

A Celebration of Life
of
Ann Lindshield

St. John's Episcopal Church
April 6, 2024
11:00 am



Obituary of Ann Lindshield

June 15, 1938 – March 15, 2024

Ann Elizabeth Lindshield, 85, of Chula Vista, California, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024, with her husband and two sons by her side.

Ann was born on June 15, 2024, in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, the eldest child and daughter of the late Wilfred Dunkley and Betty Louisa (nee Tyler) Dunkley.

From a very early age, Ann wanted to be a nurse. After completing her secondary school training, she went directly into nursing training at a teaching hospital in Kettering, England. She achieved her Registered Nurse credentials there and then moved to London to pursue further training to become a “State Registered Midwife”. That training was completed by the middle of 1962. Ann then began her dream career as a District Midwife under the guidance of two different mentors. This work consisted primarily of working in-home with new mothers that started six weeks before their due date, in-home delivery of the baby, which was then followed by six weeks of post-partum home-care visits. The pre- and post-partum visits included extensive training of new mothers in parenting skills for newborn children. The PBS television series titled “Call the Midwife” accurately portrays the work that Ann did, which regularly involved Ann either bicycling or driving to patient homes at all hours and in all weather conditions.

Ann next entered the United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force (RAF) where she underwent training to become a Nursing Officer in Princess Mary’s RAF Nursing Corps, where she rose to the rank of Flying Officer and enjoyed progressive assignments to RAF Halton, England, RAF Changi in Singapore, RAF Butterworth in Penang, Malaysia and then finally To RAF Ely Hospital in England. Her assignments to Singapore and Malaysia provided an opportunity to visit Thailand, which she loved. That experience would assume great importance later in her life.

In January 1970, while Ann was at RAF Ely, she and some of her nursing colleagues decided to visit the Officers Club at RAF Alconbury, a host base for the U.S. Air Force in England. It was there that she met a guy named James, who had just arrived at his RAF Alconbury posting from his previous assignment in Thailand. James was delighted to find someone who knew about Thailand. Soon one conversation led to another, and a future relationship was formed.

Upon the completion of Ann’s service contract with the RAF, she took a bold step to become a contract Registered Nurse, working for one year in the United States at a Dallas, Texas hospital. When that work was finished, she moved on to Newark, Ohio,

where James was stationed at nearby Newark Air Force Station. To keep her work visa valid, Ann worked as a staff nurse at a nearby assisted living facility.

In January 1974, Ann began a new phase of her life as a military wife after she married James Lindshield on January 26, 1974, at the Base Chapel at Lockbourne (now Rickenbacker) Air Force Base, Ohio. In February 1975, Ann became a naturalized U.S. citizen, an action which enabled Ann to be able to be with James as he took up military assignments to Bangkok, Thailand and then to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. These two locations became the sites where Ann would give birth to each of her two sons, Christopher and Matthew, in that order, during the eventful year of 1977.

In January 1979, James left active duty with the U.S. Air Force to pursue a civilian career. The young family then traveled cross country to the San Diego, California area where James was able to begin a new career in the aerospace industry, a career that would last over thirty years. During the early part of that career, Ann was a stay-at-home mom until her two sons were in middle school. While she was home-bound, Ann became well known for the tastiness of her Scottish shortbread cookies.

It was then that Ann was able take on part-time work as an Instructional Assistant at the nearby Southwestern College (SWC) Disabled Student Services (DSS) office. Ann loved working with the staff there and with the opportunity to provide care and support to the students. That work grew in time and content and lasted until 2011, when she retired for medical reasons.

Throughout her life since the late 1960's, Ann has had to face several health issues. In coping with each issue, Ann became a strong advocate for the power of prayer as a tool to facilitate the healing process. She was a member of the "Order of St. Luke" and followed their guidelines of using both medicine and prayers in the healing process, both for herself and for others.

Ann enjoyed watching her sons grow up and go to college and then on to postgraduate work. She was very pleased to have one son, Chris, follow her in the medical field as a medical doctor and for son, Matthew, to become a very caring social worker.

Ann was preceded in death by her father, mother, sister, Avis, and brother, Kelvin. She is survived by her youngest sister, Glenys Ashford, husband James, son, Christopher, daughter-in-law, Ishtar (nee Haas), son, Matthew, daughter-in-law, Caroline, (nee Selvan), and two granddaughters, Katelyn and Charlotte, as well as several nieces and nephews.



Prelude

Baptismal Remembrance

Sprinkling of Holy Water and Placing of Pall

Entrance Procession

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Hymnal #618

Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems
bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To
out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in
choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

We remember before you this day our sister Ann. We thank you for giving her to us, her family, and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those have gone before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Ann's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Remembrance

Christopher Lindshield

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Matthew Lindshield

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Bob Dunn

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

James Lindshield

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Gradual Hymn

Joyful, Joyful

Hymnal #376



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

The Gospel

John 6:37-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the people, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Remembrance

Matthew Lindshield

The Apostles Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Christopher Lindshield

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we entreat you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, during things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Ann to your never-failing love; receive her into the arms of your mercy and remember her according to the favor which you bestow upon your people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Remembrance

James Lindshield

"And did those feet in ancient time," the hymn's first line, and alternate title, is a poem written by William Blake around 1808. The poem was inspired by the legend that Jesus might have traveled, with Joseph of Arimathea, to England – to Glastonbury, to be precise.

