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The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II, Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Rev. David S. Luckett, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church

INTRODUCING THE REV. DAVID S. LUCKETT, INTERIM PRIEST-IN-CHARGE EFFECTIVE MAY 10:

The Rev. David S. Luckett is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana. He is married to former Janice (**Jan**) Cronan of Baton Rouge, and they have three daughters—Lark Johnson, Jackson, Mississippi; Lauren Cavins, Charlotte, North Carolina; Lyn Smith, Grayton Beach, Florida—and eight grandchildren.

Fr. David received his education at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Bexley Hall, Divinity School of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; and Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

He was ordained in 1962 in the Diocese of Indianapolis, and served the Indiana congregations of St. John's, Washington, St. James', New Castle, and St. Timothy's, Indianapolis, then St. Luke's, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and St. Paul's, Meridian, Mississippi. Fr. David spent the last fifteen years prior to his retirement in 1999 as Rector and Headmaster of All Saints' Episcopal Boarding & Day School in Vicksburg, Mississippi, a college preparatory school for boys and girls grades 8 - 12.

He also served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring after 27 years' service.

Fr. David has done interim work in our diocese at The Church of the Epiphany, Crestview, Florida, and at Trinity Church, Apalachicola, Florida. His most recent interim position was at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, Mississippi.

The vestry, staff, and parishioners of St. Andrew's welcome you, Fr. David and Jan, and we look forward to our getting to know each other as we work together!

SPOTLIGHT

St. Andrew's welcomes
The Rev. David S. Luckett,
Interim Priest-in-Charge,
on Sunday, May 10th.

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See page 4
for an overview of
changes in our
production &
distribution of
this newsletter.

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See page 5
for an introduction to
our new
St. Andrew's
Communications
Central.

USUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

Adult Christian Education. 9:00 am
Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
Fellowship Time 11:45 am

Thursdays

Cursillo Reunion Group. 11:00 am
Motley Crew 11:30 am

REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETINGS & EVENTS

Parish Breakfast

(usually the second Saturday)
May 9 8:00 am

Church Work Day until noon

Pot Luck Dinner

(usually the third Wednesday)
May 20 5:30 pm

Vestry Meeting

(usually the third Sunday;
fourth Sunday this month)
May 24 Noon

The Sea Net is generally published monthly (except for January) and welcomes and encourages submissions from St. Andrew's one and all... prayers, poems, artwork, photos, quotations, little stories, longer stories, meditations, book reviews, ideas for articles.

The deadline for submitting material for *The Sea Net* is the 15th of each month.

ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA VISION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea is a dynamic Episcopal church, intentionally diverse, sustained by sacramental worship, serving the community in Christ's name both within and beyond our walls.

ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA VESTRY GOALS FOR 2009

- Commit to increasing funding streams by optimally using current assets and facilities and involving the local community in our social outreach programs.
- Establish a mechanism to enhance and increase parishioner involvement in parish ministries and pastoral care.
- Ensure that the parish leadership continues the momentum of carrying out the parish goals, including outreach, during this economic downturn.
- Maintain and build on our re-vitalized music ministry.
- Re-commit to our education program utilizing clergy and lay resources as well as those of the diocese.
- Establish a program where every member is committed to bringing new people to worship and fellowship. (Vestry to set example.)



SENIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Kathy McGee

"MOVIN' ON DOWN, MOVIN' ON DOWN THE ROAD"

Have you ever gotten a song stuck in your head and it just keeps playing over and over again? Well, for some reason, these words—"movin' on, movin' on down the road"—keep repeating in my head. I think maybe it's because I have been thinking of journeys and how far down the road the people of St. Andrew's have already traveled.

In September of 2000, this congregation had a rebirth and started on a new journey, a new page in the story of this church. Having been part of that rebirth, I can't help but reflect on that chapter in our story. There were but a few of us. We were determined that with God's help, the Christ light of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church would not be extinguished.

By God's grace and the work of an ever-increasing congregation, that Christ light shines brightly today in this community.

So, here we are. Our Rector, Father David Powell, has moved on. We have new clergy leadership; Father David Lockett. What happens now? Where are we going? What should we do? Some things I am sure of; some things I am not sure of.

I am sure we will continue our wonderful outreach / social justice ministries: the Monday soup lunches, the bike program, the shower program, our food pantry, and bag lunches.

We will, of course, continue the work of the Motley Crew. Children's Chapel,

Christian Education programs, parish breakfasts and workdays, potlucks, will also continue. I am also sure we will see some changes, some new and different ways to do what we are called to do in Christ's name.

One of my favorite Christian songs, the "Servant Song", has these words:

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and share the load.

