

St. Aidan's Vestry Candidate Slate 2024



Darlene Ash

Darlene has lived in the metro DC area for over 30 years. She and her husband Brian and their child Perrin live nearby. When not working, they are avid fans and supporters of the arts - especially theater.

Raised in the Roman-Catholic Church, Darlene first came to St. Aidan's in late 2007, seeking solace in presence as her mother was in the end stages of her earthly life. Finding comfort and a warm welcome from Elizabeth Rees and John Baker, Darlene found herself returning to services on a regular basis and now calls St. Aidan's her spiritual home. She was received in the Episcopal church in Spring of 2010. In her time as a parishioner, Darlene has served on the Altar Guild and also as a Vestry member from 2014-2017.



Hans Bilewski

Herb "Hans" Bilewski is a naturalized US citizen and military transplant to northern Virginia. He joined St Aidan's when he and Paula were looking for a church to attend together. After some searching, they discovered St Aidan's and have attended since January 2021.

Hans' interests include kayaking, walking their dog, Mount Vernon, and hot tubs. Favorite memories include their backyard wedding officiated by Rev. Laura, going to the Shrine Mont retreat, and providing snacks for Nibbles in the Narthex. Hans also enjoys reading at the 9:30am service and looks forward to opportunities to further serve St Aidan's as a member of the Vestry.



Scott Chilton

Except for a few lost years after high school, I have been going to St. Aidan's since I was a young boy. My wife Sonia and I raised our two daughters, Sarah and Emily here. And one of my four (!) grandchildren now goes to the Day School. St. Aidan's has played a big part of who I and my family are.

I keep coming to St. Aidan's to be part of the community. Every Sunday I leave church with a richer understanding of why I belong here and what's next. And I love hearing from my many friends whose stories remind me of my (sometimes neglected)

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interests which are hiking, gardening, travel, the environment, social justice. I am also in the choir so, of course, music is an interest. I am happy that the new Sunday schedule gives the choir a chance to attend Adult Formation after the service now. It helps me feel more a part of the community.

Outside church I have been providing program management services to various government agencies for longer than I care to remember. It seems to get busier all the time but I retire at the end of June, so I'll have more time for grandkids and maybe even church!

I have served previously on the Vestry and am honored to be invited to serve again and hope to make a worthy contribution.



Amanda Smith

Amanda Smith has been a member of St. Aidan's since late 2011 - when she and her husband Mason were expecting their first child - and was drawn to the parish by the welcoming nature and opened-mindedness of the clergy and congregation. She has taught Godly Play and EYOA for the better part of a decade, purchased crabs for the long-standing crab fest in its last several years, and recently joined the altar guild. One of her favorite St. Aidan's traditions is the annual Shrine Mont retreat, which she and her family have attended for the past ten years. She also first served on the vestry from 2015-2017.

Amanda works for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, where she manages a team dedicated to improving the preparedness of the nation's individuals and households for all threats and hazards. Amanda and Mason have two children, Cora (now almost 12), and Joe (8) and live in the Fort Hunt neighborhood.