

Now, as we look towards 2021, we cannot relax, nor can we retreat nor become discouraged.

As we look towards the coming year I cannot even hope, much less promise, that we will “return to normal” and time soon. Cameras in church providing online worship will likely be a part of our lives for the foreseeable future. People are going to continue to take a long time to return to us, and we will need to provide the mechanisms for them to join in the life of the parish. We will, however, begin to return to the bedrock patterns of life as Christians and members of this parish we count on. We will, more and more, reemerge from social distancing, isolation, and other restrictions. We will expand and return to parts of our parish life that we have had to suspend. Fellowship, learning, outreach, fundraisers, and other events that have been important and enjoyable parts of our lives will be reintroduced with proper care and health precautions, but we will continue, more and more, to “come back to church”.

Timelines and specifics are impossible to predict, and the challenges, changes, and innovations are not over. Our vestry has developed tremendous sets of skills and insights to meet the challenges of “coming back to church”. We may yet see surges from the pandemic, even mutations and new disease threats, but we will proceed as we have, meeting the challenges with flexibility, faith, and love to return to the full life in Christ that is our parish family.

Peace and all good things,
Patrick+

Services

Holy Eucharist

Sundays: 98
Weekdays: 12
Private: 7

Other

Daily Offices: 59
Baptism: 6
Marriage: 6
Burials: 15
Confirmations: 7

Statistics

Communicants: 464
Baptized Members: 491

Average Sunday
Attendance: 85

Christmas Attendance: 250
Easter Attendance: 175

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Annual Report 2021

Agenda

94nd Annual Parish Meeting 21 February 2021

- ◆ **Opening Prayer - Fr Patrick+**
- ◆ **Minutes of the 93rd Annual Meeting**
- ◆ **Vestry Elections and 2021 Officers**
- ◆ **Report of the Senior Warden - Kerin Guidera King**
- ◆ **Report of the Junior Warden - William McCoy**
- ◆ **Report of the Treasurer - William McCoy**
- ◆ **Report of the Altar Guild Chair - Pat Griffith**
- ◆ **Report of the Outreach Committee Chair - Pat Griffith**
- ◆ **Report of the Rector - Fr Patrick+**
- ◆ **Q&A**
- ◆ **Closing Prayer**

pageant and Lessons and Carols, but to welcome two hundred fifty worshippers over three unique, lovely, and festive worship services. When most parishes were closed on Christmas to face-to-face worship, we had a fulsome and beautiful range of worship while observing all prudence and safety.

I am so very proud of the work of this parish, and especially its vestry leadership and staff, who worked tirelessly to accomplish, in uncharted and shifting territory, safe and accessible worship and programs to our community.

All these challenges were set against the backdrop of a summer of social and racial tensions and a particularly divisive political season that seems to have no end in sight, and has left many nerves frayed and tempers short.

Nothing has been the way it was before. Changes have been legion, unexpected, and in almost all cases unwelcome.

One of the most common questions I have had throughout 2020 has been, “Father, when will we be back to normal?”

The answer is, simply, “never.”

The “normal” we long for, the Eucharist as we have all celebrated it throughout our lives, singing out loud, coming together without fear of disease, without masks, without absent friends, may take years to abate, and in the meantime, as life and our parish and community continue, life will take us in directions we cannot even yet anticipate.

Now, in all of this, the one thing not mentioned so far in this report, and that is at the heart of all we consider, begin, continue, and end with, is Christ. Our Lord Jesus has been with us in the darkest parts of the journey of 2020, and that has carried us through. He has worked through each of us as we have engineered and made do with Facebook and YouTube videos, social distancing, and all the ways we have exhibited flexibility, faith, and love as we navigated this trying and unprecedented year. He has lifted us up, inspired us, and reassured us as we took each day and week at a time and moved through each challenge.

I will readily admit that, no matter how well we had hoped to meet these challenges, there were ways we might have been able to better perform them, but any criticism would injure the admirable and exemplarily ways that Christ’s love was apparent during this time, not to mention the tireless and selfless gifts of love, sweat, tears given with the effort.

The Rector's Report

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

The best description of the challenges of 2020 for our parish can be summed in one word: “unprecedented”.

For much of the first four years of my tenure at St John's we had been settling into many new patterns of life and the attending new expectations. We have encountered many changes for our parish family as well as me and my family. We found ways to gradually begin the often difficult and challenging work of charting a new path together as a Christians Community.

Then, in the fifth year of my tenure as your rector, we encountered a global pandemic unlike anything we have encountered in our lifetimes.

