



St. Andrew's Timeline

The First 80 Years

The Genesis

- St. Andrew's began as a mission of St. James by-the-Sea, La Jolla, starting with a service at the elementary school on Santa Clara Point on July 10 1929.
- St. James wished to start two missions: one in Mission Beach, the other in Ocean Beach. In 1931, St. James rector, the Rev. Francis Bloy, and Vestry sent a missionary vicar, the Rev. John Osborn, to serve both missions
- In 1933, under Osborn's leadership, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea has its official inception as it was led into communion with the Diocese of Los Angeles as a Mission congregation
- The church in these early years gathered in multiple settings: the elementary school, the Mission Beach Women's Club, Belmont Park, and parishioners homes

The Church on Wheels

- The 1890 building of St. James the Greater, built as a mission of St. James by-the-Sea, La Jolla, was moved from its location in Logan Heights (due to a shrinking congregation) to Mission Beach on April 6-10, 1945, providing St. Andrew's with its first permanent gathering place for worship
- With the building in place, the Rev. D. J. Elsworth served as St. Andrew's first vicar
- From here the congregation grew rapidly and on August 7, 1946, the Rev. J. Stanley Parke began as the first permanent full-time vicar
- With rapid growth soon meaning that the present plot of land was not sufficient space, in 1949 Bishop Bloy offered \$5000 toward the purchase of new land for St. Andrew's at 1050 Thomas Avenue and on November 4, 1949 and the church was for the second time put on wheels and moved to Pacific Beach
- The church building was lengthened to seat 25 more people and the first service was held on September 18th 1949. Also a small office was added to the building

Expansion

- Continued growth led to the construction of a parish hall in 1951
- In 1953 the Rev. Parke left and the Rev. Frederick Haskin was appointed as Vicar on March 10, 1954.
- The completion of the parish hall and some classrooms upstairs enabled growth in Church School classes
- In 1954 the Bishop's Committee began a formal effort to raise the funds for St. Andrew's to achieve financial independence
- In 1955 a St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Thrift Shop was begun at 1572 Garnet Avenue, serving both as an outreach to those in need and supplying extra funds for the church
- In 1959 the Rev. Haskin resigned and was replaced by the Rev. Frederick Resch who resigned after one year due to poor health
- In August 1960, the Rev. Dr. Bert Anderson was appointed vicar
- By 1960, St. Andrew's had achieved full financial independence and achieved parish status

St. Andrew's Mission

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The Fire and New Life from the Ashes

- On the night of April 12, 1961, fire destroyed the old wooden church building
- Following the fire, additional land adjacent to the property was purchased
- In the meantime, Andrews Hall was remodeled to serve as a temporary worship space
- A new church building was constructed and hosted its first service on Good Friday April 12, 1963
- Shortly following this landmark, an organ was constructed by church members and dedicated in September 1965
- Also in 1965, three large wooden crosses were erected on the front lawn
- In 1966, Mrs. Jeannie Kingston became the first Director of the newly constituted St. Andrew's Preschool Center
- In 1967, the Rev. Anderson resigned and the Vestry called the Rev. Charles Colburn later that year. the Rev. Colburn himself resigned in 1968.

Parish Growth

- On August 28, 1969, the Rev. Richard E. Thrumston began as the new permanent rector
- Through the course of the next few years, stained glass windows were placed in the church building
- In 1974, the Rev. Thrumston helped form a softball league for the Diocese of San Diego of which St. Andrew's remained an active member for many years, connecting it with other parishes in the diocese
- The Rev. Thrumston resigned in October 1978 and the Rev. David Heaney started as the new Rector on September 1, 1979
- On September 19, 1982, the church building was consecrated and after the service the mortgage was burned
- The Rev. Heaney resigned in January 1983. He was succeeded by the Rev. Robert Dean Keirse on July 17, 1983
- In 1988 the installation of stained glass windows in the nave was completed
- Rev. Keirse resigned in October 1989 and was succeeded by the next permanent rector, the Rev. Christopher, R. Cyran on October 21, 1990. The Rev. Cyran served St. Andrew's for ten years, resigning in October 2000

The Last Decade

1. After a two-and-a-half year interim period under the care of the Rev. Kathleen Russel, the Rev. Rhonda McIntyre was appointed rector in 2004 and served St. Andrew's until her resignation in 2008
2. After another interim period under the care of the Rev. Leland B. Jones, on July 4th 2010, the Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring began his service as St. Andrew's eighth rector

Sources

- *A Brief History of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea* by George Banks
- Parish Records

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