

Annual Report to the Parish

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Diocese of Arkansas
Mountain Home**

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**A year-end overview of the life and ministry of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

During the calendar year of 2021

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2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Vestry Election
- III. Question and Answer Period
- IV. Closing Prayer

A Note on How this Report is Arranged

Our annual report is laid out according to the elements of parish life that are essential to a healthy church: Worship and Prayer, Life in Community, and Action. When each of these aspects of life together are present, it helps us understand ourselves as the Body of Christ. Our worship and prayer remind us why we are together and strengthens us to do God's work. As God's work permeates our life, it impacts our life in community, in how we care for one another and how we enjoy fellowship with one another. It also impacts how we respond to the needs of our community - the work (or action) we do to help bring about God's Kingdom. When our lives are filled with worship, prayer, caring for one another, fellowship, and service, we identify ourselves as a parish, responsible for ourselves and service. You may notice that some of the lines between the elements of parish life listed above are blurred. We sometimes mix our worship with action, as we do when we invite the Humane Society to our Pet Blessings and collect food for them or when we combine opportunities for fellowship with action with events such as our Mardi Gras party in which we raise money for a special camp offered each summer at Camp Mitchell.

A Musing from the Associate Priest

Our beloved church is a strange breed of cat. We have evolved from the Church of England and remain a part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. But we are also extremely American in how we think, operate and worship. So, I raise the question, what makes us Episcopalians? Or, more specifically what makes us Episcopalians here in Mountain Home, Arkansas, the Buckle on the Bible Belt?

1. Is it our style of worship? Which style, we have so many?
2. Is it the Prayer Book? Yes, because what we believe is contained in the words, formularies, and liturgies contained therein, even if we seldom read them. Yes, but there is more.
3. Is it the hymns, the pageantry, the vestments, the altar hangings, the Sacraments? Yes, but...
4. Is it the democratic structure of our church and our English heritage? Maybe, but...
5. Is it our traditional openness to how we practice our faith? Yes, but...

So what is it? It is none of the elements I listed, at least by themselves. It is all and more. There is no one thing that totally distinguishes us from other Christian faith groups. However, years ago the Rev. Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones defined a good Christian as one who:

- GETS religion like a Methodist.
- Is SURE like a Baptist.
- STICKS to it like a Presbyterian.
- CONCILIATES like a Congregationalist.
- PRACTICES like a Lutheran.
- PROPAGATES like a Roman Catholic.
- WORKS like a Salvation Army Officer.
- And finally, is PROUD of it like an Episcopalian.

Of course, pride is one of the seven deadly sins, but like all things Episcopalians believe, MODERATION is a good thing. So we do have something to be proud of, if we don't let our pride get out of hand.

The current pandemic has certainly put a crimp in the way we have practiced our ministry, yet we prevail proclaiming that Jesus is the Foundation Stone of our House and we affirm this foundation through our worship, which is central to our Episcopal Tradition. The Book of Common Prayer is the primary and most important document in our church and is a basic primer for the Christian Faith according to Anglicans. I challenge any faith group to present a more comprehensive and definitive statement of the catholic (universal) Christian faith.

The Holy Eucharist is paramount in our worship and in our understanding of Christ's presence in our lives, and is the hallmark of Episcopal Worship which defines WHO we are. When pondering the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, one of my favorite quotes attributed to Queen Elizabeth I (the "good" Queen) is as follows:

"HIS was the word that Spake it,
He took the bread and Break it,
And what His word did Make it,
That I believe and Take it."

Reverend Dr. Bob Williams

Senior Warden's Report

To say that this year has been challenging is a major understatement. The pandemic continues, Kevin+ left in March, our organist resigned; our secretary left her position under extremely difficult circumstances in July, and our then-senior warden resigned.

The vestry normally sets goals and establishes focus points for the ensuing year, but under the circumstances we decided that survival was paramount, and beginning in July we met several times a month (often via Zoom) to cope with the unusual combination of events. We appointed Margot Serdahl to complete the term of the vestry member who resigned; we elected me as senior warden, we worked with the Building and Grounds committee to replace the roof, we got bids on and (**lots** of) input on the HVAC systems, we found and hired Cheryl Nichols as parish administrator, and conducted a lot of regular business. It has been a steep learning curve for me, and I'm greatly appreciative of the patience you have all shown.

