



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The following parishioners have put forth their name to be considered for the 2025 class of St. Paul's Vestry. Four members will be elected to serve. "Nominees receiving a majority shall be declared elected" (per *The Episcopal Diocese of NC Constitution and Canons*). The nominees have provided answers to the following questions and are listed in alphabetical order by first name.

Andrea Johnson:

- *What do you like best about St. Paul's?*
 - What I like best about St. Paul's is that we foster a deep sense of belonging and spiritual growth, I like being a part of this church community. I love how welcoming we are to newcomers whether they are just curious or are looking for a church home.
- *What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*
 - I have actively participated in various committees over the years. I have contributed my time and talent to current and past initiatives, including the LobsterFest committee, One Wake, Racial Justice Planning Group, Adult Formation and Rainbow Gathering. I was also a member of the Library Committee, the chapel renovation committee and the vestry.
- *What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the vestry?*
 - During my three years on the vestry, I would like to see several accomplishments:
 - Successful transition of the new priest: Supporting them as they integrate and thrive at St. Paul's.
 - Impactful Community Projects: Supporting projects that make a difference and have a positive impact on St. Paul's and the community.
 - Intergenerational Connections: Implement or support programs and activities that encourage and promote intergenerational connections, bringing together members of all ages.
- *What community groups and events are you involved in?*
 - Outside of church I am a member of North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Foundation, North Carolina Paralegal Association.

Cindy Kager:

- *What do you like best about St. Paul's?*
 - The people, clergy and the incredible selection of ministries that are offered.
- *What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*
 - Coffee Hour, Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte, Usher, Handbells, Adult Formation Committee, Leadership Course, Lobster Fest, Christmas Fair, this past summer's book session with Gerri Batchelor, Progressive Dinners, Foyer Group, and a regular viewer of Morning Prayer.
- *What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the vestry?*
 - a smooth transition for the hiring of a Rector and Associate Priest and ways to get younger adults more involved in the ministries/leadership as many seniors are stepping back from ministry roles.
- *What community groups and events are you involved in?*
 - I volunteer at Dorcas and I have just been accepted to volunteer at Wake County Public Schools.

Colette Hibberd:

- *What do you like best about St. Paul's?*
 - The connection to community
- *What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*
 - We joined St. Paul's the first Sunday of St. Nicholas 2007. I have been involved with the Nicholas ministry ever since. I became the ministry lead in 2015. I have also been a part of Foyers and MOMS.
- *What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*
 - We lived in the Virgin Islands prior to living in NC. We were not active in the church community there. But, I never missed church choir practice 1st-5th grade!
- *What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the vestry?*
 - It's hard to look past the changes this next year has in store. I'm excited about the prospect of being a part of that process. I hope someone joins us with an inspiring vision for the parish. My goals for the 3 years would be to increase attendance through community outreach.
- *What community groups and events are you involved in?*
 - I am involved in CommWell Health, Healing Transitions, and Mama Moses and the Underground Railroad all seasons of the year, not just St. Nicholas time. I am active in the PTA of Middle Creek Elementary and High Schools. I am an intern leader for the Digital Media Academy. I am a coordinator of the Middle Creek Jr Cheerleader event.

Glenda Swann:

- *What do you like best about St. Paul's?*
 - I have loved the consistent message demonstrated by the community of St Paul's that "All Are Welcome". The St Paul's community lives into it deeply. Over the many years my family have been members at St Paul's I have found it simply amazing that as people come and go, as clergy and staff come and go, the foundational passion of this parish is "All Are Welcome" never seems to change. The deep love, compassion and care for parishioners, local communities and those outside of our communities is very apparent. Just go to the church website and see how many and varied ministries St Paul's community supports. The love, compassion and welcoming is abundant.
- *What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*
 - Current: Refuge for Refugees, St Nicholas, Counting Team, Handbell Choir, One Wake, Care and Share
 - Past: Church School teacher, Vestry (Jr. Warden), Stop Hunger Now (Rise Against Hunger) - ministry leader, Migrant Ministry, Cursillo, Women's Beach Week, Coffee Hour
- *What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*
 - St Paul's Episcopal in Cary is the only Episcopal church I have attended as an adult; As a cradle Episcopalian, I was involved in the choir and church school as a child.
- *What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the vestry?*
 - I would love for our parish to find and hire a "best fit" rector for our church. I would also hope that during this transition time, we as a parish, stand strong, get engaged and demonstrate that much of what makes St Paul's so unique is the community itself.
- *What community groups and events are you involved in?*
 - One Wake

