

Vestry Update

At its April 18th meeting, the Vestry agreed to:

- Approve ~\$33,500 for additional facility items this year including the annual heating, ventilation, and air conditional maintenance contract, the Cox Communications contract, repair of Scheel Parlor and Choir exterior doors, replacement of the fire detection/notification system, restoration of fire doors for emergency egress in accordance with code requirements, and installation of a few security cameras.
- Delay repair of the bell until the supporting steel frame is repaired and assessed.
- Approve a revision to the Parish Supplement to the Episcopal Church's Manual of Business Methods
- Approve a revision to the Parish Design and Décor Policy

Parish Updates:

- The finance committee will be developing a proposed amended budget for Vestry approval that includes additional revenues from the Stewardship Campaign. Please let a Vestry member or Finance Committee member know of any areas that need to be addressed.
- Be on the lookout for information on the worship plan during the repairs on the nave (tentatively expected to start in early June, depends on contractor availability). During the approximately 2-3 month time period, worship services are envisioned to be held in the parish hall. In advance of the work; a well-developed, coordinated, and communicated parish hall plan will minimize what will already be a disruption to worship, ministries, and activities.
- Be on the lookout for the implementation of REALM – a cloud-based software system for the parish. Parishioners will receive an email invite to log on. REALM contains directory information and facilitates communications to parishioners and groups within the parish.
- Be on the lookout for ways to help St Simon's become a more welcoming congregation, based largely upon the working group Father David Lockett led last spring; as well as ways to improve Christian education, children's programs, and parish events/fellowship opportunities!
- We have had numerous instances of doors being left unlocked or open recently. We need everyone's help! Please make sure you check to ensure doors are properly closed and locked when you leave the church.
- **Bishop Russell will visit the parish on Sunday, April 23rd – all are highly encouraged to attend!**
- **Monday, April 24th is the first day of drop offs for the Rummage Sale! Any items dropped off prior to then are subject to be donated or trashed**
- **Palm Sunday services had the highest attendance on record!**
- **Holy Week combined services had the highest attendance in 10 years!**