One thing that has come out clearly for me from all the fuss and bother is that we have a strong congregation which cares deeply about St. Andrew's. We hope to be on a more even keel this coming year, and we always welcome your input and your suggestions. Our vestry meetings are always open to any member of the congregation wishing to attend (and you'd find them wildly exciting, I'm sure!) and we welcome your voice. Note: If you want 'vote' as well as 'voice' - run for the vestry!

A final comment – we are richly blessed in having Father Bob tending the flock. That he is doing so allows us much freedom in planning and in catching up on some needed maintenance and such. Don't ever miss an opportunity to tell him THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted, April Baily, Sr. Warden

Junior Warden Report

Recently, I learned about the role of a Junior Warden at the Episcopal Church. Yes, to look out for the building and grounds, the physical structure of my now beloved Church. This I learned after accepting to be our Junior Warden without knowing what I was getting into. I just wanted to help! If it would not be for all of you, my extended family, especially Jeff, Steve and April, I think I would have thrown the towel a while ago. I have received hints on how to do things, and who to call to help resolve something,

but most of the things have been done by the Chair of the Building & Grounds Committee, Jeff Loveless. So, thank you, and thanks to all whom in a way or another provided me with guidance, and for the patience with this newbie.

During the 2021, which was a little different from 2020, we were able to be closer to one another so different tasks were able to be done. Among those tasks are:

- ✓ Purchase of a small vacuum to help with regular cleaning of Church
- ✓ Roof got replaced (Summer 2021) – Building & Grounds Committee Chair, Jeff Loveless
- ✓ The front faucet leakage got fixed – Jeff Loveless helped with this
- ✓ Air conditioning leakage got fixed – Custom Heating & Cooling came several times. HVAC currently functioning, but they recommended to consider changing unit.
- ✓ Reached out to three (3) HVAC companies and requested estimate to replace all 5 HVAC units. These were received, but after discussion, will only change the one to the right side of the altar.
- ✓ Semi-annual Cleanup – done on 11/13/2021 – Thanks to all that helped. Church was immaculate.
- ✓ Storage rooms cleaning – done on 11/17/2021. Thanks to all the came to help clean and organize them. Excellent job!
- ✓ Tried to keep trimmed the bushes outside and in the inside garden periodically.

As time flies, there are still some things pending for next year 2022.

- ✓ Will work on the exchange of the HVAC unit to the right of the altar. Awaiting on the lower bid that will include HVAC unit and CO2 detector placement as recommended by one of the bidders.
- ✓ Verify status of painting of the building – B&G Committee
- ✓ Verify status of caulking of the windows – B&G Committee

I think this year we accomplished a lot working together. Hopefully, this 2022 will be busier, and I am able to meet your expectations as Junior Warden. Thanks again for your patience and support. God bless us all!

Magda Rodriguez

Building & Grounds Committee Report

The building and grounds committee, has been talking about, how we can cut cost around the church. It's our opinion that it's time to start replacing the fluorescent lights in the Nave as well as the ones in Keller Hall, over to LEDs in the coming months.

Now that we have a new roof on the building, it's time to repair the ceiling in the Narthex of the water damage from years past. I also want to thank the committee members who have held on with the group.

I'd like to take this time to ask if there is anyone who would like to join us on the committee, to help us out with the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Thank you all.
Jeff Loveless

Treasurer's Report

As John reported last January, we began the year solid financially, and remain solvent and with our bills honorably paid as 2021 has closed. Our budget for 2022 looks to be stable and sensible, and we should be in a good position to welcome a new priest as the year goes along and, with some luck, fill the music position.

You have been excellent at fulfilling your pledge promises during the year, and getting the monies to us by mail or otherwise if you were not able to attend in person. Our livestreaming, although not fancy, seems to be strong outreach, and we are fortunate that volunteers oversee its operation. We hope 'strangers' check in on it from time to time, and that some may visit in person and decide to swell our ranks and help grow this community of believers. All ARE welcome here.

