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Service Schedule

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays; Healing Service at 8.30, Third Sundays

-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist 6.00 p.m.

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation 5.30 p.m.

Holy Days as announced.

Calendar

Sunday, 5 May Book Discussion

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 24 April

Holy Eucharist for the Wednesday in Easter Week at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 25 April

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 26 April

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m. suspended this week

Saturday, 27 April

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Sunday, 28 April

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee & ... at 11.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Tuesday, 30 April

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Stong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

Wednesday, 1 May

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of SS Philip & James at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

There are so very many people to thank for all their help throughout Holy Week and on Easter morning!

at 9.30 a.m. (Library) Tag Sale Meeting at Noon (Library)

Monday, 6 May

St Andrew's Crafters at 4.00 p.m. (Parish House)

Sunday, 19 May Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)

Saturday, 22 June NW Region Convocation (Trinity Conference Center, West Cornwall)

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. A.A. for Women (Great Room)

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)

Parish Staff

The Revd Roger B. White, Rector

Thomas W. Holcombe, Organist & Director of Choirs

Margie O'Brien, Director of the Children's Choir

Heather Scofield, Parish Administrator

Joan I. Cassel Financial Secretary

> Bill McLaren, Sexton

Randy Osolin, Verger Heather Scofield put in extra hours sorting out the Flower Memorial List as well four bulletins for elaborate liturgies. Candace Conard, Marel Rogers, Randy Osolin, and most of the Altar Guild were busy with setting up for eleven liturgies within eight days --polishing silver and brass, changing the veils and the altar frontals-- and had help on the ladders from Mark Hanley, Brock Knowlton, and Bob McDowell. Candace also replaced the winter greenery in the cement planters at the front doors with bright, springtime plantings that welcomed our many worshippers.

On Maundy Thursday, Patrick Beer and Brock Knowlton, helped to lead worship; and Christine Beer, Rebecca Trautmann, and Marion Williams assisted with the Stripping of the Altar. It was wonderful to have Bill Dillon's, Jane Farnol's, and Karen Chase's help before Sr Mary Lanning preached at midday on Good Friday (the loose offering then gathered amounted to more than \$350 her *Yes! Solutions*), and later that day George-Ann Gowan and Marel Rogers helped with Tenebrae (Marel by dropping Liddell & Scott's *Greek Lexicon*, the heaviest and heaviest book I own, to create the loud crack that in the darkened nave concludes the service ...).

Bernadette Ellegard and Melissa Schipul helped to organise both the potluck supper on Maundy Thursday and the Reception in the Parish House after the 10.30 liturgy on Easter morning; and Michael Chamberlin and George Potts looked after the egg-coloring party on the morning of Holy Saturday. Bob Love took charge of the Easter Egg Hunt, and Wendi Love and Heidi Diedrich worked with our young lectors (Oscar Umeh and Noah Love) and then brought the younger children down to the undercroft for a brief lesson in the middle of a long and crowded (!!) service. Patrick Beer, Marty Johnson, Nick & Janet Downes, and Tony DiPentima saw to the seating of very large crowds, who, at 10.30, were treated to ravishing Easter music from Margie O'Brien's and Tom Holcombe's superb choirs.

John Barton, Christine Beer, Candace Conard, Emily and Madison Lang, and Rebecca Trautmann helped to lead the Easter morning worship services which went so smoothly; and then, on Easter Monday morning, Susan Kennedy, Bob McDowell, and Doris Palmer labored long and hard with a complicated bank deposit, finishing only early in the afternoon.

It was indeed all a 'team effort', from these and so many others --a parish community simply pitching in-- which was such a joy, a blessing. It was also wonderful and holy ... fun

Faithfully, and with *much* gratitude, Roger+

A large number of the mite boxes have already come in, and we shall plan to begin counting and depositing the contents next week. If yours is still at home, please plan to bring it with you to church on the 28th so that we can send the monies off to Bethania Kids and theKent Community Fund.