We are, my brothers and sisters, indeed all on a journey with many more miles to go. We, the people of this church, have already been through many peaks and valleys. It would be wishful thinking to hope for no more valleys.

But without the valleys, the peaks would not be nearly as joyful! So, we will continue to make this journey together, writing another page in the history of this wonderful place we call our spiritual home.

As I said in our meeting on April 26, God is always in the midst of us. Don't fear tomorrow because God is already there. Let us keep our hearts and minds open to his bidding so we can keep on movin', movin' on down the road!

Kathy McGee,
Senior Warden

The next vestry retreat
will be
just after Labor Day.



As I am sure you are all aware we are operating under a “bare bones” budget. The hot and humid days of summer are right around the corner, and in an effort to control utility cost we will be implementing the following changes over the summer months. Some of these changes will take place immediately, others after June 1st.

Effective immediately the following lighting systems will be turned off:

- Back parking lights – except for scheduled night events
- Narthex lights during daylight hours
- Stained glass window light on parish hall/ office porch
- Steeple floodlights

After June 1st, during the Sunday service:

- Perimeter ceiling lights in the church
- Overhead lights in choir area

The air conditioning thermostats will be locked out at 80 degrees in the *old* church and lights will remain off in that area during the daylight hours.

If you have any questions or additional suggestions concerning these changes or ways to cut our utility costs, feel free to contact me.

Your Junior Warden,
Fred Fenn



At its April meeting, the vestry decided that *The Sea Net* will be produced and distributed primarily as an electronic publication after this May 2009 issue.

Why? Our bulk mail permit & software cost \$205/year, and the cost of paper, copying, and labels exceeds \$1000/year for the 250 or so copies we produce 11 times yearly: not a huge savings, perhaps, but a considerable one, given our present financial circumstances.

What does this mean? When the June issue of *The Sea Net* is ready, these changes will take effect:

1. If I have an email address for you, I'll send you a link to our webpage where you can click on the link for the newsletter, which you can enjoy in full color.

*If you do **not** now receive our weekly **Sea Mail** updates, I **don't** have your email address: please send it to me!*

2. For those of you who don't use email:
 - If you live locally year-round, there will be copies available for you to pick up on the tables in the narthex and in the parish hall.
 - If you're a part-year resident or a snowbird *without* email & internet capabilities, I will still mail you a newsletter, but at the first-class postage rate.

If you have questions about these changes, or if you need help in viewing the newsletter online, please call or email me!

Kate Driggers



HOW DO YOU FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. ANDREW'S AND IN THE DIOCESE?

1. Check Communications Central—the beautiful gulf-water-colored bulletin board in the old church.

There you will find on the *left*:

- the latest monthly issue of *The Sea Net*, this newsletter
- **This Week's Announcements** (the full 6-panel insert that we no longer print for the Sunday bulletin)

On the *right*:

- Under **Vestry Updates**, the latest financial information and minutes that have been approved by the vestry
- Under **Diocesan News**, the current issue of *The Green Sheet* (diocesan newsletter) and other events in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

In the Center are:

- Our **Vision Statement**
- The **2009 goals** established by the vestry for St. Andrew's
- Photos, names, and positions of our church **Clergy & Staff**

2. Check your email (if you use email):

- Make sure we have your current email address so that each week you'll receive the **Sea Mail**: reminders of parish events for the current week and the very near future
- For further diocesan news, you can subscribe to the Diocesan newspaper, *The Coastline*. Go to this link to sign up for the electronic version and help decrease diocesan expenses:

http://www.diocgc.org/the_coastline.php

3. Visit www.standrewsbts Episcopal.org (our parish website): We update the website at least weekly. On the main page you'll find links to the current issues of **Sea Mail** and *The Sea Net* and to **This Week's Announcements**.

4. Read *The Sea Net*: St. Andrew's newsletter, usually 11 issues a year. By the time you receive this printed copy, ***IF we have an email address for you***, you'll have also received an email about changes in how we produce and distribute *The Sea Net*. (See page 4 for the details of our newsletter changes.)

5. Finally, if you have questions or *especially if there is a pastoral need*, talk with your clergy, vestry, or staff!



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

WORSHIP

Worship notes for May:

- **Fr. David Lockett's first Sunday** with us is May 10.
- See the page 10 for the **Combined Ministry Schedule** for May
- **Children's Chapel** continues during the summer.
- Sunday, May 31, is the **Day of Pentecost**: remember to continue our St. Andrew's tradition of wearing the liturgical color of the day—**RED!**



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The 9:00 am adult Sunday school class will continue meeting in the parish hall on Sunday mornings through May 31, the Day of Pentecost, and then will take a summer break, resuming the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13.