Kimm Hershberger:

- *What do you like best about St. Paul's?*
 - St. Paul's is a warm and deeply caring community that is built upon our shared love of Christ. This connects us and creates a nurturing space to worship, to serve our community, and to grow. In a world often torn by division and judgement, St. Paul's leads with acceptance and kindness, and that makes all the difference to me! I also appreciate that over the years of raising our girls across two Christian schools, St. Paul's offered different ways for us to be involved based on the stages of our family's life.
- *What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*
 - • Supporting the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) team
 - • Volunteering for events such as Lobsterfest
 - • Participating in activities such as Rise Against Hunger
 - • Completing Mental Health First Aid Certification
 - • Participating in Adult Education
 - As our girls transition to college, I am looking forward to serving in new ways.
- *What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*
 - I grew up in Robbinsville, NC in the Appalachians and attended Grace Mountainside, a combined Episcopal – Lutheran church. At Grace Mountainside, I served as an Acolyte, on the altar guild, as a lector reader, and on various service projects.
- *What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the vestry?*
 - • Continue the mission and supporting ministries that have been created at St. Paul's.
 - • Nurture our culture of inclusion and kindness with opportunities for each person to be involved 'a little or a lot'.
 - • Keep our "eyes on Christ" as we navigate the discernment and search process.
 - • I hope most to serve with an "open heart and working hands". As a change management consultant, I can offer facilitation, change, and organizational skills to support our vestry and ministries.
- *What community groups and events are you involved in?*
 - Over the past six years we have focused our service involvement through our girls' middle school and high schools (St. Timothy's Episcopal, Cardinal Gibbons, and Raleigh Charter High School). School service projects have included Note in The Pocket, Urban Ministry, Salvation Army, Wake up and Read, Science Olympiad coaching, Rise Against Hunger and various donation drives.

Tim Buckley:

- *What do you like best about St. Paul's?*
 - My wife and I moved here over 34 years ago to find a house and a church with children and youth programs since we had small children (3 and 5 years old). We found St Paul's then and have loved it ever since. Youth and children's programs have always excelled at St Paul's. I have been impressed with the Outreach Programs at St. Paul's as they encompass helping those less fortunate. Some of these programs include the youth like ASP, Habitat for Humanity, and Migrant Farmworker Ministry. St. Paul's has a community feeling of accepting everyone. St. Paul's has a variety of opportunities to get involved to help members and the community outside of our church. We are located on land that we can expand if the opportunity arises.
- *What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*
 - I was on the Vestry from 1991- 1992 and 1999 – 2001. During that time, I co-chaired the Youth Search Committee to hire a full-time Youth Minister. I have been on the Grounds/Yard Maintenance Committee since I joined St. Paul's. I have assisted with facility maintenance throughout the years I have been here. I arrange flowers for the services for Altar Guild. I was on the Adult Formation Committee and taught some classes. I participate in Hermano Day and St. Nicholas Day. I have volunteered for Lobster Fest since it began. I initiated and led a dinner group. I volunteered with Migrant Farm Worker Ministry, the Bread Ministry, and helped with Care and Share providing meals for church members. I designed, planned, organized, and coordinated the building of the Willa Mary Cowper Memorial Playground. I was an usher for many years. I am a member of the Refuge for Refugees Ministry and the Transportation Ministry. I participate in the disaster relief programs. I have been in Foyer groups and am a participant in Adult Formation.
- *What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*
 - I was a Youth Group leader volunteer and a member of the choir at Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, VA. I was a member of the Gourmet Dinner Group which started with twelve couples and had thirty-six couples when we left. At the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Starkville, MS, I was a member of the choir and the maintenance leader of the swimming pool. I was also on the yard and grounds maintenance committee there.
- *What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?*
 - I want to see that the youth and children's programs continue to grow as we continue to expand opportunities for our young people. I want to see that our church family continues to grow and that more community-building opportunities are available. I want to see that the "All Are Welcome" vision continues to grow and excite visitors. I want to see that our outreach programs continue to grow and prosper. I want to see that our young adult programs grow and have more opportunities. I want to assist in selecting our next priest so that he/she will match our church vision to lead us in our next step of opportunities and growth.
- *What community groups and events are you involved in?*
 - Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity
 - Participated with One Wake activities
 - Foster pups, find puppies homes, and help with events for Perfectly Imperfect Pups
 - Assist with Disaster Relief Programs – hurricanes, storms, flooding relief support