

# SAINT ANDREW'S LIGHT



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*Invite a friend to worship Christ  
at St Andrew's Church*

**SUNDAY'S**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
8:30 AM and 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hour following  
10:00 AM service  
**Sunday School**  
10:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY'S**  
Eucharist 12:00 PM

**BIBLE STUDY**  
7:30 PM – 8:45 PM  
Followed by Compline



***Christmas is the time of SHARING  
It is the time of Loving, and FORGIVING***

May the grace of Our Mighty Father be with you all during this eve  
of Christmas;

*May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth and love;*

Let the spirit overflow from your heart and spill over to all your  
dear ones.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Loves You.

*Lesly*

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# Advent Program Letter

Submitted by: Father John Morrison

It must be nearly 40 years ago that the chairman of the English Department at Bay Shore assigned me the task to teach a course in science fiction. I had never read any science fiction; as far as I was concerned, it was merely escapist literature more suitable for leisure time at the beach or a long commute to work. However, one of the books in the curriculum was *Out of the Silent Planet* by someone named C. S. Lewis. I wondered whether it was the same Lewis I had been introduced to in an undergraduate course in Chaucer where I had to read parts of *The Allegory of Love*, a scholarly study of medieval literature. Well, it was the same author and in no time at all I was hooked, all my prejudices swept aside. I read immediately the other two books in the space trilogy and then it was on to J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* as well as Isaac Asimov, Ursula Le Guin, Mary Shelley, and others.

One day during a class, a student asked me whether I had ever read Lewis's Narnia stories. "No," said I. "What are they?" "Fairy tales, fantasies," she replied. Rather snobbishly I responded, "You mean that you expect someone like me, at my age, to read children's fantasy?" "Well, you always teach us that we cannot judge something until we've read it." The perfect rejoinder — and so, it was off to the library and those soon to be discovered seven wonderful books. Now, 40 years later, I have been through two sets of the hardcover editions as well as numerous paperback volumes; I have read each book at least a dozen times; I have read them aloud to my children and grandchildren; I have taught them to kindergarteners and first graders, to high school students and to graduate school students, and I have published essays on them.



To borrow a phrase from Lewis, these seven books "baptized my imagination."

But why, you may well ask, are you recounting this episode Fr. John? Well, when you read this, C. S. Lewis will have been dead for nearly 50 years and he will soon be commemorated with a memorial plaque in Westminster Abbey's *Poets' Corner*, a spot in the Abbey that honors authors and other cultural figures whose work has shaped English society and, in this case, helped to spread the gospel across the world. It is no secret that Lewis has exerted (and continues to exert) an enormous influence on me. I certainly refer to him frequently in my sermons as well as in the public square. As we have discovered in our book studies of *Mere Christianity*, *The Great Divorce*, and *The Screwtape Letters*, he is a sure and steady guide for the Christian disciple; our guest speakers have acknowledged their debt to him and his formative place in their lives.

And yet they and I are not the only ones. Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, noted in *The Lion's World*, a recently published book on Narnia, that Lewis helps us "rediscover what it might mean to meet the holy without the staleness of religious preconceptions as they appear in our culture."

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His Grace went on to add that “The point of Narnia is to help us rinse out what is stale in our thinking about Christianity—which is almost everything.” Michael Ward, senior research fellow at Oxford University, noted that now that Lewis is safely dead, we can “afford to recognize him as the major figure he was.” The theologian Austin Farrar said that Lewis was the sort of Christian apologist who would “carry the war into the enemy’s own country; [who would] not yield any inch of his own.” While Lewis certainly invented Narnia, no one was more a Narnian than he. Ruth Pitter, a poet and close friend of Lewis’s, noted that Lewis’s “whole life was oriented and motivated by an almost uniquely persisting child’s sense of glory and of nightmare. The adult events were received into a medium still as pliable as wax, wide open to the glory, and equally vulnerable, with a man’s strength to feel it all.”