I would be remiss not to remind you that our building has aged about 20 years since we celebrated our first Easter here. Various of our systems are getting tired, and we should celebrate that we were able to accomplish reroofing in 2021 without incurring debt to do it. But we need to anticipate more maintenance needs to come and be very careful in how we prioritize those and spend the monies we do have. And...our mortgage remains. In Arkansas and around the nation there are many churches our size...or smaller...who are barely hanging on financially or being forced to close or consolidate. We have done an excellent job of keeping our financial commitment to the Diocese...and on time, as well as supporting agencies, like the Food Pantry, for the greater community. At this time, it looks like we

finally will be able to pass monies along to the Robert R. Brown camps at Camp Mitchell...from the 2020 Mardi Gras fundraiser. This, too, is cause for celebration.

As the new year progresses, ask us finance questions at any time. Transparency is key to everything we do. And, be glad so much of our fundamental operation has recently be conducted...by volunteers.

Thanks to you all! Bill Weeks/Assistant Treasurer...for John Van Eps/Treasurer

2022 Budget

Accounts	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Contributions		
1751.00 - Plate Offerings	4,300	4,300
<i>Total Pledged</i>	141,000	139,000
2021 pledges are not reduced**	141,000	131,000
1753.00 - Special Offerings		1,000
1754.00 - Prior Year Pledge	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Income		
1756.00 - Unrestricted Gifts	1,000	1,000
<i>Total Contributions</i>	<i>147,300</i>	<i>146,300</i>
Non-Operating Revenues		
1759.00 - Designated Offerings	25,000	25,000
1759.01 - Capital Campaign Revenue	1,000	1,000
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenue</i>	<i>26,000</i>	<i>26,000</i>
Total Revenues	<i>173,300</i>	<i>172,300</i>

Expenses		
1864.00 - Commitment to Diocese (2020-10.50% of total contributions)	15,774	15,206
1866.03 - Communications	2,000	2,000
1866.04 - Children & Youth Activities		
1866.05 – Lectionary Inserts	600	600

1866.06 - Music & Choir	200	200
1866. 08 - Altar Supplies	1,000	1,000
1866.10 - Diocesan Convention Del. Exp.		
1866.09 – Liturgical expense	500	500
1866.12 - Pastoral Care (St. Martha's Guild)	400	400
<i>Total Program Expenses</i>	20,474	19,906

Clergy		
1867.00 - Cash Stipend	35,177	35,177
1867.01 - Cash Housing & Utilities	16,000	16,000
1867.02 - SECA Reimbursement 7.65%	3,915	3,915
1867.03 - Pension (18%)	9,917	9,917
1867.04 - Health Coverage (church portion)	9,000	9,000
1867.05 - Life & Disability Insurance	302	302
1867.06 - Professional Expense	2,000	2,000
1867.07 - Travel/Business Expense Reimbursement	2,000	2,000
1867.08 - Dental	580	580
1867.09 - Supply Clergy	2,000	400
1867.10 - Designated for Health Insurance (employee portion)	1,356	
Clergy Reserve (Sabbatical, Search Committee, etc.)		
<i>Total Clergy</i>	82,247	79,291

Lay Salaries/Benefits		
1868.00 - Secretary	9,000	12,000
1868.01 - Organist	4,500	4,500
1868.03 - Custodian	4,500	4,500
1868.04 - Tax Expense - employer	900	900
1868.07 - Pension/Admin (9% base pay)		
<i>Total Lay Salaries/Benefits</i>	<i>18,900</i>	<i>21,900</i>

Other Administrative Expenses		
1866.13 - Kitchen/Hospitality	100	100
1869.00 - Worker's Comp. Ins.	435	435
1869.01 - Office Supplies & Expenses	1,500	1,500
1869.02 - Postage	200	200
1869.03 - Telephone & Fax Expense	2,900	2,900
1869.04 - Computer Software/Tech Support	1,100	1,100
1869.05 - Leasing - Office Equipment	1,500	1,500
1869.07 Payroll Services	700	700
<i>Total Other Administrative Expenses</i>	<i>8,435</i>	<i>8,435</i>
Property Expense		
1870.01 - Casualty & Liability Insurance	4,000	4,670
1870.03 - Water	1,040	1,000
1870.04 - Gas	1,800	1,800
1870.05 - Electricity	6,000	6,000

