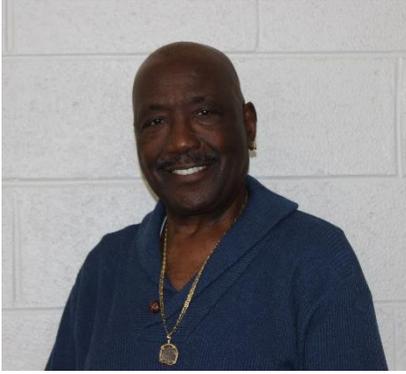


## VESTRY SLATE & BIOS FOR 2020



### Alvin Sawyer

I was born in South Norfolk, VA long before it became Chesapeake. I have lived in Norfolk much of my life and in Portsmouth the last few years. I attended G.W.

Carver High School, served four years in the Navy and later, graduated from Norfolk State University, Class of '76. I then joined Local 1248 of the International Longshoreman's Association in 1980; retired in 2006 and now work part-time for Enterprise.

Growing up, I sometimes attended the Baptist Church, but not regularly. As an adult I have visited several churches, but never felt a special connection with a church until I visited Trinity over two years ago. Where, for the first time, I felt accepted and loved by a church and its church family that had a spirit that touched my heart and soul. Everyone in the church made me feel very welcome and as though I had been there for years. I even got confirmed and became an Acolyte the following year.

When Randolph asked me if I would consider running for the Vestry it was something I had never considered. As I learned more, I became very excited about the opportunity to join the Vestry and said "yes". I am looking forward to joining the Vestry so I can help Trinity grow and continue to help the community through good works to show love to those people that need help to survive in this world.

Thank you for your consideration.



### Ellen Tapman

It would be an honor to serve on the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church. Trinity has been and continues to be an integral part of my life and my family's lives. My husband and I were married at Trinity in

1974. All of my children were baptized, confirmed and active at Trinity as they grew. Today my grandchildren love coming to Trinity and being a part of Trinity's family. When I think of Trinity I think family. Worshiping and enjoying fellowship with other parishioners at Trinity is like being part of a larger family.

I support the mission and ministries of Trinity and will exercise leadership by example, participating in the continued spiritual growth of our church and community. I previously served three years on the Vestry and was Senior Warden the last year of my term. It was a challenging time with many changes. I had the privilege of serving with a very dedicated vestry which resulted in positive outcomes at the end of my term. I learned so much from that experience and look forward to continuing to share, listen, and guide our church family and we move ahead.

Christian Formation has been a focus for me. I taught Sunday school when my children were young and continue to assist today as needed. Today's children are Trinity's future!

I am a Portsmouth native and currently reside in a rural area of Suffolk with our horses, cats, dog, chickens, and ducks.

I look forward to the privilege of serving as a member of Trinity's Vestry.

Thank you.

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## William R. King Jr

is a native of Rochester N.Y. He graduated in 2005 from the State University of New York Maritime College with a degree in Naval Architecture, and served as a deck officer aboard merchant ships

before being commissioned into the Navy in 2006. He served at sea aboard USS Fort McHenry, USS Carter Hall and USS Theodore Roosevelt and ashore as flag aide to Commander, US Fleet Forces Command and as an instructor at the US Naval Academy, during which time he also attended the Columbia Business School military MBA program. Transferring to the Navy Reserve, he was a member of the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey. After active duty he returned to the Merchant Marine, commanding offshore service and deepwater exploration vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. Ashore full time since 2017, he is currently a partner at East Coast Water Quality Inc. He has lived in Portsmouth and Norfolk since 2006. Will and his wife Emily have been parishioners at Trinity since moving to Olde Towne in August 2018 and were married here May 4 this year.

*When asked why he loves Trinity and wants to be on the Vestry:*

"I love our community here at Trinity, who have welcomed Emily and I so warmly. I am continually grateful for their fellowship. I am honored to have been nominated to the Vestry, and if elected hope that my skills and experience will be of use in preserving and growing our church, it's ministry and the community we love so much."



Mike Riley retired from the NNSY in January of 2019 and plans to retire from the Navy Reserve next year. He works part time at the Chesapeake Bay Diving & Aquatics Center in Virginia

Beach as a co-owner and scuba instructor. He travels all over the world diving for the Navy and personal enjoyment.

Since joining Trinity Church in 1996, Mike has served as Acolyte, Thurfer, Verger, Chalice, and planned and paid for the handrails for the Tower steps. He has recently taken classes to learn the proper way to clean our Churchyard headstones, purchased the kit needed to do it, and on sunny days you can find him on his hands and knees hard at work.

*When asked why he loves Trinity and wants to be on the Vestry:*

I got off active duty from NMC Portsmouth in 1996 and Trinity became a safe home and family for me, since my family is in New York, Oregon and California. With all the traveling I do for the shipyard, navy reserve and scuba travel I have been doing, Trinity serves as an important grounding force for me.

I have been on the Trinity Vestry twice before, served as Junior Warden, and on the Foundation Board of Trustees. I have many ideas for the future evolution of Trinity, having seen many changes over the last 20+ years.