This Advent, I invite you to join with me on Wednesday evenings for a journey into Narnia that I hope will enable us to be “wide open to the glory.” “But,” you say, “I’ve read them all before.” Yes, I know, and so have I. Consider carefully the following observations about reading, some of them by Lewis.

1. “How odd it is, from one point of view, to long for eternity and to be sent to the public library.”—H. A. Williams
2. “We read in order to know that we are not alone.”—(anon)
3. “Reading maketh a full man.”—Francis Bacon
4. “Reading works of literature is about entering fully into the opinions, and therefore also the attitudes, feelings and total experience of other people. It is about what Plato termed *psychagogia*—an enlargement of the soul.”—Alister McGrath

5. “An unlitery man may be described as one who reads books once only. There is hope for a man who has never [read great books]: but what can you do with a man who says he has read them, meaning he has read them once, and thinks that this settles the matter?”—C. S. Lewis
6. “When one has read a book, I think there is nothing as nice as discussing it with someone else—even though it sometimes produces rather fierce arguments.”—C. S. Lewis

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## Warden’s Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, yes you heard that right a Happy New Year. As we begin this season of Advent, the Church starts a new year. What a wonderful and humble season Advent is. It is the time we now make ourselves ready for the birth of the son of God, the Messiah. As we make ourselves ready for Christmas, not the Christmas with Santa Clause, but the Christmas that we are reminded of that day that God sent his Son to walk as one of us.

During Advent we are bombarded on television, the newspapers and, the radio that it’s Christmastide and we should think about what to get our loved ones, or ourselves for Christmas. We are sucked into during the Holidays; I will admit I am sucked into too. We know this is not the real reason for Christmas; the real reason for Advent is to help us make ourselves ready for that humble birth that happened over 2000 years ago. That birth where heaven appeared on earth to remind us what god wants us to do.

Every year starting before Thanksgiving radios play Christmas music, some for the Santa Clause focus and some rejoicing the Birth of the Savior. But, there are so many other carols that we do not hear. One I heard several years ago, Wexford Carol, I felt a connection to the words. Just recently I listened to part of an album from the Country artist, Trace Adkins, and the first track was the Wexford Carol. The words speak to me, to remind me what this season is about.

Think about the fear that was in the shepherds' minds as the Angel of the Lord appeared and told them to go Bethlehem to see the Savior, the Prince of Peace. The shepherds trusted the Angel and went to Bethlehem, and worshipped the babe. The baby that was born in a manger, a place so humble, but, yet so important; and then the Kings came and placed gifts at the child. That story that was foretold in the Old Testament came true that night. Think about how we trust what God is telling us to do?

How can we in 2013/2014 not to lose focus on that child and the true reason for Christmas? We cannot get wrapped up in the consumerism of Christmas, but focus on the mission that Christ had for coming to walk with us. The Mission that God wants us to have! The Mission that St. Andrew's is working on; to be a beacon of hope in the community; that light that never fails. That is what we have to remember this Christmas. We need to remember those who are hungry, those who do not have a home, those who are lonely, and those who need a hand.

That is what we need to be doing. Not just worshiping in our Church, but serving in our world.

Remember the building is not the church, we are the Church; the building is where we get our message to be in the world. As a friend of mine (Rev. Dennis McMannus), would end his masses: Here begins the service! That is how we need to think.

I will leave you the words of the Wexford Carol, read them and ponder this Christmas time.

Have a blessed Advent, and Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Rich Ohlsen

The Wexford Carol  
Good people all, this Christmas time,  
Consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done  
In sending his beloved son  
With Mary holy we should pray,  
To God with love this Christmas Day  
In Bethlehem upon that morn,  
There was a blessed Messiah born

The night before that happy tide  
The noble Virgin and her guide  
Were long time seeking up and down  
To find a lodging in the town  
But mark right well what came to pass  
From every door repelled, alas  
As was foretold, their refuge all  
Was but a humble ox's stall

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep  
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep  
To whom God's angel did appear  
Which put the shepherds in great fear  
Arise and go, the angels said  
To Bethlehem, be not afraid  
For there you'll find, this happy morn  
A princely babe, sweet Jesus, born