Each class is a stand-alone topic with a presentation and discussion from one of our rotating list of presenters—come join us!

PLEASE NOTE:

THE CHURCH OFFICE
 WILL BE CLOSED
 ON MEMORIAL DAY,
 MONDAY, MAY 25



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

SOCIAL JUSTICE / OUTREACH

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2009

| Service | Total for Apr. | Previous Month (Mar.) | YTD (through 04/09) | Total Last Year (2008) |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Monday lunches: # served | 37 | 48 | 161 | 709 |
| 1/2 gal homemade soup: # donations received | 4 | 27 | 49 | 201 |
| Lunch Bags: # recipients | 19 | 43 | 74 | 792 |
| Food Pantry: # bags / # people | 34/43 | 24/32 | 115/168 | 507 # families helped |
| Gas Coupons: # families helped | 6 | 13 | 28 | 74 |
| Bicycles: # bikes given out | 6 | 6 | 15 | 53 |
| Showers: # towels used | 62 | 75 | 192 | 741 |

DON'T FORGET T BRING IN NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS EACH SUNDAY FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU!



The Spring Ingathering for UTO (the United Thank Offering) will be on Sunday, May 24.

THE UTO PRAYER

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy:

Accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life.

Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way.

Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering.

This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.



OUR MAY POTLUCK :
SAVE THE DATE

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary is not included—or if it's incorrect—please be sure to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

- May 5 Jim Boykin
- May 6 Courtney Bradley
- May 7 Caluger Dawson
- May 8 AnnaBelle James
- May 8 Kay Morgan
- May 10 Carla Morgan
- May 16 Kate Driggers
- May 17 Destiny Bolden
- May 17 Kathy McGee
- May 20 Evelyn Frees
- May 22 Jeff Corl
- May 23 Seana Beaty
- May 24 Jeanette McKeown
- May 28 Sharon Douglas

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 14 Shane & Christine Blanton
- May 16 Jason & Kefrin Woodham
- May 21 Jerry & Kathy McGee

Join your St. Andrew's family for fellowship and food at our monthly potluck on Wednesday, May 20.

We're thinking food like enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, taco salad—Use your imagination.

We're also going to have a Taco/Nacho Bar—we're hoping a few folks will sign up to bring beef or chicken taco meat, hard and soft taco shells, and bags of corn chips—and (like the ice cream bar at the last potluck) we're asking folks to bring, in addition to your pot luck contribution, some nacho/taco toppings—like black olives, diced tomatoes, chopped onions, salsa, sour cream, shredded cheese, peppers—we think you get the general idea.



As usual we will gather at 5:30 pm with the blessing at 6:15 pm. Sign-up sheets will be in the parish hall.

To make this event even more fun, our own St. Andrew's band will be offering up some Jimmy Buffet-style music—for our dancing, listening, foot-tapping, singing-along-with-them enjoyment. They had a few "groupies" at the Shrove Tuesday festivities—so put on your dancing shoes, gals (you know who you are!) and get ready to shake it.

Pittman, Kristi, and Claudia

If you have any questions, call Claudia at 654-7442 or Pittman at 687-0330

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

April 2009

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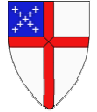
Rosie Slyfield

**to St. Augustine of Canterbury
Navarre, Florida**



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

A PART OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE PRESIDING BISHOP VISITS THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

This is from an April 22 memorandum from Bishop Duncan to all clergy and Senior Wardens in charge of congregations:

Upon my invitation, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, will visit our diocese the last week-end of May (May 29—31, 2009).

Her visit is for a simple purpose: that we may get to know her better, and that she may get to know us better.

...I invite and encourage you and the congregations you serve to participate in the events of her visit to the fullest extent possible.

Some of the events are for clergy, clergy & spouses, or youth only, but those listed below are open to all. Go early to these open services if you expect a seat!

Friday, May 29:

5:30 pm, Christ Church, Pensacola

Reserved and open seating

Holy Eucharist—Presiding Bishop celebrates, preaches

Saturday, May 30:

9:30 am, St. Anna's, Poarch (Atmore)

Prayers and comments by Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop will visit this 80-year-old mission of the Episcopal Church, with the only Native American community in Alabama (the Poarch band of Creek Indians) recognized by the United States government.

4:00 pm, St. Paul's, Daphne

PB Dedication of new parish life center

Sunday, May 31:

10:30 am, All Saints, Mobile

Centennial Eucharist—Presiding Bishop celebrates, preaches

4:30 pm, Christ Church Cathedral

Reserved and open seating

Evening Prayer

For more details of the Presiding Bishop's visit, see the diocesan website at <http://diocgc.googlepages.com/thepresidingbishop%27svisit>

From the website: "Bishop Duncan invites and encourages the clergy and lay members of our diocese to participate as much as possible in the Presiding Bishop's visit and to welcome her as she learns about and shares in the ministry of the Gospel in our diocese."



