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**God the Potter**  
**Jeremiah 18:1-11 :: Proper 18, Year C**

## From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well and looking forward to this Labor Day (how can it be already?!) weekend.

This Tuesday, we will begin our five-week course ***An Introduction to The Book of Common Prayer***. I think most of us, like most Episcopalians, know that the "BCP" is the cornerstone of our weekly worship: that most of what we say and do on Sunday mornings is found in, or at least informed by, the BCP—usually those pages around 355 that often are a bit more dog-eared than the others.

The BCP contains, however, a wealth—truly, a *treasure*—of other resources: liturgies, prayers, sacramental rites, history, calendars. All of this rich content is collated in one single book because, in the Anglican tradition, the way we pray (that is, the way we worship—the way we speak to and speak about God) is the *primary* way we learn what we believe.

- If you want to know what Episcopalians think about baptism, read the Rite of Holy Baptism on page 298.
- If you wonder whether we believe God inflicts illness on people as

punishment (we don't), read the Rite of Ministration to the Sick (p 453) and some of BCP's prayers for the sick and the dying (p 458).

- If you're concerned about our praying to (or too much to) the saints, skim through some of the collects appointed for their feast days, which begin on page 237. If you want to know when these seemingly random days are, look at the BCP's main calendar, starting at p 19.
- And if you want a high-level synopsis of the entire body of traditional Episcopal beliefs, sit down with the Catechism, which opens on page 844.

All of this is to say: As our 'worship manual,' the BCP guides us to pray ... and then "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" (p 236) what we've prayed ... in order that we might explore, expand and deepen our faith and constantly renew our commitment to Christ. Along with Scripture, the BCP is a treasure we all benefit from knowing as well as we can.

So, whether you'd like to get started ... or know a little but want a fresh start ... or are a BCP pro and just want some context ... come to the parish house this Tuesday morning at 11:00, and then plan to come back for the following four weeks, as well.

(There is *no homework* for these classes, but I'll suggest a small amount of background reading for each class for those who like a head-start. For this Tuesday, you can skim the [preface to the 1662 \(English\) Book of Common Prayer](#); the preface to the 1789 (U.S.) Book (our BCP, p 9); and our BCP's table of contents. If you don't have a copy of the BCP at home, [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org) is a very user-friendly online version.)

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,  
Douglas+

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P S Anna deRham, the nursery school's new director, took this beautiful photo of the church at twilight during an evening of cleaning and painting to get things ready for the new school year, which began this past Monday. Enjoy!



## This Week at St Andrew's

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Sunday, 04 September :: 8:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*** (spoken)

Sunday, 04 September :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 04 September :: 10:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*** (with music)  
*(in-person and live-streamed)*

Sunday, 04 September :: 11:40 am

Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Monday, 05 September :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Tuesday, 06 September :: 11:00 am

Class: *Introduction to the BCP*

Wednesday, 07 September :: 9:30 am

Officers Meeting

Wednesday, 07 September :: 6:00pm

**Mid-week Holy Eucharist** *(in-person and live-streamed)*

Wednesday, 07 September :: 7:00 pm

A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 08 September :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 08 September :: 7:00 pm  
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

## Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

**Details about many of these events can be found later  
in this issue of the *Epistle***

**Saturday, 03 September**

12:00 – 4:00 pm

*St Andrew's Bake Sale at the KLM Carnival*

**Beginning 06 September – Tuesdays at 11:00 am**

*A Five-Week Introduction to *The Book of Common Prayer**

**Sunday, 11 September**

Homecoming Sunday – One Eucharist, at 10:00 am

*Let's gather as one large family to kick off the new  
'church year' and greet those we may not have seen in some time  
Lunch will be provided following our worship*

**Friday, 07 October, 8:00 pm**

Music in the Nave presents Livingston Taylor

## Beginning This Week: Introduction to the Prayer Book



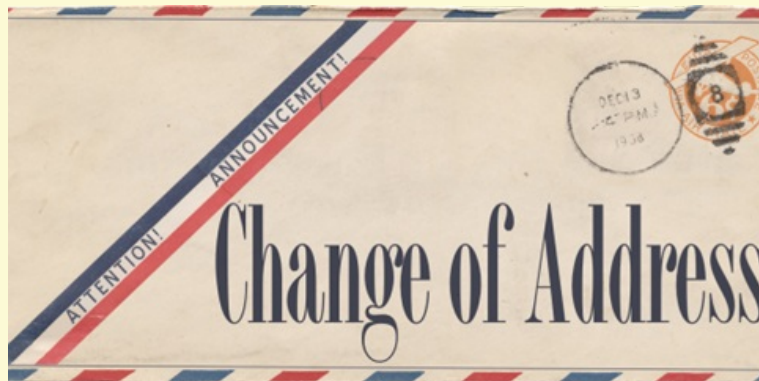
Have you always wondered what *else* is in the 1,000 pages of *The Book of Common Prayer*, in addition to the few pages we use on Sunday morning? Does the fact that it even has 1,000 pages intimidate you a little? Have you tried praying Morning or Evening Prayer on your own but