With thankful heart and joyful mind  
The shepherds went the babe to find  
And as God's angel had foretold  
They did our Savior Christ behold  
Within a manger he was laid  
And by his side a virgin maid  
Attending on the Lord of Life  
Who came on earth to end all strife

There were three wise men from afar  
Directed by a glorious star  
And on they wandered night and day  
Until they came where Jesus lay  
And when they came unto that place  
Where our beloved Messiah lay  
They humbly cast them at his feet  
With gifts of gold and incense sweet



**"How does your congregation serve God's mission to people in your community?"** is the question that our Bishop has asked every congregation in the diocese to reflect upon and answer.

To help reflect upon this, an eight week series of questions was posed to the congregation which resulted in the following outcomes.

Youth ministries

- Hold activities with other youth groups by working with other churches.
- Appoint a youth coordinator.
- Develop or participate in an interfaith network.

Communication

- Improve communication in our parish.  
*Resulted in the parish newsletter.*

Welcoming

- Develop an orientation package for new members.

Outreach

- Be an active and present faith community in Yaphank.
- Talk to our neighbors without the proselytizing.

Parishioner's we are asking you to review the results and send corrections, changes or additions to the Wardens Aleida Perez, [aleidaperez66@gmail.com](mailto:aleidaperez66@gmail.com) or Rich Ohlsen, [richardohlsen@verizon.net](mailto:richardohlsen@verizon.net)

The Bishop's Committee will finalize results and develop a mission statement for St. Andrew's, which eventually will be forwarded to the Diocese.

*Submitted By: Aleida Perez*

## Why I Love This Church

Presented By: KayJohn Galloway

Good Morning:

My name is KayJohn and I'm here to tell you why I love this Church, St. Andrew's. I believe you and I have a life that wins because we have the power of the Almighty Father on our side. Due to that, all that I am and all that I have comes from God.

I started going to Church because my mom made me and then auntie dragged me with her. Then I started to like it. I am not always my best every morning, including Sunday mornings but I like coming to church.

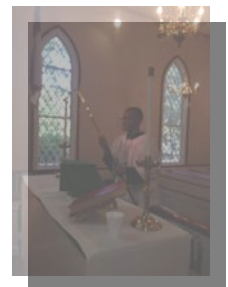
I like knowing that every time I'm here Father John is here. Having the same Priest like Father John is great. I like the people and that means you. You are welcoming, friendly and outgoing. Some of you always have a smile on your face and that makes me feel happy.

There are a lot of happy kids here. At least I assume you are happy and I like that too.

More importantly, it's good to be called upon to contribute. I had no interest in serving before I started coming to St. Andrew's. I may have taugt it was "fun." However, when I serve on the Altar, I feel like I am serving God.

Thank you for the Gift of Opportunity. This opportunity is the Gift which allows me to care for you and St. Andrew's.

Thanks be to God



## In and Around St Andrews

### Welcome Babies

A baby is the best gift to all grandparents. With the arrival of a newborn, grandparents are overcome with happiness and seem to have the greatest gift they could ever have. Nothing in this huge universe can exist which can make grandparents happier than having a grand baby.

Congratulations, Paul and Susan Fichser, on the arrival of your grandchildren (quads), October 31, 2013.  
Best wishes to the parents for the upcoming bright life ahead.



St. Andrew's celebrated another rebirth on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, with the baptism of Noel Uriah Richardson. As a major Sacrament of the Church, baptism is firstly the work of the Holy Spirit, the invisible grace of God made visible in the act of purification by water in the name of the Trinity. The grace of God is also made visible in the person being baptized who is making the commitment and the renewal of faith. In the infant baptism, it is the parents and the godparents who embody the symbol of invisible grace as they make their promise publicly for and to the child. The grace of renewed faith and life is made visible also in the

congregation, the Body of Christ to which a new life is added. Simply put, it is the ultimate celebration of new life.

