



Susan Bravo – Vestry

My husband Andrew and I have lived in Cheshire for 5 years. Shortly after moving, we joined St. Peter's when the church reopened on Palm Sunday, 2021, following COVID closure.

We are proud parents and grandparents of a blended family of 5 children and 7 grandchildren.

When we attended St. Paul's in Walling-ford, we both served on the Vestry, worked on the annual Harvest Fair and the Christmas High Tea. I also taught Sunday school for several years. I enjoy cooking/baking, gardening, traveling and share in the care of our chickens and honeybees.



Hilda Schmidt – Vestry

I have been a member of St. Peter's since 2011, when my husband and I relocated from New Hampshire to Cheshire to help our daughter, Heather Fitzgerald, with childcare. I serve on the following church ministries: The Welcoming/Greeters, Altar Guild, Hospitality, and Outreach. I enjoy helping at St. Peter's when needed.

As a greeter, it is satisfying to hear how parishioners and guests appreciate the warmth and welcoming they receive when they enter our beautiful church.

I was grateful to serve on the Vestry from 2022-2024 and am honored to be nominated for another term.



Wendy Dringoli – Vestry

I have been an active member of Saint Peter's Church for 13 years. I attend church each week with my two children, Jack and Kensley, who are also active members of the church. During my time at St. Peter's, I have served on vestry, worked closely with children's programming, created family service Sundays to engage children as active participants in worship. I also teach Godly Play, am a member of the liturgy committee, and was a St. Peter's delegate to the 2025 diocesan convention.

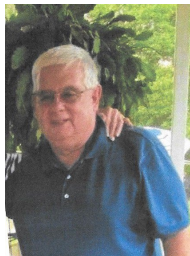


Michaela Hauser-Wagner – Vestry

I have been a member of St. Peter's for more than twenty years. This community has helped raise our children and continues to provide ongoing support to me and my daughter. I have served on vestry once before and also served as a delegate to the diocesan convention for several years.

After being a reader for many years, I have recently stepped up as lay leader and in this role engage with other lay leaders from around the state to share our understanding of the lectionary in order to prepare a homily. I realize how important groups have been for my growth in so many fields and I look forward to being a member of this group, who collaborates to steer and preserve the values and health of St. Peter's church.

Vestry Candidates 2026 – Biographies (cont.)



Bob Weaver -- Vestry

I have been a member of St. Peter's since 2011. I am a regular attendee and reader and occasional usher at the eight o'clock Sunday service. My wife Michele and I moved to Cheshire from Naugatuck in 2010, and my wife passed in 2018. Michele and I raised three children in Naugatuck and our hometown of Stamford, CT. I have two grandchildren.

I am the retired Fire Marshal for the Town of Naugatuck, CT, retiring in 2019 after 30 years of service with the Naugatuck Fire Department. I was active as a Cub Scout leader in Naugatuck and as a Boy Scout and Scout Master in Stamford when I was younger. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Cheshire Hillside Village Condominium Association where I have been a Board Member for the last ten years.

New Officer 2026 Candidates – Biographies



Becky Whipple – Parish Clerk

I am a life-long member of the Episcopal Church and have been part of St. Peter's for almost 10 years. I have served in the past on the Vestry, teach Godly Play Sunday school, and help to organize the Women's Faith Sharing group. I enjoy helping out with Chapel on the Green, the Pumpkin Sale, the Christmas Bazaar, and other outreach projects.



Peter Festa – Junior Warden

I grew up in Hamden and my family was active at Grace Episcopal Church (now Grace & St. John's) throughout my life. Since retiring from my work in medical device engineering, I have enjoyed many new things, especially volunteer opportunities at church and in the community. I am now a resident of Naugatuck.

I have a special interest in environmental activism and was drawn to St. Peter's by the good work of its Eco-Justice Council. Since joining St. Peter's, I have been involved with the Eco-Justice Council, Active Hope, Outreach, the Liturgy Committee, Living the Questions and Pumpkin Patch sales. I have been a member of the Vestry for the past 3 years.

It has been a joy to get to know all the parishioners at St. Peter's. I have gained experience working on building maintenance issues and our recent energy efficiency efforts (with much help from Charlie, Sam, and others.) I look forward to helping with the good stewardship of St. Peter's as Junior Warden.