DESTIN'S WEEK OF BLESSINGS

Destin's "Week of Blessings" is the week of May 17. Just as Fr. David Powell participated in the Blessings of the Fleet last year, Fr. David Luckett will participate in the Blessing of the Fleet and other parts of the week of blessings. We'll have a special insert in our bulletins on Sunday, May 17.

Sunday, May 17: First Annual Barbeque & Covered Dish Picnic
Location: Morgan sports Complex
Time: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Monday, May 18: Citywide Day of Fasting

Tuesday, May 19: Community Prayer Team Ministry Day

Wednesday, May 20: Blessing of the Marketplace
Location: Destin United Methodist Church
Time: 11:30 am

Thursday, May 21: 51st Annual Blessing of the Fleet
(Ascension Day)
Location: Destin Harbor
Time: 4:00 pm—Service

DID YOU KNOW...

ABOUT CAFE PRESS AND THE ST. ANDREW'S ONLINE STOREFRONT?

Have you seen some of our St. Andrew's folks with T-shirts like this?



...or canvas bags like this?



You can purchase items like these and more at:

<http://www.cafepress.com/standrewsdestin>

Each time you buy one of the items in our "online storefront" St. Andrew's receives several dollars.

This has been available since late 2007 (thanks to Kefrin Woodham, who set it all up), but now we are encouraging you to make this one of the ways you can help St. Andrew's with fund-raising.

Take a look at the current items available ...and look for more items soon!

COMBINED MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2009

| | <u>May 3</u> | <u>May 10</u> | <u>May 17</u> | <u>May 24</u> | <u>May 31</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Easter 4 | Easter 5 | Easter 6 | Easter 7 | The Day of Pentecost |
| Acolyte - Crucifer | Rick Boyer | Bruce Moore | Rick Boyer | Bruce Moore | Rick Boyer |
| Acolyte - Torchbearer | Jeff Corl | Rick Boyer | Jeff Corl | Jim Cooper | Jeff Corl |
| Acolyte - Torchbearer | Pittman Watson | Jeff Corl | Pittman Watson | Pittman Watson | Pittman Watson |
| Altar Guild | Anne Harmuth | Becky Chidsey | | | |
| Altar Guild | Chiara Guyton | Evelyn Frees | | | |
| Children's Chapel | Kate Driggers | Pittman Watson | Becky Chidsey | Jennifer Lee | Kate Driggers |
| Eucharistic Minister | Rick Boyer | Bruce Moore | Rick Boyer | Bruce Moore | Rick Boyer |
| Eucharistic Minister | Jim Cooper | Rick Boyer | Kathy McGee | Jim Cooper | Kathy McGee |
| Flower Guild | Angie Druetta | Jim Cooper | Jennifer Lee | Andrea Scott, Angie Druetta | Jim Cooper |
| Lector | AnnaBelle James | Joyce Waters-Smith | Carrie Thiemann | Claudia Nadeau | Kim Moore |
| Prayers of the People | Bill James | William Lee | Tom Thiemann | Kathy McGee | Joyce Waters-Smith |
| Usher | Bill James | Mark Shealy | Jennifer Lee | Bill James | Stu Smith |
| Usher | Bruce Moore | Stu Smith | William Lee | Jerry McGee | Bruce Moore |
| Vestry | Jim Cooper | Rick Boyer | Kathy McGee | Kathy McGee | Jim Cooper |

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR MAY 2009

| Date | Time | Place | Description |
|--|---|---|--|
| Sunday, May 3 4th Sunday of Easter | 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Church | Adult Christian Education + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel |
| Saturday, May 9 | 8:00 am + + + + + + + 9:30 am to noon | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + Buildings & Grounds | Parish Breakfast: coffee at 8, blessing at 8:30 am + + + + + + + Church Work Day |
| Sunday, May 10 5th Sunday of Easter | 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Church | Adult Christian Education + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel |
| Sunday, May 17 6th Sunday of Easter | 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Church | Adult Christian Education + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel |
| Wednesday, May 20 | 5:30 pm | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall | Parish Potluck Supper: gathering at 5:30 pm, blessing 6:15 pm |
| Sunday, May 24 7th Sunday of Easter | 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am + + + + + + + Noon | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Library | Adult Christian Education + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel + + + + + + + Vestry Meeting |
| Monday, May 25 | n/a | n/a | Parish Office is closed for Memorial Day. |
| Sunday, May 31 The Day of Pentecost | 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am | St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Church | Adult Christian Education + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel |

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