

# Anchor Lines *Update*

January 20, 2021



St. James Episcopal Church

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## YOUR VESTRY NOMINEES

### Lauren Arington



Lauren Arington grew up in Auburn, Alabama and attended Mississippi State University where she received a Bachelor in Architecture. She became a Registered Architect in the State of Alabama in 2016 and works for the US Army Corps of Engineer as an Architect. Lauren, along with husband and two sons, joined the St. James parish in 2015 where she has been an active member in leadership and fellowship. She has held an active role in ministries in serving on the St. James School Board, since its formation in 2017. Lauren has offered her voice in the St. James Choir and has also led the ministry for Financial Peace University. Lauren has a passion for community, great interest in the enrichment of lives, and a drive to empower others. She is interested in being considered for the vestry to help with the continued

growth of St. James within the parish and the community.

### Bebe Goetter

Bebe Goetter has been worshipping at St. James since moving to Fairhope with her husband in 1988. They were invited to St. James by another couple and after attending their first service, they knew the Episcopal Church was where they wanted to be and St. James could be their home.

She was born near Bessemer Alabama and was the eldest of three children and the only female. When growing up she attended the Baptist Church and she became a Christian at the age of ten. By the time she was in her early 30's she began to investigate other denominations in hope of finding



a place where she could learn more about herself and her relationship to God. In 1990 she was confirmed in the Episcopal Church here at St. James.

In 1974 she graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS degree in Nursing. She spent the next 13 years working at UAB hospital and was fortunate to have many varied nursing opportunities. She met and married her husband, Bill, while working at UAB. She and Bill are parents to a son and daughter (deceased) and have one grandson. They have just recently become owners of a pet cat for the first time in over 30 years.

Here at St. James, Bebe has served as member of the Altar Guild, member of bereavement reception committee, member of food ministry, committee member to investigate purchase of church organ, vestry member, vacation bible school volunteer, lay Eucharistic Minister and lay Pastoral Care Giver with the Community of Hope. These experiences

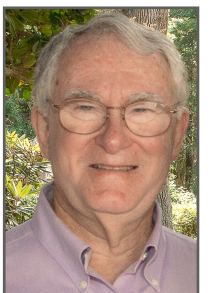
have afforded her a deeper understanding and appreciation of the commandment to serve others.

Her community experience consists of working with the American Lung Association, local Literacy Council and the Alabama Free Clinic.

Bebe and her husband have now lived in Fairhope for over 30 years and feel the community has shaped them both in many positive ways. But the one influence that has had far-reaching impact has been the Episcopal Church and the people of St. James. Bebe and her family have received love and care from St. James and she feels if she can be of service to the church this at this time, she would be honored.

### Earl Jackson

Earl and his wife Kay have been members of St. James for six years where they are both active in the choir. Prior to



## Annual Parish Meeting ~ Sunday, January 24

following the 11 AM worship service.

*An In-Person and Virtual Meeting with Vestry Elections (4) & Parish Reports*

**If you would like to attend virtually, please call the church office at 251-928-2912 to obtain the ZOOM link.**

joining St. James they were active members of Fairhope United Methodist Church where they sang in the choir and served in many capacities.

He is a graduate of the Univ. of South Alabama with a degree in accounting. Most of his career was as CFO for a petroleum company in Mobile. The last six years of his career he was Executive Director of Mobile Opera.

### Chris Nelson



Christopher L. Nelson, born in Foley, Alabama on July 16, 1962, resides in Magnolia Springs, AL with his wife of 31 years Susan Jurkiewicz Nelson and their two children – Emily age 26 and Andrew age 22.

He grew up in Bon Secour, AL working at Bon Secour Fisheries, Inc. after school, on weekends and during summers. After graduating Foley High School, Chris received a B.S. in Biology from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. During a leave of absence from Sewanee, he attended the Fall Undergraduate Marine Sciences Program at Duke University Marine Lab at Beaufort, NC. He later received his M.S. in Marine Environmental Sciences from the

State University of New York at Stony Brook.

While completing his Masters thesis Chris was a Congressional Sea Grant Fellow in Washington, DC, serving as a legislative assistant for Senator Ted Stevens. After his fellowship he worked for the National Fisheries Institute in Washington as a project coordinator.

He has been at Bon Secour Fisheries since 1989 and is now a Vice President working with his two brothers, John Andrew and David, and father John Ray. His most immediate area of responsibility is oyster product manager. This involves oyster procurement, processing and sales. His additional areas of responsibility include government and regulatory affairs.

The Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) is among the several professional associations in which Chris participates. He has been active in the ISSC since 1984. He currently serves on its Board of Directors. He is also a Commissioner on the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, and a member of the Gulf Oyster Industry Council. In the aftermath of the 2010 oil spill he was asked by then Governor Bob Riley to serve on the Coastal Recovery Commission of Alabama. On the Commission he served as Chairman of the Seafood Subcommittee. He

# WORSHIP TIMES

## this SUNDAY

### January 24

#### Holy Eucharist: Rite II

#### at 8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Worship in-person or online.

Find the links to Facebook, YouTube and the bulletin at [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org).

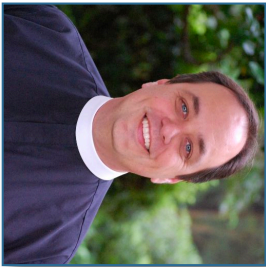
Worship with us on Wednesdays in-person or online at 10 am in the Church.

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also serves on the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission. Most recently, Chris is a member of the 25th class of Leadership Alabama.

Chris was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter’s, Bon

Secour and attended St. Paul’s Chapel, Magnolia Springs and served on the vestry at both of those churches before coming to St. James. Chris has taken an active role in ministry at St. James by serving as a lay reader and chalice bearer.



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