



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S AUGUST 23 – 30, 2026

Bishop Candidates announced, The Standing Committee joyfully and gratefully presents a slate of three candidates, each of whom feels called to serve as the 11th Bishop Diocesan and to share gifts, talents, experience, and vision with us. Our candidates are:

- **The Rev. Ed Cardoza**, Priest-in-Charge, Grace Church, Manchester, New Hampshire
- **The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith**, Rector, St. Thomas Church, McLean, Virginia
- **The Rev. Canon Dr. Kristofer Lindh-Payne, OSF**, Canon to the Ordinary for Leadership, Diocese of Maryland

Biographical information, ministry experience, video greeting, and more are available on the [Bishop Candidates webpage](#).

St. Peter's welcomes families and children! As a community we are working on building our youth programming. Kids of all ages are welcome in the service and at the communion table. During the school year we have Sunday School from 9:30-10:15 (kids rejoin families for communion). If you are new, feel free to explore our Sunday School space downstairs after the service. To connect with another St. Peter's parent with questions, email Kate - katepetersdo@gmail.com.

Craft Fair Volunteers Needed! The Fall Artisan Fair is coming up September 12-13. There are many jobs that need to be done and we need your help! There will be an announcement during Sunday's service with the location of the volunteer sign-up sheets, and more information will be coming in the announcements each week. Please reach out to Janet Robinson jerobinson14@icloud.com or Jennifer Williams jennkeith.williams@gmail.com with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

NEW Evening Walking Group Monday and Wednesdays at 6pm. Walk the Rail Trail with us. Meet at the North School in Londonderry. Direct Questions to Carol Bates or Janet Robinson.

FELLOWSHIP:

Women's Monthly Lunch Monday, August 31, 12pm. We meet the last Monday of the month at Janie's Uncommon Café in Londonderry.

Men's Gathering Friday, September 4, 9am. in the Conference/ Dining Room. Bring your own coffee (or whatever) or use the Keurig and pull up a chair. If you have questions, speak to Bill Lannigan or Lee O'Connor. We meet the 1st Friday of the Month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry and Craft Group We will not be meeting in September. Our next meeting is Saturday, October 10 at 10am. At that meeting, if you wish to learn tatting, please contact Jon Billeci-Delong at (617)894-7421 so that he knows how many to plan for. We knit or crochet shawls, pocket prayer squares, make prayer cards, or hand stitch and craft other items. No experience necessary as there are several people to teach or give advice on your project. See Linda Campbell with questions.

Family Fun Night, Friday, September 18 at 6pm. Details to follow.

Fall Kick-Off Barbeque Sunday, September 20, after church. Come and enjoy the fun. More details will follow.

Emery's 30th Anniversary Party will be held on Sat., September 26, from 4-7 pm at the Klint House in Century Village. [RSVPs required!](#) The venue: 4-5 pm, cocktail hour with appetizers while you mingle and re-acquaint yourselves with former friends; 5-6 pm, continue socializing if you choose or join us in a buffet dinner from 6-7 pm. Please add to the sparkle and consider a Toast and/or Roast for Emery. Please refer any questions about the party to Marilyn Bragg at 603-289-6623.

Emery's 30th Anniversary Gift as Music Director at St. Peter's is coming up. In celebration of his 30 years with St. Peter's, we are taking a collection to install a Zimblestern in our Organ - something that Emery has long wished for. To contribute to our fund to celebrate Emery checks can be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church with "Emery's 30th" in the memo line, or visit www.stpeterslondonderry.org/emery. We hope to raise \$6,000 for this effort. To make a credit card donation, use the following link or QR code



<https://stpeterslondonderry.churchtrac.com/give/250>

GROW:

Caregivers Group Mondays, 11am. A space for community and support for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships and emotions.

Meditation and Spiritual Friendship Tuesdays, 11am. session includes mutual support, reflection on a spiritual reading and a 15 min silent meditation. Questions? Contact marybeth@stpeterslondonderry.org

The Word on Wednesday – Lectionary Study Group will not meet again until September. Direct questions to Gail Peters, fairwinds224@gmail.com

Meet & Greets with Bishop Candidates have been scheduled for October. Mark your calendars. Registration/Sign-in will take place one hour prior to the start of each event.

- *Thursday, October 8, 3 pm - Holderness School, Holderness, NH*
- *Friday, October 9, 6 pm - Christ Church, Exeter, NH*
- *Saturday, October 10, 3 pm - St. Paul's School, Concord, NH*

SERVE:

Nashua Soup Kitchen Thursday, September 3, 3:45pm-6:30pm. We serve the first Thursday of every month. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex. Reserve a spot today! Contact Lee O'Connor with questions. You will also need to register online:

<https://nsks.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/STPETERLONDONDERRY>

NH Mutual Aid Relief Fund - Clothing Ministry We collect clothing for homeless people in Manchester. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the plastic bin outside the front door. Contact Emery Freethey with questions.

End 68 Hours of Hunger The packing event will resume on Saturday, October 3 at 9am. Join St. Peter's on the first Saturday of each month as we assist with this program that puts nourishing food in the hands of needy Londonderry school children to carry them through the weekend. Packing takes place at the Rockingham Christian Church, 2 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH, just off I-93 exit 2. See Karen Furtado with questions.

GIVE:

Loose Plate Collection on First Sundays The first Sunday of each month's loose plate collection funds both the St. Peter's discretionary fund and the Londonderry Good Samaritans Fund. These funds are used to help people in our parish and the Londonderry area who have fallen on tough times.

St. Andrew's Food Collection supporting students at the local high school. Donations of cereal, pop tarts and breakfast bars, juice boxes, cans and cups of fruit, pudding cups, applesauce, canned pasta, pasta, and sauce, Ramen noodles, and health and beauty products like soap, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. For more information, connect with Jackie Thesse, jtess2000@yahoo.com.

Planned Giving 2026. Do you know who your heirs will be? Is your church included in your will? Without a will, New Hampshire state laws will determine who receives your estate and no charity will receive a gift from your estate. Be sure your estate planning is up-to-date and expresses your wishes. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family. Remember St. Peter's in your will and living trust. Contact Karen Furtado or Lee O'Connor with questions.

ChIPs Collection Sunday, September 27. Details to follow.

THINGS TO KNOW:

Did you know that it is possible to receive communion at home, rehab or the hospital? If you wish to receive communion, please contact Mary Beth and we will arrange to have someone visit you.

Did you know that it is possible to ask for healing prayer for someone else? This is called intercessory prayer. When you come for healing prayer share the name of the loved one for whom you wish to pray.

Church office hours Monday thru Thursday, 9-11. Our email address is church@stpeterslondonderry.org.

St. Peter's YouTube Channel Worship with us on Sundays with our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@St.PetersLondonderry, which offers live and recorded broadcast of our Sunday services.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Women's Lunch, August 31, 12pm
- Nashua Soup Kitchen, September 3 at 3:45pm
- Men's Coffee, Friday, September 4, 9am
- St. Peter's Fall Artisan Fair, September 12-13
- Family Fun Night, Friday, September 18, at 6pm
- Fall Kick-off Barbeque, September 20, after church
- Emery's 30th Anniversary celebration, Saturday, September 26
- ChIPs collection, Sunday, September 27
- Knitters Group, Saturday, October 10 at 10am

MID-WEEK EVERY WEEK:

- **Caregivers Support Group** – Mondays, 11am – A space for community for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships, and emotions.
- **Meditation and Spiritual Friendship** – Tuesdays, 11am – Join us for spiritual check-ins and meditation.
- **AA Women's 12-Step Meeting** – Wednesdays, 12pm