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Our Vision for St Andrew's

Seeking God's will through

prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community



Our Church Committee Members



The cover picture of St Andrew is from a drawing by Lana Svirejeva



Letter from our new Chaplain

Let me begin by saying how happy I am to be with you and to be starting our new ministry at St. Andrews Gothenburg. You have made me feel very welcome and I am grateful to be here.

I am from that northeastern part of the United States which is referred to as New England. Along with my older brother Donald I was born in Boston. My mother is from Rhode Island and grew up in Boston and my father was born and brought up in Bath Maine. They met in 1935 in Boston when my mother was working for the national Shawmut Bank and my father was in the US Coast Guard.

My brother and I were raised in the Medford Public School System. I graduated in 1966 and went on to University of Massachusetts at Amherst to graduate in 1971 with an undergraduate degree in European history and education. After graduation I lived on Monhegan Island Maine where I taught school part time and went lobster fishing with my neighbor Henley. I felt that I needed a break from the academic routine before going on to Seminary.

My immediate family are American Baptists and my brother and I were both baptized in that tradition at the age of 12. My extended family is largely Roman Catholic. The Episcopal Church was not unfamiliar to me and eventually my spiritual journey led me to be confirmed at the Church of the Advent in Boston on Easter Eve in 1968. I had felt a call to ordained Ministry from an early age and the tradition of this church solidified my vocation to enter the priesthood.

In 1972 I started my studies at Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Chicago. For my second year I attended New College



at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. During that year I decided to complete my theological education there while being in residence at the Scottish Episcopal College in Edinburgh.

I was ordained on Michaelmas 1977 at Grace Church in Bath Maine by the bishop of Nova Scotia. Shortly after that I traveled to Prince Edward Island Canada to assume Ministry at the Parish of Port Hill. In June of 1978 I was ordained at All Saints Cathedral Halifax Nova Scotia and continued with my duties as pastor of St. James, St. Johns and St. Peters churches. The Deanery of PEI sponsored a day care center in the less privileged part of the Parish where I served as a board member during my time there.

It was in the summer of 1981 that I was called to serve as Anglican chaplain

to the University Parish of the University of Alberta Edmonton. During that time I worked in concert with chaplains of the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed traditions. We collaborated on many programs relevant to the issues of the day and establish the tradition of the Festival of Lessons and Carols which has been held each year since that time at the University. For the 75th anniversary of the University we put together and sponsored a symposium on the relationship of spirituality and science bringing in a key speaker from the University of Edinburgh.

It was at this time that I had a choice to stay in Canada or move back to the United States. I decided to move back to the United States and pursue another calling as chaplain in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. My father served as an officer in the United States Coast Guard during World War II protecting the Atlantic convoys. He was in the Battle of the Atlantic. My mother's two brothers served in the Navy and Army and respectably served on D-Day and in Naval engagements in the South Pacific and Japan. So it only seemed natural that I should be called to serve as a Military Chaplain.

During my time in the US Navy I served on board a combat Cruiser and as a Chaplain to a Marine Corps regiment stationed on Okinawa Japan. During my time on Okinawa I concurrently served as pastoral associate of All Souls Church for the Japanese Anglican Church. I was to return to All Souls to serve as Rector in 2003.

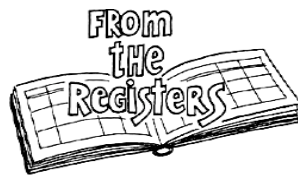
For the past 9 years I worked for Sweetser of Maine as a recovery support specialist. In this capacity I served as a support and mentor to individuals dealing with issues around their recovery from substance abuse, mental illness, trauma and other chronic issues. I also served as a supply

and interim priest to both the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches in Maine.

It was during the winter of 2014 while on sabbatical in Oslo Norway when I attended St. Edmond's Church after conversations with the Chaplain that I began the process of entry into the Diocese in Europe. My first posting was last spring in the Parish of Saint Francis Tenerife.

Aside from my being here for interviews last December I have been to Sweden twice before and have always enjoyed its culture and people. So I look forward to my time here with you as we seek out what the Lord has for us to do in this part of his Vineyard.

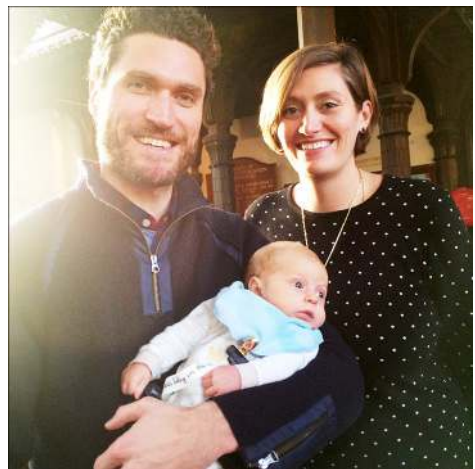
David Bruce



Baptisms

20 March 2016

HENRY CARL VIKTOR ABBÅS





Services: June — August

The new chaplain is arriving at the end of May. Services may sometimes be different from the usual pattern at his discretion. Lay Assistants and Intercessors please check before the service.