In March we took what was the unprecedented and hitherto unthinkable step at the behest of state and diocesan authorities to close for two weeks, only to extend the closure for a further three months. As a result, we had to experiment with and invent new ways of worshipping, studying, and sharing fellowship via online platforms. This included not only celebrating the ordinary daily offices and Sunday services, but Holy Week and the other major church holidays. Almost every facet of our parish life either came to a standstill or were profoundly altered as a result of the pandemic.

Even after we returned to face-to-face worship, we had to accept previously unimaginable changes. We held worship inside and outside in a tent. We celebrated the Eucharist in many, entirely different ways. We socially distanced, wore masks, and took many other precautions

The summer carried its own unique challenges. We closely partnered with Saint Andrew's Dune Church to support our sister summer chapel with expertise and labor to make the season a success. Under careful restrictions we were able to accomplish not only confirmations but providing for visiting preachers' sermons via recorded videos.

That partnership afforded us tremendous dividends when Saint Andrew's graciously, and at a tremendous expense, hosted our Christmas celebrations, allowing us not only to have a

93rd Annual Meeting

February 2, 2020

The 93rd Annual Parish Meeting of the St. John's Episcopal Church Southampton was held in the Parish House on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 11:20 am. Kerin Guidera King, Senior Warden, presided, Sandra Klemuk, Secretary recorded.

I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Patrick

II. 2019 Annual Parish Meeting minutes; Motion by Kerin Guidera Kin, second by Pat Griffith; approved as presented.

III. Vestry Election – Nominated Slate approved as presented for Vestry class of 2022

a. Peter Trapp to replace Carroll Moulton

b. Dean Christiansen to replace Florence Rolston

c. Sandra Klemuk to replace Sandra Klemuk

Fr. Patrick thanked Florence and Carroll for their years of dedicated service.

Vestry Officers for 2020

a. Sr Warden: Kerin Guidera King

b. Jr Warden: Bill McCoy

c. Treasurer: Kevin O'Connell

d. Secretary of the Vestry: Sandra Klemuk

IV. Report of the Senior Warden (Kerin Guidera King) welcomed church members and thanked them for their interest and attendance prior to giving 2019 fellowship and fund-raising highlights.

a. Beginning of Summer Bazaar under leadership of Lisa Gillespie and Lynn Butler; addition of Scarf & Purse table to the plants, jewelry, children's activities, hot dogs and ice cream stations. Thanks to all for their donation of gently used items, time and financial support.

b. Art Show under the leadership of Annie MacRae, Pat Nadosy and Fr. Patrick was another success.

c. Lenten Suppers with soups provided by Ellen Greaves and the Clamman; Beach Picnic, Harvest Supper; Popcorn Theology; Women's Book Club

d. Thanks also to Fr. Patrick for his continued enthusiasm and efforts on behalf of

all these activities and events.

V. Report of the Junior Warden (William McCoy) noted that focus was on “sprucing up the place” this year including:

- a. Sidewalks repaired.
- b. Doors repaired and painted.
- c. Rectory fence replaced.
- d. Long term planning to improve gardens with input from Pat Nadosy and Peter Trapp..
- e. Split rail fence installed using materials donated from Dune Church..
- f. Bathrooms refurbished.
- g. Nave windows need attention but with a six figure price tag will require serious fund raising or capital campaign. Once this project is begun, windows will need to be removed for (6-9) months and work may take over a year to be completed.
- h. upcoming projects include: replace Rectory front door; repair stucco, modernization of undercroft kitchen.

VI. Report of the Treasurer (Kevin O’Connell) Happy with how 2019 played out

- a. 2019 Income Statement and 2020 projected budget were presented and approved
- b. 2019 once again showed an annual deficit with the shortfall met using withdrawal from investment principal: \$355,000 in vs. \$419,000 out.
- c. Noted areas where we can save without compromising programs or physical plant.
- d. Beginning of Summer Bazaar and Art Show income not included in budget.
- e. Expectation that 2020 will be in line with 2019.

Treasurer’s Report accepted as presented; Motion by Lars King, second by Anita Kornbluth, unanimously approved.

Comments from audience: Judy Johnson expressed the hope that use of the church will remain free. Nancy Kamel asked about Music Director 2020 salary being same as 2019. Treasurer explained that 2019 salary reflected an increase to area standards.

