



Faith



Love



Service

Southern Dutchess Episcopal Collaborative

St. Andrew & St. Luke, Beacon, NY
Church of the Resurrection, Hopewell Junction, NY
Trinity Episcopal Church, Fishkill, NY

Profile 2026

Southern Dutchess Episcopal Collaborative Mission Statement

Blessed by God’s grace, we are three churches sharing one calling: to walk together in welcoming all, growing in faith, caring for one another, and serving our communities with joy and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ.

St. Andrew & St. Luke
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Holy Eucharist Sunday at 10am

Church of the Resurrection
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**Holy Eucharist Sunday at 9:30 &
12pm Wed., Sept through June**

Trinity Episcopal Church
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Holy Eucharist Sunday at 10am

All: Evening Prayer, Wednesdays 7pm by Zoom

Who God is Calling us to Be:

Blessed by God's grace, we are three churches— St. Andrew & St. Luke in Beacon, the Church of the Resurrection in Hopewell Junction, and Trinity Church in Fishkill — sharing one calling. We seek to walk side by side in welcoming all people, growing deeper in faith, caring for one another across generations, and serving our communities with joy and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition and strengthened by our collaborative ministry, we strive to be places of genuine hospitality, faithful worship, mutual support, and active outreach, trusting that God is at work among us and through us in the mid-Hudson Valley.

The Priest-in-Charge we Seek:

We seek a Priest-in-Charge who blends spiritual depth with practical, relational leadership. The core characteristics fall into three categories: the individual person, missional competencies, and team leadership

Underpinning all of these are kindness, humility, empathy, and a healthy sense of humor.

Faith in Action

Across the churches, there is regular participation in local food pantries, and many local and far reaching charitable organizations have been supported, including:



**Dutchess Interfaith Crop Hunger Walk;
Episcobuild/Habitat for Humanity;
Grace Smith House;
Hope on a Mission;
House of Hope;
Operation Christmas Child;
Rural and Migrant Ministry;
Vassar Haiti Project;
St Andrew & St Luke Food Pantry
RiseUp Project Ministry ***



***Rise-Up Project Ministry is an anti-racism initiative started in 2022 that has been key to bringing awareness of the Episcopal church to the local community.**

Christian Formation

St. Andrew & St. Luke and Church of the Resurrection have partnered in Christian Formation for over six years, offering adult study sessions both in person and via Zoom on topics such as the Bible, end-of-life issues, and Christian perspectives on current events.

Church of the Resurrection's Youth Group welcomes all youth ages 11–17, regardless of faith background. Meeting monthly, the group combines fellowship with service projects, including support for local food pantries, Operation Christmas Child, and outreach ministries serving those experiencing homelessness. Activities also include special events, a Christmas pageant, and diocesan programs. Regular Sunday formation occurs during the school year.

At Trinity, our littlest ones meet regularly on Sundays, from August to June, and our older students enjoy monthly meetings on Saturdays. Our instruction includes lessons from the scripture, fellowship, and lessons of stewardship, such as a curriculum module dealing with Climate Injustice. For this, the students participated in creating an inspirational mural and started a flower garden which they add to each year.





Fellowship

Parishioners in all of the churches enjoy time with each other through regular coffee hour, as well as organized gatherings throughout the year. Picnics, potlucks, pancakes and book clubs. Special celebrations including:

St. Andrew & St. Luke Annual Fall Picnic, St. Andrew & St. Luke Dance
The Church of the Resurrection's Annual Christmas Pageant, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Mother's Day Brunch and Father's Day BBQ, Trinity's Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt, Trinity's Picnic at Bowdoin Park

