

Vicki Bradley

What do you like best about St. Paul's?

St. Paul's is an active faith community. In a society where there is often so much divisiveness and hatred, it is a place where folks can come together to experience kindness, caring, acceptance and love. It is a place where all are welcome and there is intentionality in taking that beyond our own parish doors. There are so many ministries which do God's work in so many ways -- and just as remarkably -- there are so many people who care for one another, on an individual level, as if we were family. And through that, we do become a church family. My husband (Rick), my mother (Lois) and I have all been blessed to have experienced that and we are so grateful that we've also been able to raise our children to experience the same in such a wonderful community. And while I've focused my comments mostly on the community, I must say that I also love our liturgy....and our clergy and staff ROCK!

What are some of your current and past ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

I have been very active at St. Paul's for over 25 years, some years more than others. ☺ Here are the activities I've been involved with:

- Youth – Worked with Middle School or Senior High School youth groups for six years, including helping run the high school youth group during a year we didn't have a paid youth group leader.
- AIDS Care Team – Participated on the St. Paul's and Prince of Peace AIDS Care Team from 1993-1999, co-leading the team for several years.
- Kairos Prison Ministry – Served with a team of folks, spanning several years, conducting a 3-day retreat for prisoners in Raleigh's women's maximum security prison.
- St. Paul's Congregational Study – Met weekly with the assistant rector and a three parishioners for a year to help complete a comprehensive congregational study as part of our assistant rector's doctoral degree program.
- Human Resources Committee – Served on the first St. Paul's Human Resources Committee in the mid-1990's. We wrote position descriptions, evaluated competitiveness of salaries, and documented parish HR/business processes, etc.
- EFM – Completed four years of weekly bible study program (EFM) in late 1990's.
- Women's Beach Weekend – Participated in women's beach weekend for over 20 years and have helped with meal planning for most of those years.
- Various groups - Participated in various other activities/groups over the years such as Cursillo retreat/team, Foyers groups, Fellowship committee, stewardship activities, ASP support, lobsterfest, etc.
- Most recently, for the past several months I've been serving on the St. Paul's church growth committee.

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church?

I was active in the youth choir and youth group in the church where I grew up.

What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?

My parents have always been very active in the Episcopal Church and I've been welcomed into so many great parishes throughout my life. As a young adult, I attended several churches but it was St. Paul's where I found my home. I'll never forget the couple who talked to me my first Sunday at church, escorted me to

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coffee hour and made me feel welcome. They didn't hover, but they were there to give me a cheerful greeting in future weeks. I was introduced to other folks where I got involved in my first small group and felt like I "became part of the church". Over the years I've become part of so many small groups/ministries and that is how I've gotten to know and love this parish. The reason I've become part of the Church Growth Committee, and one of the things I'd like to help support as a Vestry member, is helping find ways to ensure other newcomers feel welcome and become connected to the church. And, also, with the recent capital campaign I'm interested in helping make sure our facilities are taken care of, will help support parish growth, and will be a comfortable place for our parishioners and the community.

What community groups and events are you involved in?

I established/mentored a Community Activity Committee within the Office of Human Resources at UNC Chapel Hill for the past 10 years. We conduct annual events (i.e., food drives, Toys-for-Tots) and have participated in other events such as Habitat for Humanity, providing dinners to the Ronald McDonald house, playing with children in the UNC Children's Hospital pediatric playroom, sending toiletries to our troops, hosting other drives (i.e., book drive, backpack food drive, Dress for Success clothing drive, etc.). I also was the team manager for my son's club soccer team for several years.

Kay Burgess

What do you like best about St. Paul's?

St. Paul's is a warm, safe environment to worship, raise your kids and serve God. I feel like I'm home as soon as I drive into the parking lot. Now that my sons are grown, I attend the 7:30 service to experience the beautiful liturgy and quiet prayer.

What are some of your current and past ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

We moved to Cary and began attending St. Paul's services in 1997. Over the years, I have served as Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Finance Committee member, Founding Member of Endowment Committee and two Appalachia Service Project trips. Both of my sons' Eagle Scout projects benefitted St. Paul's. Quinn's project was the paved path in the circle at the church entrance. Vaughn's project was building benches for the Center for Hope and Healing now the Curry Center.

I also served as St. Paul's Treasurer from 2003 to 2009. During that exciting time, we held a capital campaign, constructed our new worship space, and purchased the house next door that subsequently became the Curry Center.

I currently serve on the Endowment Committee.

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church?

I was raised in the Methodist and Roman Catholic traditions in Indiana. As a youth, I participated in Sunday School and Youth Group. St. Paul's is my only Church home in my adult life.

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What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?

Last year's accomplishment of exceeding \$1 million in pledges was a huge leap for St. Paul's growth. It's vitally important to continue building on that milestone. The best way to do that is to Invite, Welcome and Connect with the community and newcomers to St. Paul's. We have such a gorgeous property. It's exciting to see the capital improvement projects and beautification efforts coming to fruition. I would be honored to prayerfully continue the efforts begun by the dedicated leaders of these projects.

My big dream and prayer for St. Paul's continues to be a right of way easement down Glendale Drive to W. Chatham. If we had a visible entrance on a major street, "Oh the places we could go!" I'll keep praying!