1870.06 - Trash	400	400
1870.07 - Custodial & Lawn Supplies	1,400	1,400
1870.08 - Maintenance & Building Repair	1,400	1,400
1870.09 - Service Contracts	850	850
1870.12 - Security System	400	400
<i>Total Property Expense</i>	<i>17,250</i>	<i>17,920</i>
Total Expenses	<i>147,306</i>	<i>147,452</i>
Net Total	6	<i>(1,152)</i>

Worship & Prayer

St. Andrew's Choir

In May we bade farewell Helen Tritt, and surely appreciate her many years of service. We so far are without a staff organist/keyboard person, and noising the opening around has thus far not resulted in any local interest. I hope the new year will bring us surprises in that area. Meantime, thanks to Sharon Boatright and Jane Darr for stepping up when I've been away: they are capable and energetic...and we're all SENIOR citizens. Also, our singer numbers are very small and, when we all like to act on opportunities to share time with family away from the area or simply get away to get reenergized, it's not odd to come from the position of "Who knows how long I'll be mobile and in good enough health to do

this?." WE love doing the musical giving we do, and regularly YOU respond with thanks and encouragement. Our efforts remain important to the larger community.

I recently read about the power of occasionally READING together a hymn text, in its appropriate place, rather than singing it...it's not an unusual idea, any more than saying rather than singing/chanting the psalms is. We may give this a try.

We were happy to return to singing at Easter, and, as you do, find the mask suggestions frustrating, but they may indeed do us some good. In any case, we're proud to carry on the traditions of music as a key component of corporate worship. Thanks always for your patience and encouragement.

Peace! BILL WEEKS/Music 'Overseer"

Altar Flowers

Although we were not in church for part of 2021, the decision was made to continue to place flowers on the altar even though we were doing virtual services. The addition of the flowers made the altar look very festive.

Annette's Flowers continue to provide St. Andrew's with lovely arrangements each week and are very prompt in getting the flowers to the church. The florist was very understanding when we asked them to stop sending flowers when the Pandemic first caused the church to stop meeting in person. They were very happy when we began using flowers again and did not raise our prices.

Please consider using Annette's for your flower needs. Their number is: 870-424-7673, and they are located at 1104 US 62, Mt. Home, AR. Ask for Nancy.

In November of 2021, the flower chart filled up very quickly thanks to the members of St. Andrew's who signed up to donate flowers for 2022. Several people even signed up for more than one Sunday and were willing to share dates. Thanks for your support of the St. Andrew's Flower Program.

Gail Alter

Altar Guild

A very special Thank You to the members of the Altar Guild doing such a spectacular job in 2021. Preparing the altar for services and special occasions were: Donna Stading, April Baily, Joyce Polacek, Sue Geery, Jeff Loveless and Kathy McClellan. If you are interested in being a member of the Guild please talk to any one of us.

A very special thanks to Jeff Loveless for making our brass vases, candleholders, and cross beautiful once again.

Welcome Ministry

The Welcome Ministry has a simple job – send a note to visitors who sign the guest book, thanking them for worshipping with us and providing the office phone number with a request that they call us if we can be of service to them. If we could get two or three people to volunteer, each person would have to write notes only one or two months of the year, which means about **6 total notes** (numbers vary, of course). If you could help with this ministry, please contact April Baily at abaily4994@usa.net or at 870-421-5395.

April Baily

Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is open for prayer and meditation on the second Friday of each month from 10:30 AM til Noon. The Labyrinth provides an opportunity to disconnect from the busyness of our world and reconnect with the Infinite. We ask nothing of participants other than masking and distancing appropriately, and respecting the quiet and meditative atmosphere created for you.

The labyrinth is an ancient practice which offers a chance to quiet the mind, leaving it open to inspiration and peace. There is no right or wrong way to walk the path, and there are no wrong turns. Like life itself, there is only one way to go at any one moment, trusting in God to lead your feet in right pathways. If you have any questions, please contact April Baily at abaily4994@usa.net or at 870-421-5395.

