

Rose Hartley - Vestry Election Bio and Photo



Rose Hartley 2024 Vestry Bio and Reason for Running

I have been a member in good standing since 1979. I am one of the founding families.

This is my family, and I'd be pleased to serve in this way. I have served in many ministries over the years. I currently actively participate in the following ministries:

- Third Place Ministry
- Daughters of The King
- Greeters
- Women Unlimited
- Faith Through The Arts
- AV Stream Team
- Alter Bread Baking

Thanks for your consideration,

Rose Hartley

Linda Mee - Vestry Election Bio and Photo



I have been approached to apply for an upcoming vacant position for the Vestry starting next year. Since I am winding down my current position as Ministry Leader of Women Unlimited, the Vestry Position could be just what I need right now.

For those who do not know me too well, and all others, please see below:

My husband, Joe and I were both born and raised in the Philadelphia area and Bucks County suburbs in Pennsylvania. One thing we both had in common was the need to get out of PA. and head west. In January of 1979 we sold our house, packed up and said so long to family and friends for now and set out for Arizona with our three young daughters: Tracey, Janie, and Samantha. It did not take long at all of us to fit into life in this beautiful, friendly area.

Our family joined the St. Vincent de Paul Church and the girls also to the Catholic School at 51st and Osborn. I left the Catholic Church in the early 90's. It was not till about 2010 that my husband said we need to find a new church. He is the one who suggested St. John the Baptist. The first time we attended a service, we knew this was our Church. The friendly members were such a nice surprise.

The first year or two, we had Kitchen Duty set up for an 8 AM Service.

I have also volunteered with:

Serving dinner at the Chris Becker Dining Hall

Women's Prison Ministry

Women Unlimited Ministry and Borderlands P.O.W. W.O.W.

Marykay Nelson - Vestry Election Bio and Photo



I am a retired schoolteacher who has attended St. John's since 2009 as well as served on several ministries including Vestry. In the past I have worked on POW WOW, Soup Kitchen, Highway Clean-Up, and a substitute for Food Pantry. I am currently involved with Third Place Ministry, Faith Through the Arts, Women's Unlimited, Daughters of the King, and the Altar Flower Ministry.

St. John's is like a family to me, and I would love to work together with the other members of the Vestry to broaden our path of faith within the walls of St. John's and beyond. With God's guidance we can share His word with humility and grace.

Colin Smith CV – Vestry Election Bio and Photo



I joined the Anglican Church in 1951 and the Episcopal Church in 2009, worshiping at St. Albans Abbey, England, and St. John the Baptist, Glendale respectively. On joining the Episcopal Church, I quickly volunteered for the Altar Guild which up to then had been solely female and also mostly had had the same people for the first 25 years of its existence. I also joined the Vestry in 2010 for one year and then served a full three-year term until the end of 2013. With the Altar Guild I still serve after 14 years, and I also served seven years as Director before being retired as Director Emeritus. For my last four years as Director, I was also a Member of the Board of the National Altar Guild Association and represented them at two General Conventions (Indianapolis and Salt Lake City). I am also Communications Chair for the Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat and in the Circle of 12 for Arizona Christian Ashrams.

Through the years other areas of service include Sunday School Teacher, Land Use Task Force (Chairman for two years). Men's Fellowship (Current Co-Chair), Saturday Evening Worship Leader, Charter Organization Representative for two different Scout Units (222 and 365), Money Counter, Annual Convention Delegate, Member of two Search Committees, Chaplain to the Veteran's Ministry, and at Sky Harbor Airport Volunteers Chaplain. I have also served as Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Crucifer, as well as organizing events such as Greening/De-greening of the Church, Easter Services, Ministry Fair and Palm Sunday. I lead a Bible Study for the Men's Fellowship. I also published the weekly church Newsletter for ten years.

I am not currently involved with all the above activities and indeed I still have a lot of spare time which I could enjoyably fill with Vestry business. I know we do recruit new blood into the Vestry, but I also feel there is a place for experience. For instance, I was faced with a mass exodus when I took over as Altar Guild Director because everyone was ready to take a break after 25 years. However, I was able to recruit and maintain full staffing until sadly Covid blew a lot away and we have not recovered.

Therefore, I would ask you to support me in my nomination for a three-year Vestry term from 2024-6.

Sincerely,
Colin Smith

Sidney Sneed Vestry Election Bio and Photo



I have been at St. John's since 2019. From the very beginning, I found my heart here among the people. Wanting to work with the different ministries including but not limited to the Veterans, Mens, Third place and more. Now I have another opportunity to be of service to the people. I find this another great way to serve.

BIO:

Son of a pastor and evangelist (PK). Retired Nurse, member of Cursillo (2002), Earned degrees in Nursing and business. I have served on the Bishops Chapter and other vestries since being confirmed into the Episcopal church in 1997. My interests are photography, Quilting, Travel, Cooking and more.

Marjorie D-M Thompson Vestry Election Bio and Photo



Marjorie D-M Thompson a member of St John since 1995. Served on the Vestry filling a yearlong vacancy 2012. Served on SJB Strategic Planning Committee 2019. Served on two search committee to select our last two priest. Rev Cooper and Rev Yanni. Member of the Alter Guild ministry for a number of years and currently serving. Serve as Usher and Greeter when needed. Attended Convention and served as volunteer at Convention. Past involvement at SJB includes Youth Group, volunteered with VBS for a number of years, lead St. John's Women Unlimited for a couple of years, provided outreach to Phoenix Children's hospital providing meal for families whose children were being treated at the hospital. Also collected supplies for the Phoenix Children Hospital and delivered to them. Volunteered for Paws for Vets Golf Tournament two years in a row. Served honorably in the United States Army from 1 Jun 77 to Jan 82.

Bob Trotter Vestry Election Bio and Photo



I was born in Manhattan, Kansas, but soon moved to and grew up in Burlington, Vermont. I spent virtually every summer back in Manhattan with my grandmother where I earned my God and Country award as a Boy Scout. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. As a youth I served as an acolyte at the Episcopal Cathedral in Burlington, where you could immediately tell it was Sunday by the sound of ski boots on the floor at the 8 o'clock services. I am a retired college professor (anthropology). I am currently perusing retired life making dulcimers to create some music and joy in people's lives. I actively support several St. John's ministries (Pow Wow, Food Pantry, Faith through the Arts, Third Place Ministry) and I am passively involved in a couple of others (Men's Fellowship, Land Use Task Force). My wife, Sally, and I are loving our move from Flagstaff, where we lived for 33 years (Epiphany Episcopal Church), to Phoenix and are now firmly committed to St. John's.

The first Sunday that my wife, Sally, and I walked into St. John's the Joyful Noise choir was playing familiar songs and Father Tim gave a sermon that was both meaningful and inspiring. We immediately felt that we had found a spiritual home. The second Sunday we attended we were very warmly greeted and were offered the opportunity to sign up for St. John's ministries and join a community that joyfully serves in multiple ways. I am interested in serving on the Vestry to help support and continue the traditions of service and faith that are so much a part of St. John the Baptist Episcopal community.