

Vestry Minutes
The Church of St. Michael and St. George
6345 Wydown Blvd., Clayton MO 63105

Tuesday 1/20/26

Vestry Members and Nominees in Attendance: Joe Sheehan, Bill Jenkins, Rachel Martens, Matt Aplington, Frankie Eichenberger (via videoconference), Lindsey Stokes, Rachel Hebisen, Rixey Ruffin, Cathy Sanders, Selby Grapel, Christine Johnson, Abby Castle Miller, Peter Smith, Will Springer, Steven Eisle, David Ott, Diane Duncan

Clergy: The Rev. Andrew Archie

Staff & Guests: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEEDINGS

Rev. Archie Announcement

After 26 years, Andrew announced his intention to retire from CSMSG on the Sunday following Easter 2026. He leaves the parish in good shape, with a robust congregation, a full staff, and solid financials. He expressed his personal gratitude to the congregation for the impact on his personal and professional life.

A letter of announcement will go out from Rev. Archie to the congregation tomorrow, and one to follow from the Senior Warden, with the announcement and thoughts on what will come next for the parish. Both Andrew and Joe will meet with the full Staff tomorrow morning prior to the announcement letters being sent.

The Senior Warden described his conversations with the Bishop and his research on the search process for calling a new Rector.

The Vestry had a robust discussion regarding the process for selecting an Interim Rector under the 2023 diocese canons, and the Vestry's role in that process. The discussion included recent precedents in nearby parishes within the diocese.

The Senior Warden solicited ideas for nominations to the search committee for a new Rector.

The Vestry discussed the opportunity for the recently completed Strategic Plan to serve as a guide for the next Rector.

The Vestry will meet again in special executive session on Thursday night, January 22. The Bishop will attend that meeting to communicate his views on the transition process.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials 'MA' followed by a surname that appears to be 'Aplington'.

Matt Aplington, Clerk of the Vestry