



July 17, 2026

The Search Committee and Vestry of St. Andrew's are pleased to announce our new Rector.

The Reverend Rita Teschner Powell has accepted our call to minister to St. Andrew's Church and will officially begin as of August 4th with her first service on August 9th.

Rita and her family will be on the Vineyard July 26th to attend Sunday service and join us for our summer picnic later that day. We look forward to having all of you join in welcoming Rita and her family!

The following is a personal message from Rita:

I am thrilled to join the church family of St. Andrew's! I look forward to meeting each of you, hearing your stories, and learning the church, the community, and the Island with you. I am certain that we will be able to grow together in faith and will discover unexpected treasures of the gospel in our common life. Rita +

Picnic at the Rectory July 26th at 5:00 pm!

This is a potluck; you are encouraged to bring a side, salad or dessert. We will provide the Hambugers and hotdogs. All are welcome!



*If you need a ride, please reach out to the church office
office@standrewsmv.org*

Directions to the Rectory #10 Bold Meadow Road, Edgartown:

From Edgartown: Take Edgartown-West Tisbury Road - about ½ way to Airport – Bold Meadow Road is on your right – first house on left (yellow). See you there!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Office hours for Fr. Bob this week are:
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-1.

Next Sunday, July 26, we will welcome The Rev. Sharon Eckhardt as our guest celebrant and The Rev. Judy Fentress-Williams as our guest preacher.

Fr. Bob will return for services on August 2nd.

Helping us meet our needs:

Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners,

We have recently encountered two important expenses that were not included in our 2026 budget, and we are asking you to prayerfully consider helping us meet these needs.

Sound System Upgrade

Our current sound system is no longer providing the clarity and reliability our parish needs for worship. Unfortunately, replacing or upgrading the system is not within our current budget. If you are able to help support this project financially, we would be deeply grateful. We approximate \$12,000.00 for this upgrade.

Rectory Freshen-Up

As you know, we are preparing to welcome our new Rector. To make the Rectory ready, several necessary repairs, updates, and general clean-up projects have been completed. These unexpected expenses were also not included in our 2026 budget. If you would consider contributing toward the Rectory freshen-up, we would sincerely appreciate your support.

If you would like to make a donation by check, you may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please note either "**Sound System**" or "**Rectory Work**" in the memo line so we can direct your gift appropriately. We approximate \$10,000.00 for the repairs and updates.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support of the ministry of St. Andrew's.

Palmer Marrin and Barbara Rush, *Wardens*

An Invitation for July 26th:

RPS is a day and boarding high school and is a vital part of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. Our school has been here for nearly 100 years, saving and changing the lives of young people who need to be pulled in from the periphery of our society. Students at Rock Point have a chance to re-create their own story and step into their lives with confidence. We have an amazing staff and loving families who wrap around our bright, creative, socially-minded students. We wrap around them because, in addition to their life-giving qualities, they also face serious struggles, including things such as suicidal ideation, social isolation, depression, anxiety, learning differences, sexuality identification, and gender identification. There are more details on our website: www.rockpointschool.org
To register, folks can use this link to the Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DExGMbzyD/>

I am also available to field any questions anyone might have. I encourage you to reach out to me by phone or email.

cspirito@rockpoint.org

(802) 578-9846

Thanks for considering coming to the event and spreading the word!!

Sincerely,

C.J. Spirito

Head of School



ROCK POINT SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO A SOCIAL IN
OAK BLUFFS, MARTHA'S VINEYARD

07.26.2026 | 1-3 P.M.

Join friends of Rock Point School for a casual gathering on Martha's Vineyard. Enjoy conversation, meet members of our community, and discover Rock Point's transformative impact.

RSVP:



Scan the QR code or visit
the site below:
<https://shorturl.at/0RyJg>



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Giving to St. Andrew's:

You may now make a secure contribution to the ministry and mission of our parish by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone camera. The code will take you directly to our online giving page, where you can make one-time or recurring gifts safely and conveniently.

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An update from our Island Food Pantry:

With the high costs of rent on our island, we have neighbors in need of food assistance throughout the year. While the IGI Food Pantry is able to obtain basic shelf-stable foods for their clients, our help providing foods for seniors on special diets would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating gluten free, low-salt and/or low-sugar items when you come to church. Deb Edmunds will mark them as a St. Andrew's Church donation and take them to the Pantry.

If you have questions, they may be directed to:
office@standrewsmv.org.

[Read more about the Island Food Pantry](#)

Your generosity supports the worship, outreach, pastoral care, and many ministries of this congregation. We are grateful for every gift and for all who share in the work of Christ through this parish.

Each must give as they decide in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:7

The Rev. Canon Robert Edmunds, Bridge Priest

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri 9am – 1pm

In the case of pastoral emergency, please call 774-549-9154

Heather Anne Slayton, Office Administrator

Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday 8am – 1pm

Sunday 8am – Noon

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