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Hi Everyone!

In the spring I think it would be a great idea for us to have a rummage sale; and I would like to start by having a committee. If you would like to participate in the rummage sale and share your thoughts and ideas please contact me at 631-878-8303 or [skoobytee@aol.com](mailto:skoobytee@aol.com).

Thanks

Tara Mooney

# VOLUNTEER

### January Birthdays



Karen DeVries – January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Fischer – January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Lesly Galloway – January 20<sup>th</sup>

# October – Financial Report

OCTOBER 2013

RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS			
	Month		Year to Date	
<b>General Purposes</b>				
Plate Offerings	\$ 175.00		\$ 1,920.00	
Pledge Offerings	\$ 2,638.50		\$ 30,103.50	
Contributions	\$ -		\$ -	
a) Church School	\$ -		\$ -	
b) ECW	\$ -		\$ -	
c) Other Parish Organizations	\$ -		\$ 1,017.00	
From Diocese	\$ -		\$ -	
Investment & Endowment Income (Net)	\$ 121.21		\$ 478.33	
All Other	\$ 1,050.00		\$ 5,533.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,984.71</b>		<b>\$ 39,051.83</b>
<b>Special Purposes</b>				
Building Funds	\$ -		\$ -	
Principal Additions to Trust & Endowment Funds	\$ -		\$ -	
Investment & Endowment Income (Net)	\$ -		\$ -	
All Other ( w/ designated Special Offerings)	\$ -		\$ 605.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ 605.00</b>
<b>Non-Income Receipts</b>				
Money Borrowed		\$ -		\$ -
Exchanges		\$ -		\$ -
Transfers		\$ -		\$ -
Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 3,984.71</b>		<b>\$ 39,656.83</b>
Previous Balance on Hand		<b>(\$39.96)</b>		\$ 4,030.36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,944.75</b>		<b>\$ 43,687.19</b>
<b>Less Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ ( 3,137.59)</b>		<b>\$ (42,880.03)</b>
<b>Balance on Hand -- End of Month</b>		<b>\$ 807.16</b>		<b>\$ 807.16</b>

Amounts on hand for special purposes (not included in above "End of Month" Balance:

Cemetery Fund:	\$	2,932.05
Memorial Fund:	\$	3,888.07

# November – Financial Report

## NOVEMBER 2013

RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS		
	Month		Year to Date
<b>General Purposes</b>			
Plate Offerings	\$ 57.00		\$ 1,977.00
Pledge Offerings	\$ 3,625.00		\$ 33,728.50
Contributions	\$		\$
a) Church School	\$ -		\$
b) ECW	\$		\$
c) Other Parish Organizations	\$		\$ 1,017.00
From Diocese	\$		\$
Investment & Endowment Income (Net)	\$ 61.07		\$ 539.40
All Other	\$ 535.00		\$ 6,068.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 4,278.07</b>	<b>\$ 43,329.90</b>
<b>Special Purposes</b>			
Building Funds	\$		\$
Principal Additions to Trust & Endowment Funds	\$		\$
Investment & Endowment Income (Net)	\$		\$
All Other ( w/ designated Special Offerings)	\$ 220.00		\$ 825.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 220.00</b>	<b>\$ 825.00</b>
<b>Non-Income Receipts</b>			
Money Borrowed	\$		\$ -
Exchanges	\$		\$ -
Transfers	\$		\$ -
Adjustments	\$		\$ -
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 4,498.07</b>	<b>\$ 44,154.90</b>
Previous Balance on Hand	\$ 807.16		\$ 4,030.36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,305.23</b>	<b>\$ 48,185.26</b>
<b>Less Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ (4,145.27)</b>	<b>\$ (47,025.30)</b>
<b>Balance on Hand - - End of Month</b>		<b>\$ 1,159.96</b>	<b>\$ 1,159.96</b>

Amounts on hand for special purposes (not included in above "End of Month" Balance):

Cemetery Fund:	\$	2,932.17
Memorial Fund:	\$	3,888.22



## POEMS

Unlock the door of your heart  
 Enter the gentleness within.  
 Open the window of your soul  
 Breathe in the season of  
 miracles.  
 No matter how far you've  
 traveled,  
 it's time to come home now...

