for offering multiple services during the week; the opportunity to attend services throughout the week is very rewarding, and it's also something that separates St. Andrew's from a lot of other churches in the area. I'm also involved in Altar Guild and with the Social Justice Ministry.



LISA OSBECK
VESTRY CANDIDATE

With my family I began attending St. Andrews nine years ago, originally so our Cecile could join the junior choir. We moved to Ann Arbor from the Atlanta area, where I continue to hold a faculty position at the University of West Georgia, working now primarily online.

We were always drawn to the music program, beautiful services, thoughtful sermons, and exquisite historical building, but eventually developed deep appreciation for the people and spiritual values central to St. Andrews. These things have led me to seek greater involvement in church ministries over time. As a family we made a few appearances with the St. Andrews players and now serve on the altar guild.

I joined the vestry in 2022 to fill an unexpected vacancy and have greatly enjoyed being part of such a convivial, constructive group. Collaborating with others and thinking creatively about new ways to honor the traditions and expand the ministries of St. Andrews are what I most cherish about vestry service. I was one of the originators of the "St. Andrews Gets Outside" walking group and would next like to organize a program for church members who may need help caring for pets when faced with health challenges. I hope to have the opportunity to continue these efforts and to seek new ways to be of service during what seems to be a dynamic and important time of growth for Saint Andrews.



KEVIN VANDER TUIG VESTRY CANDIDATE

My wife, Marcy and I moved to A2 in 1985 to finish school and happily wound up raising our two daughters here. Since 1987 I have been working as a consulting civil engineer managing projects and programs to control wet weather pollution and other problems caused by excessive stormwater and combined sewer overflows. We first attended and then joined St. Andrews in the mid-1990s.

In 2013 I took a position with a consulting firm in Cleveland, Ohio working on projects primarily in Northeast Ohio. In December 2022 we returned to A2 following completion of several projects and the retreat of Covid to be closer to family and friends and have resettled here on the west side. I'm now based in the beautiful art-deco Guardian Building in Downtown Detroit with the same company, and typically commute a couple days per week on the A2D2 bus from downtown A2.

Before we moved to Cleveland, I had served one term as a vestry member at St Andrews and was on the Buildings and Grounds Committee for several years. While in Cleveland, I chaired the B&G Committee at Trinity Cathedral in Downtown Cleveland. We are happy to be back and look forward to reconnecting with friends and making new ones.



LORRAINE FIELD
AREA DEANERY/CONVENTION DELEGATE

My husband and I have been members of St. Andrew's for about 12 years. We moved to Ann Arbor after we both retired and decided to move to live closer to our daughter's family. We value St. Andrew's commitment to serving the wider community with ministries like the Breakfast Program and building for Habitat For Humanity. We also value the music program at St. Andrew's and have enjoyed singing in the Adult Choir and participating in the Theatre Program.

Serving as the Senior Warden during the recent transition has taught me much about things like church administration and the Diocese. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a delegate to Convention.



PAUL WISE
AREA DEANERY/CONVENTION DELEGATE

In 2002, my wife Kristine and I were visiting different churches around Ann Arbor after attending none for some years. The first morning we attended St. Andrew's, we felt like we had found our home. Liturgical worship, wise preaching, an array of active ministries, and a welcoming parish culture were greatly helpful during this time of feeling our way back into the Christian faith. It was also during this time I accepted a position teaching English at the University of Toledo, and while we considered moving south for that, the community of St. Andrew's was one reason why we decided to put down roots in Ann Arbor. I began serving as a lector shortly after we began attending, and was a diocesan convention delegate (as an alternate) in 2004. Over the years I also have served St. Andrew's as part of the vestry, the social justice ministry, and, with Kristine, the altar guild.

The teachings of Christ as encountered and practiced in the ministries of St. Andrew's offer a strong counter to the divisions, tensions, and discouragements evident in our community, nation, and world today. It has been and will continue to be an honor to participate in those ministries.