ended up a bit bewildered? Would you like to know more about the Church's calendar and psalms and prayers?

Well, you're in luck! **For five consecutive weeks, beginning this Tuesday, 06 September, at 11:00 am**, we will explore the wonderful heritage and thoughtful theology that is our *Book of Common Prayer*. Each class will be a self-contained unit, focusing on one aspect of the BCP, starting with its history: how it came to be ... and to be revised ... over the last 450 years. (In November, we'll offer a few 'bonus' sessions on some lesser-known features of the BCP. But the September / October classes will cover all the fundamentals.)

It is an ancient adage of the Church that *the way we pray*—the way we worship—*constitutes what we believe*. For Episcopalians, the BCP is the way we pray. So, if you'd like to know more about what we believe (and, thus, why we pray as we do), please be sure to join us!

## Make a Note: New Parish Email Address



After many years of faithful service, our [snet.net](mailto:snet.net) email address has gone the way of the dodo. *We can no longer read or respond to any messages sent to this address.*

We now have **a NEW general parish email address:** [saintandrewskent@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewskent@gmail.com). Please make a note of this. You can use this for general questions or information ... or if you don't know where else to send your message.

As always, you can email Fr Douglas directly at [frdouglas.sak@gmail.com](mailto:frdouglas.sak@gmail.com) and KC Compton, our parish administrator, directly at [office.sa.kent@gmail.com](mailto:office.sa.kent@gmail.com).

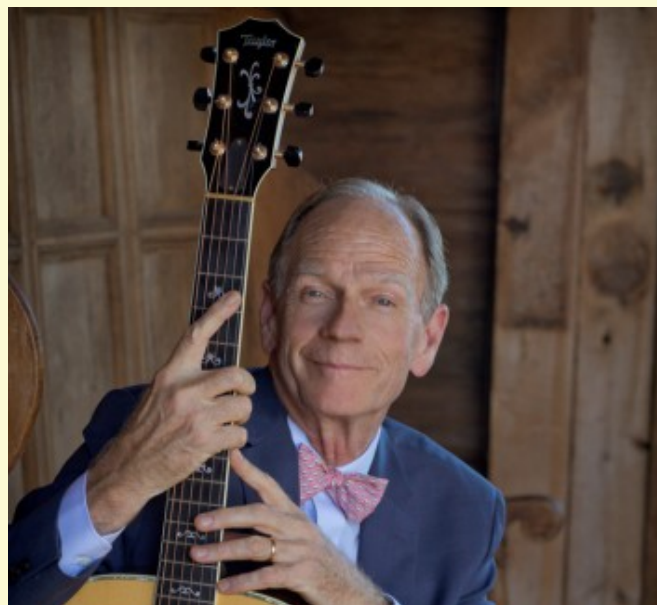
## Next Sunday, 11 September: Homecoming Sunday



You will want to be in church on **Sunday, 11 September**, which is **Homecoming Sunday!** This day marks the kick-off of the parish's program year. The Choir will return ... adult education classes will begin ... the vestry will resume from a summer break. We will have **one Eucharist, at 10:00 am**, on this Sunday, so that we can all come together as one big St Andrew's family. An **all-parish brunch** will follow. (Please plan to bring a dish to share, if you're able.)

As we prepare for this year's return, *please think about someone who used to attend worship at St Andrew's whom you haven't seen in a while.* Maybe they haven't come back after our COVID shut-down. Maybe they need a ride to church or some help getting around. Maybe they wonder whether there will be anyone to sit with. Whatever the reason, give them a call ... send them an email ... or—how retro!—send them a handwritten note ... and invite them to come to church with you on 11 September. Let's make this a true homecoming and fill the pews with as many of our family members as we can!

In October:  
Livingston Taylor, Live at St Andrew's!