PHOTO SLIDE SHOW

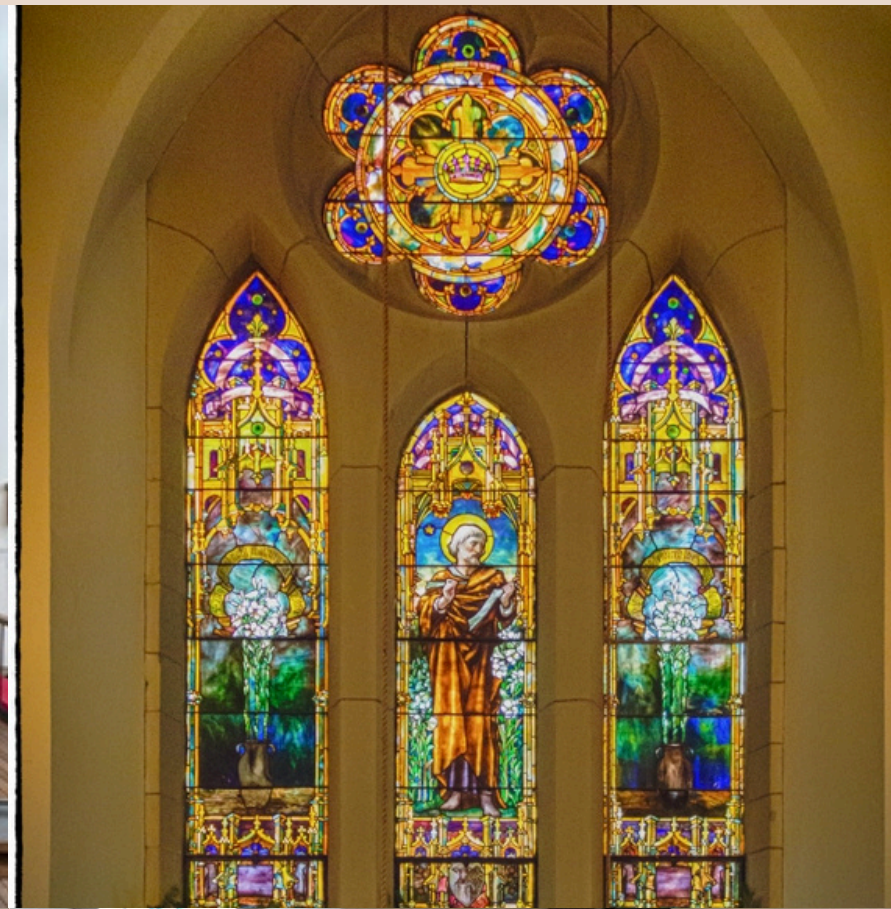


Worship

Church of the Resurrection

St. Andrew & St. Luke

Trinity Episcopal Church



Beacon

The rectory is located in Beacon, a walkable Hudson Valley city of approx. 14,000 residents. Beacon has repeatedly topped Budget Travel's list of "Coolest Small Towns in America." A popular weekend getaway, Beacon is home to the renowned modern art museum Dia: Beacon, and features a long main street with restaurants, boutique shops, bakeries, and a lively craft beverage scene.

Main Street is a popular attraction for visitors and a mainstay for locals - featuring the Howland Public Library, Beans Cat Cafe, and Beacon Movie Theater. Bordered by the picturesque Mount Beacon and the Hudson River, it also features easy access to hiking and nature activities.

The Beacon train station provides access by Metro-North to New York City in approx. 1 hour and 20 minutes. Trinity Episcopal Church and Church of the Resurrection are 10 and 20 minutes away from the rectory by car respectively.



Riverfront Park



Main Street

Hopewell Junction

All roads lead to this wonderful suburb full of rustic charm and spirited people. Hopewell is host to many outdoor spaces, including the East Fishkill Recreation Park and the Dutchess County Rail Trail. Also nearby is Fishkill Farms, a beautiful 270 acre apple orchard and vegetable farm that has activities throughout the year.

In Hopewell Junction, you can get involved and meet friends through a wide array of sports, activities, and other community happenings. Find your new favorite haunts, which are sure to include some hidden local gems like Joe's Dairy Bar, Hopewell Deli, and Mario's Bakery.



