



Come as you are!

St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Vestry Election 2021

What does it mean to serve on the vestry?

The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. Vestry members are elected at the annual parish meeting. This year St. Andrew's annual meeting is **Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.**

The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation, to support the church's mission by word and deed, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.

Vestry members serve a three-year term. Any parishioner who has served on the vestry must take one year off before being re-elected to the vestry.

The vestry makes up the spiritual and fiduciary leadership of the parish. The goal of the vestry is to be a committed community of learners who pray together, discern God's call for St. Andrew's, make decisions that align with our mission and values, and nurture the spiritual vitality of the congregation.

How do I know if I'm called to be on the vestry at St. Andrew's?

Vestry members should love St. Andrew's and desire to see it flourish. If you have a personal prayer practice, are a pledging member of St. Andrew's, and feel a call to give more of your gifts to this faith community, please pray about this call. The vestry meets once a month, usually the third Sunday after church, for about two hours. Currently all meetings are held virtually on Zoom. There is an annual vestry all-day retreat (typically on a Saturday in late February or early March). Vestry members are also asked to be active in weekly worship and community events.

If you are interested in running for a three-year term on the vestry, or have any questions, please contact Cathleen Flowers **by January 1, 2021:** flowers205@gmail.com.