Committee Report - Outreach, Pat Griffith

Outreach Recipients 2020

Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons
Southampton Animal Shelter
Fighting Chance
Honor Flight LI
Time for Teens
Medical Mission (Raphael Ministries) Florence
Paul Koster Memorial Fund
CTREE
Heart of the Hamptons
Southampton Town Volunteer Ambulance
Southampton Village Volunteer Ambulance
Breast Center
Southampton Daycare Center
Paul Koster Memorial
CMEE
St Anne’s Episcopal Church Bronx New York
Grant to AGAM-Malawi to create farms for 50 families
Hats, scarves, and gloves drive for Seaman’s Church Institue

Committee Report - Altar Guild, Pat Griffith

Checking Account Balance as of January 2020	\$40,196.51
Receipts for 2019	
Altar Flowers and Candles	\$ 2,270.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 0.00
Total Receipts	\$42,466.51
Expenses for 2019	
Altar Flowers and Candles	\$ 1,136.40
Linen Cleaning	\$ 148.00
Banking Fees	\$ 220.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,504.40
Checking Account Balance as of Year End 2020	\$40,962.11
Certificates of Deposit	
Capital One Bank - Littlejohn	\$ 7,211.94
Capital One - Howell (Palms)	\$ 3,541.28
Total Certificate of Deposit	\$10,753.22

VII. Committee Reports

- a. 2019 Altar Guild Report accepted as presented by Pat Griffith
- b. 2019 Outreach Grants presented by Pat Griffith

VIII. Report of the Rector (Fr. Patrick Edwards) gave “Many Blessings” to the group stating that “You are the core of the church.” He presented his detailed report highlighting the many ways that St. John’s has been making connections including: Centering Prayer; Bible Study; Lenten Suppers; Sunday Adult Formation; Book Groups, collaborations with Southampton Historical Museum and Rogers Memorial Library; instituting monthly Senior Lunches and more. Once again, Fr. Patrick thanked all for their attendance, for their continued support and said he looks forward to 2020

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm with a prayer.

Election of the Vestry, Class of 2023

Given the unprecedented circumstances in 2020 and the considerable challenges facing St John’s in 2021, the vestry presents a slate members as an extension of the existing Vestry classes terms by one year.

Vestry Officers for 2021

Sr Warden: Kerin Guidera King
 Jr Warden: William E. McCoy
 Treasurer: William E. McCoy
 Secretary of the Vestry: Sandra Klemuk

Vestry Class of 2021

Kerin Guidera King
 Lisa Gillespie
 Pat Griffith

Vestry Class of 2022

R. Scott Edmonds
 William E. McCoy
 Florence Rolston

Vestry Class of 2024

Peter Trapp
 Dean Christiansen
 Sandra Klemuk

Treasurer's Report - William E. McCoy
2020 Operating Income Statement

Income	
Plate Offerings	16,050.00
Pledge Payments	160,967.58
Contributions - Non-Pledge	148,031.85
Rental Income	200.00
Invest Dividend & Interest	4,542.62
Miscellaneous	-21.83
Summer Bazaar (Net)	0
Art Show (Net)	0
Total Income:	329,770.22
Expenses	
Office: General & Administrative	28,322.54
Insurance	27,792.5
Repairs & Maintenance	10,855.59
Grounds Maintenance	19,996.11
Utilities & Services	19,436.81
Rector Salary	101,833.34
Rector Benefits	84,912.60
Music Director	40,000.00
Sexton Expenses	0.00
Office & Financial Staff	38,000.00
Substitute Clergy	0.00
Payroll Expenses	4,061.20
Program Expenses	7,515.52
Diocesan Tithe	27,000.00
Total Expenses:	409,726.21
Net Operating Loss	(79,955.99)
<i>Annual shortfall met with Investment Principal Withdrawal</i>	

Treasurer's Report - William E. McCoy
2021 Operating Budget

Income	
Plate Offerings	16,050.00
Pledge Payments	160,967.58
Contributions - Non-Pledge	148,031.85
Rental Income	200.00
Invest Dividend & Interest	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Summer Bazaar (Net)	-
Art Show (Net)	-
Total Income:	327,749.43
Expenses	
Office: General & Administrative	31,400.00
Insurance	29,600.00
Repairs & Maintenance	15,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	22,000.00
Utilities & Services	20,000.00
Rector Salary	107,000.00
Rector Benefits	102,171.00
Music Director	40,000.00
Sexton Expenses	0.00
Office & Financial Staff	40,300.00
Substitute Clergy	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	4,200.00
Program Expenses	10,800.00
Diocesan Tithe	24,466.00
Total Expenses:	450,437.00
Net Operating Loss	(122,687.57)
<i>Annual shortfall met with Investment Principal Withdrawal</i>	