What community groups and events are you involved in?

I have been actively involved in Boy Scouts for nearly 20 years. I served as an Advisor for two treks at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico with my sons' Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew. I served as Treasurer of Troop 210 in Cary for 10 years. I currently serve on the Crosswinds District Eagle Board of Review proposal team.

I have served as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Central Carolina Chapter of Indiana University Alumni Association and am Past President of Raleigh Professional Women's Forum. I currently serve as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Food Runners Collaborative and as Chief Financial Officer for Intersouth Partners, a venture capital firm based in Durham.

Robert Lyerly

What do you like best about St. Paul's?

St. Paul's is a warm, welcoming, and nurturing environment - we moved our membership from The Church of the Good Shepherd in downtown Raleigh to be closer to our family who had moved to St. Paul's earlier because of proximity and the youth programs. The clergy is excellent, and has a broad and exciting view of the gospel.

What are some of your current and past ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

We are new to the parish, and have been attending St. Paul's since June of 2018.

- Usher
- Men's Group, including Men's Beach Week
- Lobster Fest Volunteer - 2 years

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church?

I am a cradle Episcopalian, with roots going back to my great-great-grandfather as an Episcopal rector in Rowan County NC.

- Christ Church Albemarle NC Acolyte, President, EYC, Vade Mecum Attendee
 - Church of the Good Shepherd – Raleigh NC - Usher, Fund Raiser Volunteer
 - St. Thaddeus – Aiken SC - Usher. Fund Raiser Volunteer
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- St. Matthew's – Bloomington IL - Usher, Fund Raiser Volunteer
- St. Michael's in the Hills – Toledo OH - Usher, Assistant Treasurer
- Holy Innocents - Atlanta GA - Usher, Fund Raiser Volunteer
- St. Paul's – Beaufort NC - Usher, Coffee Club, Fund Raiser Volunteer
- Church of the Good Shepherd – Raleigh NC - Usher, Fund Raiser Volunteer
- St. Andrews Woodleaf NC - Usher

What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?

- Continuing and enhanced youth programs
- Adult Bible Study in a face-to-face group setting facilitating relationships
- Continued facility/infrastructure upgrades and enhancements

What community groups and events are you involved in?

- Rotary Club of Cary - Membership Committee, Fund-raiser Volunteer
 - Glenaire CCRC - Dining Committee
 - NCSU Wolfpack Club - Sponsor a Military Family Day
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Francine Pearce

What do you like best about St. Paul's?

I love the "All Are Welcome" atmosphere at St. Paul's. You feel it immediately when you walk through the doors.

What are some of your current and past ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

Over the years at St. Paul's I have been active in a variety of St. Paul's ministries and committees. I currently serve on the Altar Guild and was previously on the Children's Ministry Committee where I taught Sunday School and Children's Chapel. I have also been involved with other outreach ministries and events including our MOMs Ministry, Arts and Crafts Festival, Stop Hunger Now and Lobster Fest.

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church?

Growing up in Houston, I attended St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church where I participated in the Choir, EYC and was an Acolyte. I was also a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh where I served on the Wedding Guild.

What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?

I would like to see the goals of our capital campaign met and an increase in both pledge participation and membership.

What community groups and events are you involved in?

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals, The North Carolina Association of School Administrators and I am an avid tennis enthusiast who plays on various USTA leagues.

Allan Thunes

What do you like best about St. Paul's?

There are many things tied for second most treasured, but what I love most about St Paul's are the people who care deeply and passionately about our community and the communities we are called to serve.

What are some of your current and past ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

I'm completing my 4th year on the youth committee team and am starting my 4th year as a middle school formation teacher. I've been active in Appalachia Service Project (ASP) for 12 years, seven of those with St Paul's. I serve on the ASP leadership team, as an acolyte, and as a Sunday Eucharistic Minister and Visiting Eucharistic minister.

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church?

I served on the St Elizabeth's Mission vestry. Five on my 12 years with ASP were with The Prince of Peace.

What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?

I would love to see St Paul's participating in an effort to understand and fill the young adult demographic gap by offering a compelling space for those who feel disaffected by organized religion.

What community groups and events are you involved in?

I am currently active in St Paul's contribution to the formation of Wake County Sponsors. I previously served for 20 years as a youth soccer coach.

Guy Vitaglione

What do you like best about St. Paul's?

I like St. Paul's commitment to inclusiveness in worship, racial reconciliation, and social outreach. I'm also impressed with the youth services St. Paul's provides.

What are some of your current and past ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

Stop Hunger Now Events, ASP chore days, Parish Hall facility maintenance days, the Summer 2018 ASP trip, Eucharistic Minister, and many Wake County Sponsors events.

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church?

At St. John's Episcopal Church in Charleston, WV, I served on the Discernment Committee selecting a new Head Rector, I was the leader of the teen Episcopal ministry J2A (Journey to Adulthood), and a volunteer for many years with the early childhood Vacation Bible School ministry.

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My hope is that I would provide leadership by means of listening, consensus-building, and prayer.

What community groups and events are you involved in?

St. Paul's is my primary community group!
