
2020 Vestry Candidates

HARLAN HOKIN

In the Spring of 2018 I was first welcomed into GSP as if I were in the right place, at the right time, on the right turf—a sensation that has frequently eluded me. Opportunities immediately arose for me to participate, including singing in the choir, assisting with events, getting to know and engage with clergy and church officers, participating in GSP's Social Services ministry, stepping in as a mid-term replacement on the Vestry and other things. I like it.

I'm absurdly over-educated, have had a career as a teacher, performer, music director, personal investor and have traveled and lived outside the USA. I'm endlessly curious as I attempt to identify and engage with truth and reality. I'm committed to giving the imitation of the Christ my best shot.

GSP is and can continue to be a powerful model of the imitation of the Christ. As a Vestry member, I will work to cultivate our enactment of genuine Christian values and actions and to provide a visible and emulable model for similar organizations. I will seek out, listen to and exploit the characteristics and talents of our remarkable congregants to achieve our mandate as Christians and compassionate, responsible citizens.



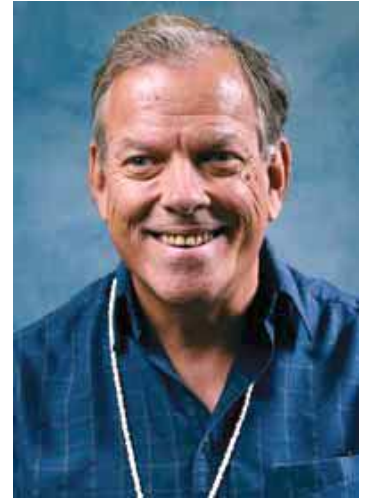
PAUL IMPEY

I was raised in an irreligious household, and it was a long, strange journey that brought me to Grace St. Paul's, but finding this place felt like coming home. I came to Christ a stranger, but he welcomed me as a brother, and Grace St. Paul's served as his kind, embracing arms. I sincerely believe that, at its best, Grace St. Paul's is indeed the loving hands of Christ working in the world. I pray always to live my life as an offering to God, to love and serve as Christ loved and served, and so I offer my time, energy, cognitive faculties, labor, and love in pursuit of that goal. Grace St. Paul's is also to me a fountain of spiritual renewal. It has offered me strength and encouragement through many times of trial, and I pray to give back so that it might continue to do so for others. I am relatively new to the church, but I pray that I might learn in order to serve its purpose better. Thank you for your consideration.



DENNIS KIRCHOFF

From an early age I've believed that God was near or in hot pursuit. In my large Catholic family service of others was expected. I found working with dedicated people of varied talents and expertise was very enriching. This was especially true for me working as a psychiatric social worker in Colorado, after being diagnosed with a mental illness of my own, and, as a hospice chaplain in Tucson, after losing my father. But, my greatest vocation has been my relationship with Michael, my husband of 28 years.



After being a disillusioned priest and a pretend heterosexual, finding a progressive faith community whose message resonated with and challenged me took some time. I found it here at GSP. Here I learned that though many resources we have are limited, love is not one of them.

Being a Spanish lector and chalice bearer has been wonderful. Now that I am retired I can do more. Maybe God is after me again...the vestry could be the opportunity to give back to the community that has given so much to me.

BETTY RATHBONE

I admire the creativity that thrives at GSP. My first endeavor after joining in 2018 was counseling at the kid's summer day camp. I had the opportunity to work alongside the amazing people in this community while also sharing the skills I have for childhood education. Since then I've found myself thriving in this community and I delight in this opportunity to give back.



Since joining I have served in several ministries, including as a Sunday school teacher and as a member of the choir. The choir has been an amazing home for me in which I have met many great people that are now some of my closest friends. I also performed in the Spirit Players enactment of *The Old Testament in 20 Minutes* which was an absolute blast. I never expected to find an outlet like this for the performing arts and this is where I think GSP shines.

I recently completed my studies for a ME in mining. I have prepared for collaborative work on a deadline and with a budget. This skill set will translate well to service on the vestry. So much happens at GSP and I will be dedicated to vestry

BEATRICE WASHBURN

I was born in Salt Lake City in 1994. I grew up in the Episcopal Church, but during the trials of my adolescence I fell away from faith and from God altogether. When I first came to Tucson, I was a militant atheist, but at the suggestion of a dear friend I came in to Grace St. Paul's. On that first Sunday, November 11th, I fell in love with this church and found the connection I'd been missing with the divine. Since then I've been active with the church's liturgy committee, the social services ministry, all in service of what has become the overriding goal in my life; namely, service to God through the person of Jesus Christ. I seek to live to redeem the word "Christian" for people of my generation, who associate the word with bigotry and hate. I'm honoured to be considered for the vestry, and if elected will do my utmost to serve the people of Grace St. Paul's and support the great work of our ministries.

