

# DIOCESE OF JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014

### Church Staff

Rector	Rev. Canon Major Sirrano Kitson
Asst. Curate	Rev. Fr. Larius Lewis
Hon. Clergy	Rev. Dr. David Kuck
Church Army	Sis. Andrea Taylor
Operations Mgr.	Mrs. Merle Thomas
Admin. Assist.	Mrs. Hortense James
Accountant	Mr. Desland McKenzie
Property Mgr.	Mr. Orlando Strudwick
Verger	Mr. Vernon Miranda
Asst. Verger	Miss Ann Morrison
Receptionist	Miss Latoya Dixon

### Ancillary Staff

Mrs. Charmaine Francis  
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### Church Committee – 2014 Ex-Officio

*Mr. Alvaro Casserly* - *Member, Incorporated Lay Body*  
*Dr. Vincent Lawrence* - *Member, Incorporated Lay Body;*  
*Hon. Mike Fennell* - *Chairman, Diocesan Financial Board*

### Lay Representatives to Synod

Mr. Sterling Soares  
Mrs. Donna Evelyn

### Other members

Mr. Claude Campbell	Rector's Wardem
Miss Rhena Williams	People's Warden
Miss Valda Ormsby	Church Treasurer
Mrs. Melrose King	Secretary
Mr. Norman Davis	
Mr. Bruce James	
Mr. Dwayne McKenzie	
Mr. Ludlow Bowie	
Miss. Danielle Mighty	
Mr. Robert Gregory	
Mrs. Kareen Davis-Johnson	
Mr. Michael Lawe	

## REPORT FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2014

### Congregational Life

#### The Vision Statement of St. Andrew Parish Church :

*“A church reconciled to God, aware of its identity and healing the community through the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ.”*

#### The Mission Statement

The mission of the St. Andrew Parish Church is to proclaim the good news and inspire the parish family to unity with God and one another -

- By ensuring that the church establishes programs to maintain, engage and expand membership
- By identifying and mobilizing the human and financial resources available to the church.
- By responding to human needs as we work for the transformation of unjust structures and the preservation of the integrity of the created order.
- By presenting the Biblical tithes as the standard of Christian giving and the shaping of programmes of ministry that express the stewardship of God’s creation.
- By immersing our members in and expanding the knowledge of Christian identity in the context of our cultural experience and the obligations they impose.

In 2014 the execution of the activities of St. Andrew Parish Church continued to be very challenging.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held on January 26, 2014, a new church committee was elected and commissioned the same day. The activities of the past year were presented and areas of concern discussed.

#### **The following are some highlights of the year under review:**

- The annual Marian Service, which is held in collaboration with Holy Cross Church was held at Holy Cross during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Baptisms and Confirmation Services were held.
- Our involvement in the activities of the Half-way-Tree Ministers Fellowship continued with participation in the mid-day reflections on Wednesdays at noon at Webster’s Memorial Church.
- Members of Parish Groups assisted with the visitation programme to our sick and shut-in members.
- Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on October 26, the annual Supper on November 15 and Covenant renewal was on December 1.
- The contemporary Service continues on a second Sunday at 10:30 a.m. the third Sunday youth services continued and Healing Service was also held during the year.
- The Most Revd. Dr. the Hon. John Holder, Archbishop of the province of the W.I was our celebrant and preacher for the launch of our 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on November 30.

- There was also the lighting of the Advent Candles during the season at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday services in which the members of the Sunday School participated. Advent devotions were held on Wednesday mornings.

### **Appreciation**

- Special thanks to members of the Church Committee, who provided invaluable assistance and support for the activities during the year; the Parish Groups; other committees and the many volunteers who provided assistance often times at very short notice.
- Rev. Larius Lewis our assistant Curate continues his visitations to the sick and shut-in members and helped in the distribution of Holy Communion; preparing adult candidates for confirmation; also the bible Study Group and furthering the Ministry of the church in the missions- St. Clement's Kencot, St. Thomas at St. Andrew Settlement, Majesty Gardens.
- Special thanks to the Chalice bearers for their assistance on Sunday mornings. Many thanks to Revd. Dr. David Kuck and his wife May, who left us in the middle of the year.
- To all those who assisted Administratively especially on Sundays and Mondays including representatives from the Reception Committee and other individuals; members of the BSA with representatives from the Mothers' Union and the SAPC Choir; Mrs. Hyacinth Elliott for carrying out a special assignment, and Mrs. Rhonda Adams-Goodison who assisted with the minutes; to Miss Rhena Williams and her team who managed the Tuesday Charity, and to Sister Andrea and the other members of the Christian Education and Faith Formation Committee. Also to Mr. Claude Campbell who continues to maintain our web site.
- Miss. June Rose who provided support for the confirmation candidates.

### **Thanks to the Office Staff:**

Mrs. Merle Thomas, Operations Manager, Mrs. Hortense James Administrative Assistant and Miss Latoya Dixon Receptionist. Mr. Desland McKenzie, who assisted in providing accounting services and also served as a member of the Finance Committee, also to Mrs. Sharon Gooden, who assisted in the accounting area. We thank Miss Millicent Clarke and Miss Millicent Fagan, who helped to prepare the communion vessels. The Property Manager Mr. Orlando Strudwick for attending to the needs of the various properties.

**To the verger,** Mr. Vernon Miranda, Miss Ann Morrison, Assistant Verger, who assisted in providing information for weddings and funerals, organizing and assisting with Tuesday Charity, maintaining contact with our sick and shut-in and scheduling visits for the Priests.

### **The Ancillary Staff;**

Mrs. Charmaine Francis, Mr. Egbert Cato, Mr. Phillip Duff, Miss Janet Hunt and Mr. Leroy Donaldson who worked on the cemetery grounds and immediate environs.

### **The Music Ministry**

We appreciate the efforts of those who provide music to enhance our regular and special services; the Organists - Mr. Paul Bicknell, Mrs. June Spence, Mrs. Jacqueline Wright-James and Mr. Donald Hossack. The Choir Directors in charge of the music ministry whose contributions enriched the Sunday services and special services Mr. Audley Davidson, Director of the SAPC Choir, Mrs. Yvonne Sterrett, Director of the SAPC Alleluia Choir. We acknowledge and appreciation to the 'Kids in Praise' and the

St. Andrew Parish Church Panners (Steel Orchestra). We were also blessed by the presence of persons from other choirs who contributed in enhancing our worship at various times during the year.

**Special thanks to the individuals who extended themselves** by making financial contributions towards carrying out the work of the church and to those who continued to make donations to the special First Sunday Appeal Fund, especially those who undertook to the repairing of the belfry.

**The organizations** and individuals who contributed cash and kind to many other areas including the Missions, Tuesday Charity and refreshments for special occasions - Lenten Devotions, congregational meeting etc.

**Congratulation** to those who received National Awards and special recognition during the year. Condolences to the many parishioners who lost loved ones during the period.

**We express grateful** thanks to all the members of the church who presented a thanksgiving offering for the rally/In-giving and Gift Day. Your contributions in recognition for the blessing of God's Grace during the year, has been used for His Glory and the Mission of the Church. May God bless you abundantly as His sustaining presence guide and strengthen us to do His Will.

*Rev. Canon Sirranno Kitson D. Min.*

*Rector*