April Baily

Study and Learning

Adult Forum

Adult Forum struggled a bit after Kevin+ departed, but we have rallied and now meet every Sunday (well, almost every Sunday). We are currently discussing the day's Scripture readings, and often find our conversations range widely. We start about 15 minutes after the service ends each Sunday, and are

always done no later than 11:30 AM. Y'all are welcome to join us. And if you have suggestions for discussion topics, please either email me (abaily4994@usa.net) or call the office (870-425-3560) and let us know.

April Baily

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a four-year distance learning course offered by the University of the South at Sewanee, TN. The curriculum consists of reading assignments done on one's own, with the first-year students reading the Old Testament, second year the New Testament, third year church history, and the fourth year theology. Seminars are held weekly at a time agreed upon by the group, and the reading assignments are discussed, and different subjects used for theological reflections. The four-year curriculum must be taken in sequence, but a participant can skip a year or more as needed.

We have not held seminars since the ending of the 2019-2020 year, but we pray that this coming fall we can begin again.

The seminars will start in September 2022 (assuming cooperation from the virus) and continue for 36 weeks. This is a serious commitment of time and effort, but opens many doors of insight and new ways of understanding. We will start signing up participants in the spring.

Many members of the congregation are EfM graduates. Almost universally you'll find that they valued the course for what it taught them, and for how it engaged their hearts and minds in new ways.

If you have questions, please contact April Baily at abaily4994@usa.net or at 870-421-5395.

April Baily

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

At the beginning of the fall season when we once again started worshipping in person, we had no children participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This was disappointing, however a wonderful opportunity literally tapped gently on the Atrium door! Krizia, Magda Rodriguez's teenage daughter, asked if she could be a part of the program. I was delighted! Since we had no children participating, I suggested that we work together as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd trainers work with those who are interested in starting a program in their own church.

Thus began a "joyful journey". This is to say we are learning together as adults. This process includes presenting to Krizia information about the origin of the program and early childhood development. I also explain each lesson then present it as I would to young children. As the two of us then discuss and respond to the biblical presentation as adults, I share how children often respond to the bible stories through their questions, artwork, songs, and prayers. Krizia is a breath of fresh air with her enthusiasm, eagerness to learn and reverence for our worship space.

While I find it very valuable to review all the information I learned while being trained to be a catechist years ago, I am aware that in the future, Krizia will also be considered a trained catechist and will have experienced the joy of God's kingdom through the eyes of a child, as well as having the opportunity to engage in biblical study, Episcopal liturgy, and worship as an adult.

We both are ready for a flock of young children to rush into our Atrium!

Deanna Van Eps

Life in Community

Men's Group

The Men of St. Andrew's did not meet the first 4 months of 2021, but did start up again in May through Dec. of 2021, we still have moneys put away for the painting of the outside of the church! We also invited all the ladies of St Andrews to our Dec. meeting for breakfast. Good food was had by all!!!! Nothing else to report..... Steve Cushing

Pub Theology

We hope that when it is safe to do so, this ministry will be restarted!

Action

St. Martha's Guild

St. Martha's Guild did not have any receptions to coordinate this year due to the outbreak of Covid 19. However, we still exist as a group and look forward to helping with receptions when needed and it is safe for people to gather.

The guild also provides home cooked meals when requested for those who need them while recovering from illness or surgery. Again this service was suspended during the pandemic.

The group continues to shrink in membership and is in need of people to keep it alive. If interested, please contact me.

Margaret Weeks

The Search Team

The search team is moving forward with the search for our new rector. We completed and submitted the Office of Transition Portfolio (OTP) to the vestry and the diocese. The purpose of the OTP is to describe our church and our values to inquiring candidates. We have had an interview with one possible candidate who is a native of Arkansas. The interview went well. We are still looking forward to receiving more names from the diocese in the near future. I'd like to thank the Team for all the hard work we gotten done in the last few months, we have covered a lot of ground and we have a lot more to do before our work is through.