JUNE 5, Trinity 2

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

JUNE 12, Trinity 3

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

JUNE 19, Trinity 4

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

JUNE 26, Trinity 5

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Heather Wray

JULY 3, Trinity 6

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

JULY 10, Trinity 7

LA: Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Ron Jones

JULY 17, Trinity 8

LA: Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

JULY 24, Trinity 9

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

JULY 31, Trinity 10

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Keith Barnard

AUGUST 7, Trinity 11

Family Service

Prayers: The Willy Family

AUGUST 14, Trinity 12

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

AUGUST 21 Trinity 13

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

AUGUST 28 Trinity 14

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

SEPTEMBER 4, Trinity 15

Family Service

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

Midweek Mass/Onsdagsmässan

19.30 Wednesdays

Chaplaincy News

Palm Sunday and Baptism



Blessing of palms, gospel reading, Douglas Abbàs playing the violin, Baptism pictures with Jennifer Abbàs's father Stephen Rust as officiant and Andrew Wingate presiding, at the reception afterwards and family portrait

Cleaning the church for Easter



The Ladies Evening Group with a little additional help having a break during the cleaning session. The church has to be tidy for the Easter celebrations

Easter Services



The children gathering around the tomb with Andrew Wingate during the service



The Easter Lillies given by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones departed



The Easter candle is lighted for the first time on Easter Day. It was handpainted by Gillian Thylander



Sadly we said goodbye to our young organist Anna Steppeler who has been with us a few years while she studied at the music school. We wish her all the best in her future career

The International Service and LEG 40 years' Anniversary



The flags of the nations present



The African Choir Group singing for us



Some of the children gathered afterwards



Gathering after the service

May 1st and the church doors opened to a colourfully dressed congregation. Our Locum Chaplain at the time, Paul Skirrow, encouraged us all to greet each other in our mother tongues. We were at least 17 different Nationalities which caused a lot of giggles. The African Vocal Group led the way with their songs and percussion instruments, making it all very special.

The church was decorated with pictures of people since the Ladies Evening Group (LEG) was formed in 1976 and of all the different activities during those years—confirmations, baptisms, bazaars, etc.

We ended the day with lunch outside on the lawn. Luckily for us the sun shone, it was pleasantly warm and everyone was in high spirits.

Thanks to one and all,

Ann Gustafsson



More pictures from the lunch and gathering after the service

The Calvert Family Reunion



Remembering their forfathers some of the Calvert family were in church on May 8th

Bazaar & Garden Party



28th May - Our new chaplain Revd David Bruce opened the event with a blessing. This was his first appearance with us, giving us the opportunity to meet him for the first time.

The weather was fine, and we met the usual stream of old and new friends, keeping each other up to date about our lives.

A special thanks is due to everybody for all the hard work behind the scenes. Putting up the tents, selling of cakes, marmalade, plants, etc, and the serving of refreshments, not forgetting the childrens stall, books, lotteries and more.

Thank you all again.

Ann Gustafsson

40 years Anniversary of the Ladies Evening Group – 2016

It is hard to believe that forty years have passed since our very first meeting. We have been blessed with so many dear friends, and just looking at the photos displayed around the church brings back wonderful memories. Each one of us is unique, although some are not with us anymore they have all left their footprint in our hearts.



The Revd Bill Lister together with his wife Cathy, minister in charge at that time, thought the church needed a more active group of ladies to share the responsibility with the Ladies Guild in the life of St Andrew's.

The basic desire for the group has always been: Christian fellowship and nurturing, material help to the church with cleaning, etc, social occasions such as St Andrew's

Day Lunch, the Bazaar, Harvest Festival, fresh flowers in church, and social outings such as picnics, eating out, cinema and opera, etc.

Last but not least a big thank you to all the secretaries, treasurers and chair people we have had during these 40 years. I feel honoured to have known you all and can still call you my friends.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Love

Ann Gustafsson



Ann and her friend

Lena Paulse



*Ann Gustafsson, Nilema Sen
and Elisabeth Atterbom*

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of St. Andrew's Ladies Evening Group Monday 11 October 1976

Present were: Pastor Lister, Cathy Lister, Lena Paulse, Lena Nilsson, Marianne Hermansson, Ann Bogeskov / Gustafsson, Elizabeth Atterbom, Elizabeth Lindqvist, Gunvor Norrie, Pauline Lewis, Carin Sandberg and Margaret Olsson.

§ 1 Pastor Lister opened the meeting with prayer.

§ 2 The Chaplain said a few words about the need for a group for those ladies who were not able to attend the Ladies Guild and asked what those present expected from such a group. The basic desires for the group were:
Christian Fellowship, Material help to the church and Social occasions where members could get together and learn to know one another better.

Taken from the minutes of the first meeting of the Ladies Evening group



A founder member - Carin Sandberg.

*Celebrating 250 years since our first minister arrived - 1797.
One of the many restaurants we enjoyed on an evening out.*

*Nancy Fjällbrant's birthday celebration at her home in Hovås.
One of our annual kick-off parties at the home of Jeannette Munro in Mölndal.*

The Anglo-Swedish Society Program is now on-line:
www.angloswedish.wordpress.com

Members of St. Andrew's community are invited to apply for membership of the British Club.

Membership benefits include an active social programme.
www.britishclub.se



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