According to its most common interpretation, Blake's poem suggests that a visit from Jesus will create heaven in England, in contrast to the 'dark Satanic Mills' of the Industrial Revolution.

The tune to *"Jerusalem,"* written much later in 1917, was composed by Sir Hubert Parry. When *"Jerusalem"* was included as a patriotic poem in a 1916 collection for a country at war, it immediately caught the eye of Parry, who was more than happy, at the suggestion of the Poet Laureate, Robert Bridges, to set it to music, calling it simply *"Jerusalem."*

A firm favorite today, *"Jerusalem,"* is a musical staple at weddings around England, as well as a traditional feature of Women's Institute Meetings since the early 1920s. *"Jerusalem,"* has become an unofficial second national anthem. It is customary for the hymn *"Jerusalem,"* to be sung in cathedrals, churches and chapels on St. George's Day.

"Jerusalem" was one of Ann's favorite hymns.

*And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?*

*And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?*

*Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.*

*I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.*

The Great Thanksgiving

(please respond where bold)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

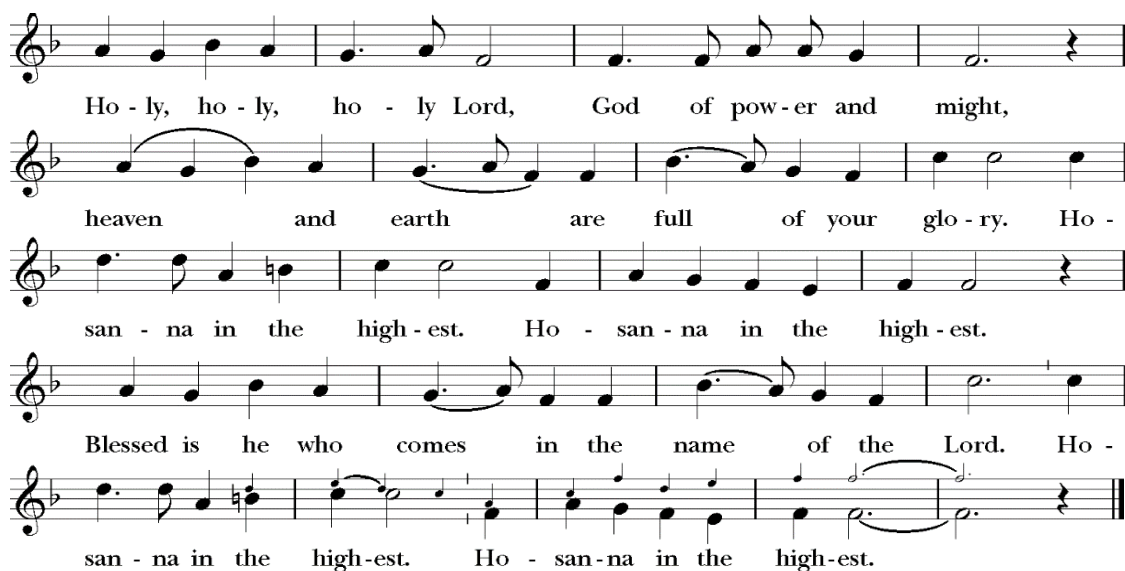
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People ***therefore let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. We offer Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). Please indicate, with a nod of your head, yes or no, if you desire communion under both forms. If you do not want to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn

Amazing Grace

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.

Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Commendation Hymn



1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God; Come meet him/her,
2. May Christ, who called you, take you home, And an - gels
3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord. May light un -
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; The last day



1. an - gels — of the Lord. }
2. lead you to A - bra - ham. } Re - ceive his/her soul, O
3. end - ing — shine on him/her. }
4. I shall — rise a - gain. }



1-4. ho - ly ones; Pre - sent him/her now to God, Most High.

Celebrant

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Ann.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting
peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People

Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Hymnal #625



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and



through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy



song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Postlude

You are invited to join the family for a reception in Nale Hall

The family requests that memorial donations be made to St. John's Episcopal Church

Native American Prayer

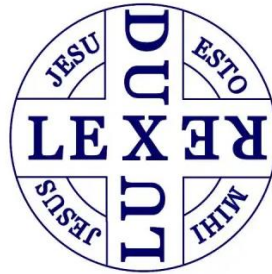
*I give you this one thought to keep –
I am with you still – I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamonds glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.*

*Do not think of me as gone –
I am with you still – in each new dawn.*

The International Order of St. Luke



The International Order of Saint Luke is an inter-denominational religious order dedicated to the Christian healing ministry begun in 1932 by an Episcopal priest. OSL is ecumenical, with members belonging to a variety of Christian denominations. OSL believes that healing exists today. Healing occurs through the hands of health professionals as well as through the hands of fellow Christians. As the Bible teaches, we are equipped to heal with the power of Jesus Christ.

The Prayer of the Order of St. Luke

***Almighty God, who inspired Your servant Luke the Physician
to set forth in the Gospel
the love and healing power of Your son:
Graciously continue in Your church the love and power to heal,
to the praise and glory of Your Name,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Roger Haenke
Readers	Matthew Lindshield Bob Dunn James Lindshield
Prayers of the People	Christopher Lindshield
Remembrances	Matthew Lindshield, Chris Lindshield, James Lindshield
Choir	Members of St. John's Choir
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Acolytes	Malia Attaway, Marge Moore
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St. John's Mission Statement

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.



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