

Our Church Now

I would like to see – world-wide prayers called from all the Churches to pray for one time youth growing up! World peace! Mental sickness! And other issues!

Vision or wishes: A church with a mortgage that is paid – extra money could go to those in need.
A church where the words are not changed for well known hymns – there seem to be
Many against it, and it's not fair for the composer.

I love our church & the greater Anglican Church & it has many great points – one Liturgy is superb and we recognize significant days in the church year – through visual effects. You know something important is happening when you come through our doors. We do some things very well and Liturgy is one!
We try to be loving and caring “I believe we do a fairly decent job of that – we could always do better.
We need someone dedicated to Welcoming new folks. We have lots of good things happening here.
We need more volunteers to help out. Identifying gifts would help in this area.

Our church is there for those who want us – those that attend. Our church is unknown to so many – we need to reach out to our community.

I would like to see others churches visit and worship with us. Our church should be open to all.
Our church should be a continuing visible and working body of our community.

Indifference bordering on hatred (I hate to use that word) towards homosexuality. Not wanting to address this issue, putting it off because it is too controversial.

We welcome newcomers to a point but then leave them to find their own space. Great music.
Outreach in community is growing.

Welcoming, inclusive, increasing in numbers of people choosing priesthood, especially younger people.
Music, worship – great. Outreach.

Trouble with those of us who no longer want to drink from one cup or take bread from some ones hand.

Church today is distracted by internal division and not confident in its attachment and contribution to community and congregational life.

I see our church today as a warm and compassionate struggling with the complex issues of the day, but is trying to work with each other in talking to find common ground.

Great. Not sure where the church falls in the longer picture.

In 2009 our church is on a movement trying to stay opened minded with all the changes in the economy.
The serious issue of changing the marriage canon. I'm very proud of our church, a small congregation that do wonders for the church and people who are intertwined.

The Church of St. Andrew has a “small but mighty” congregation. We are a loving, hard working family who welcomes everyone. The love of each other and of God is much in evidence.

Continue to work on solutions that unify and strengthen the church of God – the people.
Work on being a part of the solution which moves the church forward to be inclusive versus exclusive.

Beginning to understand the diverse ways the Spirit is at work in people promoting the use of talents as in acceptable gift to the well being of the church.

Presently our church is a very warm and welcoming church with creative liturgy. Enjoyable and interesting educational programs offered, but they need follow-up. Our outreach is great. We need our children and young people involved more and our singing needs to be updated more sometimes.

Place where people come together to worship, love God and each other. To have a good time.
Church of St. Andrew is a great place to go. Our Minister is great.

Lively Liturgy engaging both young and old. Terrific mix of tradition and contemporary worship.

As a national church we are trying to be welcoming but then often the naysayers and those that are not open to change make the most noise and get the most coverage. We are not as flexible as we could be.

Strong sense of community. Calming place to worship. Good programs (some people engaged in running and attending though.)

Our church is a very active and vibrant church which unfortunately depends a great deal on the senior parishioners to keep it active. Our church is open although those around us are not always aware. We are a community of love and hope.

At present, we are losing our youth, even tho' we have lightened up some. We are at the point where we need to start looking at other ways to keep the youth interested in staying on.