

**St. Anselm's
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 9th**
following Sunday service
all members are welcome to attend

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Class of 2026 (One-Year Term):

David Rowe

I grew up in the Episcopal Church at St. Edward the Confessor (now Good Samaritan) in San Jose, where I served as an acolyte and was confirmed by Bishop Pike. More recently, I was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Alameda during the time Will served as Associate Rector.



Three years ago, my wife and I moved from Alameda to Rossmoor in Walnut Creek. About a year ago, I discovered through Facebook that Will had become the interim priest at St. Anselm's, and I began attending services here. Over the past few months, I've had the privilege of joining the AV team, helping manage the sound system and livestreaming our services via Zoom.

I'm thrilled that St. Anselm's has chosen Will as its permanent rector. Having seen the great work he did in Alameda, I'm confident he will provide the leadership needed to guide St. Anselm's as it grows in the years ahead. Hoping I can help to support that mission through my participation in the vestry.

Class of 2028 (Three-Year Term):

Pamela Simonds Green

I've been a member of St. Anselm's since 2012. I was lucky to be among the 8'o'clock group prior to the pandemic, having coffee with an amazing group of seniors, many over ninety. At that time, I did service on the property commission (afternoon meetings pre-Zoom).



I was a professional landscape designer for 30+ years, in and around Lamorinda. I have a degree in Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. During college I catered in hotels in that area as well as worked as a cook for the Hearst Family. Before going back to college, I worked seven years for UPS, five of them as a delivery driver (Route in north Lafayette).

I completed eucharistic visitor training in 2016 and took home communion to members unable to attend. I began to serve as a LEM (lay eucharist minister) about that same time. With John's support, I was confirmed at Grace Cathedral in June of 2018. I took a break from service when Bob & I bought our 'Cabin' in Rough & Ready, CA (just below Grass Valley, north of highway 20). We have been having fun improving and maintaining the house and 5 acres there.

Now that the work on the cabin is mostly done, I was available to assist with the Landscaping of the street frontage after the pines were removed. Then the urgent and important work last fall removing the dead flammable vegetation on our south side, working with the neighbors and the fire inspector. Subsequently, I accepted the invitation to rejoin the property commission.

Bob & I have been married 16 years, and I have two step-daughters and five grandchildren, and one dog (Willie).

I appreciate being asked to serve on the vestry and look forward to helping our special church community in any way that I can.

Maggie McCloskey



I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the vestry at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church. Raised in the Catholic tradition, I sought spiritual guidance and a new church community in 2023 and immediately felt at home at St. Anselm's. Since joining, I have actively participated as a lector and recently joined the weekly contemplative prayer practice. I am also a member of the Cancer Support Group. I have been inspired by the welcoming and vibrant spirit of St. Anselm's congregation. With a deep passion for faith formation, I hope to champion expanded opportunities for Christian education, fostering growth and engagement for all members of our church community.

Sheila Mattimoe Riedy



My name is Sheila Mattimoe Riedy. I was born in Toledo, Ohio and lived much of my life as a cradle Catholic (Catholic Elementary, High School and College). I migrated to the Episcopal Church in Houston, TX when, philosophically, I couldn't cotton to the myriad positions of that faith. I felt comfortable in an Episcopal Church; the services are so similar, and I was drawn to the value placed on outreach and kindness.

I met Anne Brown at an unrelated setting, and she scooped me up. I was looking for a Church and she invited me to come with her to St Anselm's. St. Anselm's was the most welcoming church I have encountered in my many years being a new member of a congregation. It just felt so good. I have lived in CA for 9 years and have been an off and on member for 7 years.

I am a graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana and received a master's at George Washington University in Washington, DC. I worked in various facets of education for most of my career.

My Twitter (I refuse to call it X) profile contains a quote from Millard Fuller, the Founder along with his wife, of Habitat for Humanity. He said: "For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other." That quote spoke to my heart and my midwestern values. In CA, I have had the opportunity to become an ally of various minority groups. Sacred Ground at St Anselm's provided such a painful education about many minority groups. I, like so many others, was left with lots of knowledge and the question, what can we do? I learned that my life provided lots of privileges. I thought privilege was only for the posh. From Sacred Ground I learned differently.

While living in Rossmoor I participated in a volunteer group called Senior Tutors where I worked with teenage boys caught up in the juvenile justice system. I learned there that these boys mostly need a suburban mother who held their hands while they learned life. Of course, that will never happen but there is much that could be done by St. Anselm's.

I am so excited to see St Anselm's beginning to grow. I am thrilled by the appointment of Will as our Rector. I would like to see St Anselm's become a place where people are welcomed and feel part of the community not just at coffee hour but in all aspects of church life. I was impressed with Will's MLK quote: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do keep moving forward." I think that will be St. Anselm's as we move forward.

Julia M. Starr



A lifelong Episcopalian, I grew up experiencing the comforting traditions of the Christian year and of the Sunday services hand-in-hand with the openness of the church to all people and to contemporary ideas. I find the traditions and the openness alive at St. Anselm's today, and I like being with you all for Sunday worship, at coffee hour, and in Bible study. Vestry service interests me as a way to learn about the issues and opportunities we face and to participate in choosing our responses and priorities.