Jeff Loveless

Mission and Outreach

St. Andrew's has a rich history of reaching out to help others. We do so as individuals, small groups, and as a church. A food pantry to helps families put food on their tables and a "Little Free Library" greets folks just outside our Keller Hall doorway, offering books for children and youth to share... always a gift! We have had to cancel most of our favorite annual events (our Mardi Gras Party, Bluegrass and BBQ, and a Taste of St. Andrew's), which we host to highlight the work of worthy local non-profits and gather the community in support. But we continue to feature the lovely "Giving Tree" in the Narthex, created by our Bill McClellan which suggests other community ministries. The good times and special events enthusiastically supported by the men and women of the church are only a reflection of the leadership and service our members offer the wider community. Here is a description of 2021 outreach events, programs, and results. While 2022 does not look promising for hosting community events, we will do what we can, and we give thanks for the opportunities to help our neighbors!

Mardi Gras – Sadly, St. Andrew's DID NOT celebrate Mardi Gras with the community in 2021. The reality of Covid 19 meant none of the traditional revelry nor the shared meal which routinely included jambalaya, black-eyed peas, gumbo, King cake, bread pudding, ambrosia and more. We believe the Robert R. Brown camp for developmentally delayed adults has not met since Covid in 2020, but we look forward to the opportunity to support that work in the near future.

Food Pantry – The year 2021 proved to be very busy for the volunteers of St. Andrew's Food Pantry. As of the end of November, we fed 36 more households than we did in 2020. The continuation of the Pandemic finds more and more families in need of basic groceries.

Thanks to the people of St. Andrew's very generously bringing in both food items during our monthly Ingathering as well as making monetary donations, we are able to keep our Pantry running smoothly and providing our clients with healthy food each Wednesday.

During the holiday season, we provided 15 turkeys for Thanksgiving and 15 hams for Christmas. The Pantry has been able to purchase from the Food Bank (now located in Mt. Home) many pounds of ground beef at a reasonable price. A special thank you goes out to the parishioners who helped pay for the ground beef allowing us to provide much needed protein to our clients.

Please thank the following volunteers who faithfully kept our Pantry running during 2021: Bob Daniels, Jane Darr, Nell Engeler, Franny Landry, James Loveless, Jeff Loveless, Jeanne Patrick, Deanna Van Eps, Margaret Weeks, Karen Wilson, and Gail Alter. As in most organizations, we have lost volunteers to illness, work requirements, and other commitments. Therefore, there is always a need for additional volunteers.

For additional information about the Pantry, contact Gail Alter at 870-405-1647.

Gail Alter

Little Free Library – The children in the Community are indeed using our library. A mother shared with me again that she often comes by after work to get books for her two children. We also know our library is being used because the books disappear! Some of us are disappointed that the books are often not returned. Others have the philosophy that the book is somewhere in a child's hands and has perhaps been passed on to another child. Regardless of how the books get into those precious hands, we think our project is a success and hope to continue providing books.

We have received many books and monetary donations from our parishioners throughout the year. We hesitate to name the donors because often we find a stack of books on the table that have been donated anonymously. But a big "Thank You" to all who had contributed books and money.

We particularly want to thank the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter that meets in our parish hall. As one of their philanthropic projects, they generously donated close to a hundred books!

We still need children's books! Please think of the LFL when shopping.

- **The Dollar Tree** store often has "board" books (those thick cardboard books for toddlers) for a dollar as well as books for older children.
- **The Baxter County Library's** Book Sale sells children's books
- **Thrift stores** have children's books.
- **Monetary donations** are always welcome.

- Have your grandkids outgrown all those lovely books you gave them?

The Giving Tree - The Giving Tree located in the Narthex is our way of spreading our mission field to the community of Mountain Home. We sponsor a school, community organization or group that are in need. Such as the Literacy Program in the schools, Our Little Free Library, Gamma House, Needs of Many (fans and heater collections) and many others. If you are aware of a need in the community and would like to have it displayed on The Giving Tree, please let Cheryl or Kathy M. know.

Kathy McClellan

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION for the Year of our Lord Jesus Christ 2022



Dear friends in Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Paschal Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the **fourteenth day of April** and the evening of the **sixteenth day of April**.

Each Easter – as on each Sunday – the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the **second day of March**.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the **twenty-sixth day of May**.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the **fifth day of June**.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the **twenty-seventh day of November**.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.