



Addition to Worship

We're thrilled that the Rev. Hannah Wilder will join us every other week from August-December as an ongoing guest preacher. Some of you may remember Mother Hannah as the diocesan communications director. More recently, she completed a two-year curacy at St. Mark's in City Heights. She and her wife, Kathy, live at Camp Stevens in Julian, where Kathy is the executive director. They have one son, Owen, who attends Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, a 13-year-old dog, Sadie, and two dragon-like cats named Sephira and Arya. Mother Hannah enjoys reading, breathing the Julian air, and learning about ideas, health, and the mind-body connection. She is excited to be joining us!

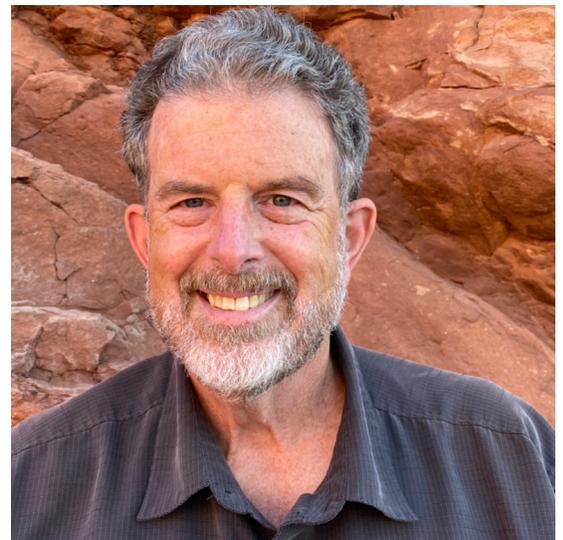
Why do we need a Supply Preacher?

The Vestry recently reviewed Mother Brenda's original Letter of Agreement as a follow-up to their Mutual Ministry Review (see results of the MMR in the related article). We were reminded that rectors have five areas of responsibility, including: Spiritual Leadership, Pastoral Care, Administration & Personnel, Fundraising, and Leadership Development. In addition to being the head priest, preacher, teacher and liturgist, a rector is essentially the CEO of the business of the parish. Since writing a sermon typically requires around 10 hours a week, sharing the preaching responsibilities frees our rector up for the important work of keeping our parish vibrant, healthy and financially sound. Not only that, having guest preachers provides us with other voices and perspectives to round out our worship experience.

New Part-Time Admin Assistant/Bookkeeper

Richard Spooner has joined our office team in the part-time role of Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper.

Richard was born and grew up mainly in England, with a couple of years in New Jersey when he was a baby, and another year in Westchester County, NY as a high-school student. He went to Magdalen College, Oxford where he gained a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Chemistry, leaving to become an officer in the British Army before co-founding a successful company providing software, hardware, and services in England. Richard traveled to the USA many times on business, and met his wife, Anne, on a blind date in Rancho Bernardo, arranged by some mutual friends. They were married in Magdalen College chapel in 1990 and decided to settle in the San Diego area, where Anne was living. He continued to work in the software industry around Orange County and San Diego until his retirement in 2018.



Anne and he have been members of St. Andrew's since 1995, and their two children, Brendan and Madeleine, joined in the youth programs. Richard was usher master for a few years, and continues to be an usher and lector. He joined the staff of St. Andrew's as Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper in July 2021.

Richard S's office hours are Monday-Wednesday mornings. You can send requests for reimbursement and inquiries about pledge payments or capital campaign contributions to bookkeeper@standrewsepiscopal.org.