



The Rev. Andrew G. Butler III, Rector

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Fr. Andrew began his call as Rector of St. Margaret's on August 1, 2020. Prior to arriving in Palm Desert, he served as Rector of Christ Church Riverdale in The Bronx. He has also served parishes in the Diocese of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Andrew received a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and served for over twenty years as church organist and choir director. Fr. Andrew began to answer his call to ordained ministry in 1997 by attending Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia where he earned a master's degree in Christian Education. He then completed a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. After working as a non-profit development professional, he discovered the Episcopal Church after accepting a position as organist and choir director at St. Thomas' Church in Richmond, Virginia. It was during this time he found his spiritual home and completed his lengthy process toward ordination by completing an Anglican Year at Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at National Cathedral in Washington on May 24, 2008, and then as a Priest on December 6, 2008 at The Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Fr. Andrew grew up in the rural farming community of Mechanicsville, Virginia. He resides with his spouse Oliver Whitlock in Palm Desert. He has three young adulthood children, Blake, Marina, and Andrea.