For fifty years, Livingston Taylor has been serving up a brew of rock, folk, Broadway and gospel while charting Top-40 hits such as "I Will Be in Love with You." Massachusetts even declared an official Livingston Taylor Day! To kick off Music in the Nave's 2022-23 season, he'll be playing St Andrew's on Friday, 07 October, at 8 pm. Make that your Livingston Taylor Night!

We're sure these tickets will go fast, so from now through Labor Day, St Andrew's members will be able to purchase tickets in advance, before they go on sale to the general public. Just click on [this link](#), and then enter the password andrew (all lower-case). All tickets are \$30.

## Funeral for Mary Dingee

A service celebrating the resurrection of Mary Dingee, who died in June, will be held in the Nave at 11:00 am on Saturday, 17 September. A luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.

Mary's family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Torrington Soup Kitchen. (If you'd care to make your check payable to the parish, we'll aggregate all the fund received and pass them along to the Kitchen in Mary's honor.)

## In Litchfield Magazine: A Profile of the Refugee Family We Helped



Litchfield Magazine has published a [lovely article](#) on the Awrang family, refugees from Afghanistan whom we helped resettle in New Milford as part of the Washington Refugee Resettlement Project. It features a description of father Alibaba's beautiful calligraphic art and an update on how the family is getting on in their new home.

## Bp Douglas' Retirement: Make a Farewell Gift in His Honor





In accordance with recent tradition, to honor our Bishop on his retirement, the Diocese has set up a fund for donations in his honor to two organizations designated by him. Given his longstanding commitment to environmental issues and our work on the stewardship of creation, Bishop Ian has chosen the Connecticut River Conservancy and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). IRIS provides wrap-around services for refugee families, asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance to stabilize their family situations in the United States. [Give today](#)

*Note: IRIS was instrumental in resettling hundreds of Afghan refugees in Connecticut, including our own Awrang family!*

## Now on Fourth Thursdays: The Thursday Afternoon Club



The Thursday Afternoon Club, a fellowship group for all widows, is *now*

*meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month.* Our next meeting is on this Thursday, **23 September**. We bring our own lunches and beverages to the porch of the Kingsley Tavern, 14 North Main Street, and gather for great conversation, mutual support and a good time. Please consider joining us.

## EdAdvance: Offering Important Services to Adult Learners



Are you interested in completing the requirements for a high school diploma, studying for citizenship, learning or improving your English, or developing your math and reading skills? Anyone adult (18+) who lives in the towns that make up Region 1 (Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon) can take classes paid for by local and state funds. There is no cost to the student for the class or materials. Classes are available in person at Housatonic Valley Regional High or online. Visit our website at **[www.edadvance.org/adulted](http://www.edadvance.org/adulted)**, email [adulted@edadvance.org](mailto:adulted@edadvance.org), or call 860.567.0863 and ask for Adult Education.

## St Andrew's Current COVID Status

### **THE PARISH IS OPEN.**

We have now resumed all of our usual pre-COVID practices except the sharing of the Common Cup; we distribute the Wine in individual portions.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services.

## Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund  
P O Box 262  
Kent, CT 06757  
*memo: Food Bank*

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's new Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Samantha's office in Town Hall or dropping it in the donations basket in the Narthex. (You can also place it in the offering plate, marked for the Food Bank.)

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street. You may also place donations in the basket in the church Narthex or in the bin in the breezeway at the rear of the Rectory.

## Lectons for this Week

**The Thirteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Year C**

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-2,12-17  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33



## Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order  
to view  
past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays  
located on our website.

[Homilies and Past Services](#)

## Worship Services

**-Sunday-**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
(Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays)  
In person  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



**-Wednesday-**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.



**-Holy Days-**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
9.00 a.m.



## 12 Step Meetings

### **Mondays**

LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**  
(Parish House)

### **Wednesdays**

A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.  
*Zoom meeting*  
*email us for info.*

### **Thursdays**

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Old Vestry Room)  
A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**  
(Parish House)



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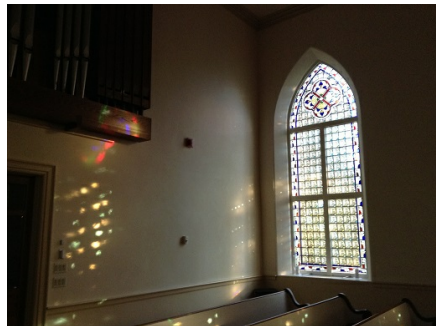
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