Rail Trail



Joe's Dairy Bar



Mario's Bakery



**The Curry Estate and
Restaurant**

Fishkill

This quaint town is rich in history and highly connected to many surrounding areas. You can take Route 9 south to Westchester County or north to Poughkeepsie and enjoy the variety of stores and restaurants along the way. Located off of Route 9 in Fishkill, an outdoor water park, Splashdown Beach, is a popular activity in the summer. Hop on the I-84 east to go to Danbury or west to head over to Newburgh.

There are many opportunities to explore the beauty of the area. A variety of outdoor activities is nearby in Fahnestock State Park, in Putnam County, just over the Dutchess County border. The Village of Fishkill is also home to a lively Main Street with many delicious local spots including Feeling Kinda Cozy, The Tomato Cafe, Dutchess Bier Cafe and Beast BBQ.



**Fishkill Elementary School
originally constructed in 1871**

Fishkill Village Main St



Fishkill Village Hall at Christmas

The History of St. Andrew & St. Luke's Church

The Episcopal church in Beacon began formally in 1833 with the establishment of St. Anna's parish. In 1867 the church moved to a larger location at 850 Wolcott Avenue and changed its name to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The new church building was designed by architect Frederick Clarke Withers, especially renowned for his Gothic Revival ecclesiastical designs.

Shortly after the move, an additional chapel was opened by St. Luke's for services and Sunday School on Dewindt St. This chapel moved in the 1890's to 15 South Ave and became St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The cornerstone for the newer St. Andrew's Church sanctuary was laid in 1900.



Both churches had times of bounty and times of challenge through the 1900s. They also drifted into a pattern of being largely racially segregated. In 2016, the parishes began a conversation to consider reuniting to form one parish. In 2017, both parish Vestries voted to merge the parishes into one church, the new parish being called St. Andrew and St. Luke Episcopal Church, Beacon. The process of merging concluded in March 2018.

In 2024 we established one of the church buildings as an Outreach Center/Community Space available for rental by nonprofit groups and families. Interest in this beautiful space has steadily grown. Multiple dance troupes, community choirs, a meditation group, and civic groups all regularly rent the venue for rehearsals and events. The church Food Pantry operates out of the first floor of the Outreach Center.

The History of Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection began as a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in 1886. The first church building on Church Street in Hopewell Junction was used beginning on Easter Day 1891 and was consecrated later that year by Bishop Henry C. Potter. During the Great Depression, parishioners sometimes brought pieces of coal to church on Sundays to help heat the building.

As the congregation grew, fundraising efforts in the 1950s and 1960s supported the construction of a new church. Ground was broken in 1963, and the congregation moved to its present location in 1964. The parish was incorporated in 1974, with Fr. Bruce Bowes serving as its first rector.

Over the years, the church has continued to expand and enhance its ministries and facilities, including the addition of a choir loft in 1981, a columbarium and cemetery in 1987, and the installation of the beautiful Resurrection stained-glass windows in 1995. Today, Church of the Resurrection remains a vibrant faith community rooted in its rich history and committed to serving God and its neighbors.



The History of Trinity Church

Trinity Church was organized in 1756 through the efforts of the Rev. Samuel Seabury, following a missionary visit to Dutchess County. The present building was completed in 1760. During the Revolution, Rector John Beardsley, a loyalist to the crown, was placed under house arrest and services were suspended. The church served as a hospital during the war, and church grounds have a number of burials from this period. Also, in September 1776 the New York Provincial Congress met here.

In later years the parish continued to grow and changes to the church were made: a Victorian remodeling in 1870, the installation of the stained glass window in 1881 (during the tenure of Rev. John H. Hobard, descendant of the New York bishop), and the Parish House construction in 1954. In recent decades our focus has shifted from renovations to relationships and ministry.

We look forward to writing the next chapter with our next rector.



Church Rectories



St. Andrew & St. Luke Rectory is located on the church property. It contains four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, kitchen, dining room, living room and den. It is located within the Beacon School District. Hudson Hills Montessori school occupies the former parish hall nearby.

Church of the Resurrection Rectory is located on the church property. The 1,592 sq foot cedar shake ranch style home provides four bedrooms, two full baths, a kitchen, dining room, living room with fireplace. Hopewell is in the Wappingers Central School District.