Anonymous

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May your journeys be short,  
 your burdens light  
 May your spirit never grow old  
 May all your clouds have silver  
 linings  
 And your rainbows pots of  
 gold!!

Anonymous

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Whatever is your Wish?  
 I Wish for You  
 Good Health!  
 Joy!  
 Peace!  
 Love!  
 Happiness!

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Build up excitement toward these events  
 with your friends and neighbors and  
 invite them. Offer to pick them up and  
 send them a reminder of the time and  
 place

**Holy Name of Jesus Service and Brunch**  
 Wednesday, January 1, 2014, 11am – 2pm

**Epiphany Pageant**  
 Sunday, January 12, 2014, 10am – 12pm

**Parish Meeting**  
 Sunday, January 19, 4pm – 7pm

**Bishop Committee Meeting**  
 Monday, January 20, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

**Bishop Committee Meeting**  
 Monday, February 17, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

**The Great Divorce**  
 April 26th & April 27th

**Annual Basket Auction**  
 Saturday, May 3, 2014



## Sponsor Altar Flowers or Candles

Sponsoring altar flowers or  
 candles is a beautiful way to  
 recognize people and events  
 that are important to your  
 family.

**Forms are available in the  
 vestibule of the church.**

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### WANT TO READ THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE?

You can "opt out" of receiving  
 print copies of the newsletter  
 send your request via e-mail  
 to Lesly Galloway at  
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 published bi-monthly for the  
 parishioners and friends of St.  
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The deadline for next issue  
 entries is  
 January 15<sup>th</sup>. Email articles to  
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**Altar Guild**

**January**

Karen DeVries & Lesly Galloway

**February**

Donna Ohlsen & Jenelin Chen Suey

**March**

Karen DeVries & Janet Rate

**Coffee Hour**

**January**

- 4 Jennifer Hovestadt
- 12 Dana Conners
- 19 Aleida Perez
- 26 Stephanie Roy

**February**

- 2 Tara Mooney
- 9 Lesly Galloway
- 16 Karen DeVries
- 23 Jenelin Chen Suey

**March**

- 2 Heather Jablonsky
- 9 Janet Rate
- 16 Donna Ohlsen
- 23 Donna Trusnovec
- 30 Robert Williams Jr.

**Eucharistic Minister**

**January**

- 4 Ken Sinkler
- 12 Robert Williams
- 19 Olive Archer
- 26 Rich Ohlsen

**February**

- 2 Donna Ohlsen
- 9 Ken Sinkler
- 16 Robert Williams
- 23 Olive Archer

**Church Leadership**

St. Andrew's is led by a governing board called the Bishop Committee which is comprised of the Priest as the chair, two lay wardens and twelve lay members.

Lay members of the Bishop Committee are parishioners in good standing who are deeply committed to St. Andrew's. They are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected to the vacant seats on the Bishop Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. The nine Bishop Committee members may serve three consecutive two year terms, and the Wardens may serve two consecutive two year terms.

**Leadership of the Bishop Committee**

Fr. John Morrison	Priest-In-Charge
Rich Ohlsen, Senior Warden	January 2014
Aleida Perez, Junior Warden	January 2015
*Vacant	January 2015
Robert Williams, Clerk	January 2015
Karen DeVries	January 2014
Michael Seif	January 2014
Donna Ohlsen	January 2014
Donna Trusnovec	January 2015
Lesly Galloway	January 2016
Sue Fischer	January 2016
Judy Seif	January 2016

\*Treasurer position (term ending January 2015) to be filled at the January, 2014 annual meeting

**Election**

**Coming Soon**

The **Bishop Committee** of Saint Andrew's Church is a group of nine parishioners who make decisions about the life of our parish. Each year we elect new committee members to replace those whose terms are up or who can no longer serve. The election will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the parish on January 19, 2014.