THE RESURRECTION of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 21 April 2019

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; I Corinthian 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12

Today, we hear the astonishing story again. Sometimes we hear it in Matthew's version, sometimes in Mark's, sometimes in John's; and this morning we hear it as Luke tells it. There are differences among the four accounts, and they reflect both the different traditions that the Gospel writers inherited, as well as the points that each of them think are important.

In Matthew and Mark, two Marys encounter an angel (in Matthew's, after a great earthquake); in John's telling, it is Mary Magdalene alone who makes the discovery of the empty tomb, and there is no angelic appearance. In Luke's Gospel, it seems that several women, including Marys, come to the tomb, where they meet two angels. In Matthew's. Mark's, and Luke's Gospels, the first words of the angel(s) are similar -'He is not here, he is risen'-and only in Luke's Gospel, as we have heard, do the angels explain, 'Remember how he told you ... that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and on the third day rise again'.

And this is one of Luke's little ... 'tics', as it were -what makes Luke's take on things ... well, Luke's. As the Passion story begins and in the courtyard of the High Priest, after Peter has for the third time denied ever having known Jesus and the cock crows, Peter 'remembers the word of the Lord, how he said to him, "Before the cock crows today you will deny me three times".' Luke is always directing us back to what Jesus has said, reminding us of what we were told, of what we were supposed to have noticed, learned. And he is on to why we very much need to have the invitation, year in and year out, to reread, here once more, the words of Jesus in order more and more to realise how deeply true they increasingly ring.

The Psalmist writes

That which we have heard and know and what our forebears have told us, we will not hold from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and power of the Lord, and the wonderful works the Lord has done. [Psalm 78.3-4]

And this is so much ... of Luke, too. We are to listen and notice and think, and the more true the words come to be, the more important it is for us to share what we are coming, once again, to know Luke repeatedly sends us back to recall what Jesus says, and then to notice how more and more deeply true it is and to make it known.

Forgive, and you will know forgiveness Give and will be given to you The measure that you give will be the measure that you get back It is more blessed to give than to receive All of these teachings of Jesus are deeply true, and we need to hear them, take them in, again and again. It is why we hear the Gospels, again, and again, and again And these are truths that we simply must pass on

But before the angels at the tomb ask the women at the tomb to think back on what Jesus had said and understand that it was true -that he was handed over to wicked, threatened people who mercilessly crucified him, and has now risen to new and different life-the angels begin by asking them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' Only in Luke's Gospel is this ... searing question posed: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?'

Curiously, years after my parents retired and moved away from the suburb of Chicago in which I grew up, my two apartmentmates from graduate school -Jim and Mary-themselves moved there. And, so did Mary's best friend, her husband, and their children, buying the house in which I had grown up. And so several years ago, when I visited Jim and Mary, we had the invitation to come by so that I could see what had become of my ... former home.

It was an odd experience. The same door chimes, with their distinctive tones, were in the same niche in the middle of the ground floor; and the bookcase that had been built into an eve in my bedroom was still very much there ... except that I recognized none of the spines on the shelves. The dining room windows overlooked an almost familiar lawn, but the tall elm tree was gone; in the kitchen, the appliances were in different places, and the pantry had altogether vanished, had become part of the kitchen.

My eyes kept looking for what had been, and were not taking in what was now really there: I was not taking in what a beautiful home Mary's friends had made for their family. And suddenly, the question of Luke's angels popped into my mind, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead'?

Of course I was not looking for the living among the dead, but rather for what was gone amongst that which was burgeoning. And so it is in Luke's Gospel narrative that when the Risen Christ first appears to his disciples ... they do not recognize him: he is not quite the same -the elm tree is gone and the books are different. They keep looking for the living amongst what was, and fail to take in what is clearly alive in front of their eyes.

All of which is why we need once more to hear the angels' telling question, Why do you seek the living among the dead? Do you look for God to be, to act, when and where and how you expect, and then not take in when and where and how God is acting, is present ...? The story that Luke tells always invites us to think back on what Jesus says, and always more and more to allow these words to open our ears and eyes and minds and hearts to perceive their truth -to notice what is in fact unfolding around us.

