

January Vestry Meeting Summary

The Vestry gathered for its first meeting of the year, beginning with the election of officers for 2026. Rain Nelson was elected Clerk, Wayne Etter will continue serving as Treasurer, Jaedy Tres was elected Senior Warden, and Billy Wilson was elected Junior Warden.

The Treasurer provided an update on year-end finances, including the transfer of funds to address the Employee Retention Fund deficit, with a comprehensive year-end financial report to follow.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the future of Saint Andrew's website. Following a presentation on proposed upgrades – including improved online visibility, enhanced event registration capabilities, and search engine optimization (SEO) – the Vestry approved moving forward with the website redesign project. The approved plan also includes training to allow staff to manage ongoing website updates internally.

Planning also began for upcoming parish events, including the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, with Vestry members discussing volunteer roles and event logistics. Additionally, new Vestry members were introduced to the responsibilities of serving as Vestry Person of the Day.

During an open discussion, the Vestry established several priorities for 2026. These include advancing the church courtyard landscaping project, exploring parking revenue opportunities and long-term financial planning, reviewing and updating parish governing documents, developing bylaws for the Middleway Urban Monastery, and creating a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan for Saint Andrew's. New Vestry members also received Vestry Handbooks to support their service throughout the coming year.