**Financial Committee Members**

- Ed Rambarren
- Sue Fischer
- Aleida Perez
- Robert Williams

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Board Members**

**President**

*Donna Ohlsen*

**Vice President**

*Jennifer Hovestadt*

**Treasurer**

*Jenelin Chin Suey*

**Secretary**

*Heather Jablonsky*

**January – March Meetings**

- Sun, January 5, 12pm – 1pm
- Sun, February 2, 12pm – 1pm
- Sun, March 2, 12pm – 1pm

**Acolyte**

**January**

- 4 Kevin Ohlsen
- 12 Jenna Trusnovec
- 19 Daniel Martucci
- 26 Nick Trusnovec

**February**

- 2 KayJohn Galloway
- 9 Nathaniel Brown-Perez
- 16 Kevin Ohlsen
- 23 Jenna Trusnovec

***"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."***

My friends **YOU** demonstrated exactly where your heart is and what you treasure most and that is the need of others. With your most generous contributions of: time, energy, (gift, candy, stocking stuffers, food both dry & cooked), and talent (cooking, baking & making stockings) **YOU** made our community Out Reach **Annual Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program** a huge success.

It is written that, "the light of the body is the eye and when the eye is single, the whole body is full of light." I am convinced that your eyes (collectively) have been focused on more than the mundane things and more than yourselves, and I Thank You.

You have managed to fill the hearts and souls of a few good people with your donations. Continue to be the light. Continue to walk in the light. Thank You.



*Lesly Galloway*

**Yaphank St Andrew's Episcopal Church  
proudly presents  
"THE GREAT DIVORCE"**

Ticket Cost  
Admission \$30  
Students \$25  
*Children under 12 free*

Advance Purchase  
Admission \$25  
Students \$20

**VOLUNTEER**

We need volunteers to be on the committee!

If you would like to be on the committee please contact any member of the Bishop's Committee.

## THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT: WHAT IS IT?

Cursillos in Christianity is a movement within the church that, through a method of its own tries to, and through God's grace manages to; enable the essential realities of the Christian to come to life in the uniqueness, originality, and creativity of each person. In becoming aware of their potential and while accepting their limitations they exercise their freedom by their conviction, strengthen their will with their decision, to propitiate friendship in virtue of their constancy in both their personal and community life.

The Cursillo Movement consists of proclaiming the best news of the best reality: that God, in Christ, loves us.

Communicated by the best means, friendship towards the better of each one; his being person and his capacity of Conviction, Decision, and Constancy. And what needs to be emphasized today, now, and immediately in order to be on the cutting edge of today's debate is to facilitate and make possible for every person to encounter oneself always and absolutely essential in order to be able to encounter God and others.

*National Cursillo*

### CURSILLO WEEKEND

Long Island Cursillo weekend is March 6 – 9 at the Montfort Missionary. Candidates St. Andrew's attending are Lesly Galloway and Jennifer Hovestadt.

## Weekly Thought for Reflection – December 22, 2013

*"The One Who Cries in the Wilderness.* Woe to an age when the voices of those who cry in the wilderness have fallen silent, outshouted by the noise of the day or outlawed or swallowed up in the intoxication of progress, or growing smothered and fainter for fear and cowardice....May the Advent figure of John, the relentless envoy and prophet in the God's name, be stronger in our wilderness of ruins. For how shall we hear unless someone cries out above the tumult and destruction and delusion?"

Alfred Delp, *"The Shaking Reality of Advent."* 1957

## Our Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Andrew's Church, Yaphank pledge fidelity to Jesus Christ, his Holy Church, the Scriptures, and Apostolic Faith and Order. We worship God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, with a strong respect for Holy tradition. We reach out, as Christ bids us, to love one another as He loves us, to revere all life as a gift from Him, to teach, to heal and to welcome others into our fellowship. We wait upon the Holy Spirit to lead us and teach us in the mind of Christ.

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### We're on the Web!

See us at:

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