In Luke's Gospel, the Risen Christ's final words to his followers are, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all people'. They are over and over again to recall and think on these words and to realise: there is Resurrection, new and changed life. There is forgiveness, and can include everyone. It is true: tell it, live it. The words so prized by Luke are only one way.

A blessed Eastertide to all of you. Amen.

The Santiago Family

As many of you are aware, Tino Santiago, formerly a waiter at The Fife 'n Drum Restaurant and most recently the sous chef at Kingsley's Tavern, has been arrested and is in jail pending an appeal. Tino and his wife, Norma, have three children, and Norma may need to sell their house in South Kent and move to more affordable quarters: without Tino's income they are struggling financially.

A number of people who have known Tino and Norma for years have asked how they may help, and the Rector invites those concerned to make donations to the parish Discretionary Fund which shall then be passed on to Norma. Cheques should be made out to St Andrew's Parish and tagged 'Santiago Fund'. They may be put in the collection plate or may be mailed in to Post Office Box 309, Kent 06757.

In addition Tino's and Norma's son Jason has serious medical issues and has been hospitalized in New Britian, and Leslie Levy is looking for drivers who are willing to drive Norma to visit Jason. It takes 90 minutes to two hours to make the trip, and those who can help are invited to be in touch with Leslie at leslielillienlevy@me.com

Faithfully, Roger+

SUMMER CAMP at CAMP WASHINGTON

The summer camping season is not all that far away, and Camp Washington has published their calendar for 2019.

Children's Camp (ages 7 - 12) will be from 30 June - 7 July & from 4 - 16 August. The one-week camp costs \$575 and the two-week camp \$1300.

Mini Camps (ages 5 - 10) will be from 14 - 16 July & from 17 - 19 July for \$275. There will be a Mini Day Camp from 15 - 19 July for \$300.

Please visit the Camp's website for more information and to register: www.campwashington.org or call 860.567.9623.

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an

energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,
it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,
to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which
darkness can never overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

The Homily from Easter Morning

Please click on the link below in order to hear or read the Rector's Homily for 21 April HOMILY for 21 April

The Lections this Week

Easter II 28 April 2019 'Thomas' Sunday

Acts 5.27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31

Volunteers for Coffee & ... after the 10.30 liturgy

Those who have signed up to provide light refreshments for Coffee & ... in the next few weeks are

28 April David Lindley, Charmian Place

5 May ??? 12 May ???

The Annual Reports for 2018

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 21 January, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on

Annual Report 2018

St Andrew's Crafters

With the Annual Christmas Bazaar fewer than six months away, the St Andrew's Crafters will next meet on

Monday, 6 May in the Parish House

and will continue to meet on the First Monday of the month through November.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of coffee, tea, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups, canned or bottled fruit juices.

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Also: the Bank is interested its selections for personal care including supplies for adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes, feminine products, etc.

Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex, to the left of the doors. And please: do try to make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

Announcements

... will next meet on Sunday, 5 May, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 16 ('The Reign of Mary') in Eamonn Duffy's remarable study of the Pre-Reformation Church in England, *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England*, 1400 - 1580. All are welcome!

A request from those who count the collection monies:

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

Norfolk Library Art Show by Heather Scofield 'enLIGHTenment'

April 5-30
Opening with refreshments on Sunday, 7 April 4-6 p.m 9 Geenwoods Rd. E.
Norfolk, CT 06058
(860) 542-5075

At nearby Camp Washington

190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org 860.567.9623

SECOND SUNDAYS at Camp Washington

at 4.30 p.m.

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623.

Further information is available at campwashington.org



A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, local hair appointments, and to do local grocery shopping, and

VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED, IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!

Please call Edith Altvater (860.248.0316) if you can help!

Pawling Concert Series

Friday, 26 April
8.00 p.m.
Hubbard Court in the Smith Field House
Trinity-Pawling School
700 Route 22, Pawling, New York

Davina & The Vagabonds

in

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