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Jesus Leads into Deeper Waters :: The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany

### From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well.

If you worship with us in-person, you have noticed that we are blessed to have more children among us on Sundays. I am incredibly thankful for this, and I hope you are, as well. Jesus was very solicitous of young children and held them up to His disciples as the truest, purest models of faith. It is a joy to see their faces, hear their voices and warmly welcome them when they are with us.

Our tradition teaches us that we become full members of Christ's Holy Church at our baptisms, at whatever age they occur. Thus, when baptized children participate in Holy Eucharist, they are taking their proper places as members of the priesthood of all believers. And when children who have not yet been baptized are with us, they are learning—indeed, absorbing—all the faith, hope and love that the Church embodies when it gathers to experience the grace of God in the sacraments. Either way, we want to invite and encourage still *more* families with children to be with us!

Therefore, we've taken up a few new practices to make families feel as welcome as possible:

- Activity bags, with crafts, small toys and even a little snack, are available in the Narthex, to use during worship
- The *Sunday Junior Paper*, a coloring activity that illustrates the day's Gospel lesson (and that has questions parents may discuss with their children at home) is also available every week

- I will be offering a short**children's message** at the 10:30 Holy Eucharist each Sunday, following the second lesson; I will invite the children who are present to join me at the Chancel steps, but if they'd prefer not to, that's OK, too—I'll share the message with them wherever they are (including online!)
- · A certain angel has arranged for a steady supply ofjuice boxes and kidfriendly snacks at our weekly Coffee Hour, for guests who haven't yet developed a taste for coffee or savory treats

And, of course, we are actively recruiting for our **Christian Educator** position (see below). When this person arrives, our ministry to and for families with children will enter a whole new era!

If there is anything else we can do to help meet the needs of families or to make worship more accessible for children, please let me or one of the wardens know, and I promise we will look into it!

In addition, please consider asking friends, neighbors or colleagues who have children to join us—to 'try us on'— for a few Sundays. "Let the little children come to Me, and do not stop them," Jesus tells us, "for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (Matt 19:14).

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

In the peace and love of Christ,
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#### This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 04 February	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Saturday, 05 February	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am
Saturday, 05 February	Officers Meeting	10:30 am
Saturday, 05 February	Music in the Nave Committee	11:00 am
Saturday, 05 February	Music Commission  Holy Eucharist: <i>Epiphany 5</i> (in person only)	3:00 pm 8:30 am
Sunday, 06 February Sunday, 06 February	Holy Eucharist: <i>Epiphany 5</i> (in person and live-streamed)	10:30 am
Sunday, 06 February	Annual Meeting of the Parish & Luncheon (in person and Zoom; see details below)	11:40 am

	Bible Study: <i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	
Monday, 07 February	Mid-week Eucharist (in person and live-streamed)	11:00 am
Wednesday, 09 February	,	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 09 February	A.A. for Women (Zoom meeting; email us for info)	7:00 pm
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Thursday, 10 February	NO Al-Anon Meeting (Suspended until March)	7:30 am
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### Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Sunday, 27 February	Tom Holcombe's Final Service & Farewell	10:30 am
Tuesday, 01 March	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 02 March	Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes	7:30-8:30 am and 12:00-1:00 pm
Wednesday, 02 March	Ash Wednesday: Liturgy of the Day (Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion)	6:30 pm

### St Andrew's Current COVID Status

#### THE PARISH IS OPEN.

- Pursuant to CDC guidelines, we are asking everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, because the level of community transmission in Litchfield County is High
- There is congregational singing, at the 10:30 service only

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services, as there are parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

This Sunday:
Annual Meeting of the Parish & Luncheon



The parish's Annual Meeting will be held this **Sunday**, **06 February 2022**, immediately after the 10:30 Eucharist, followed by a luncheon in the Parish House. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the recent Omicron surge, the meeting will be held **both in-person**, **in the Nave**, *and* **via Zoom**. Whichever way you choose to attend, all members in good standing (whom the Church calls "communicant members") will be able to see, hear, speak and vote.

Zoom information: If you would like to attend via Zoom, the virtual meeting room will open at 11:30 am. To join, you may do one of the following:

- · On your computer or smart device, click on this**link**, and follow the Zoom prompts, *or*
- On any telephone, dial 646 558 8656; when prompted, enter the Meeting ID 898 8146 3266; and when further prompted, enter the Passcode599605 (*Zoomers, please note:* While the meeting room will open at 11:30, the meeting itself likely will not begin until 11:45 while we finish worship and then do a little set-up.)

After the reports of the Priest-in-Charge and the Senior Warden and acceptance of the written reports of various commissions and committees, there will be three main items of business:

- Treasurer Steve Morocco's financial report for 2021 and presentation of the budget for 2022, which the Vestry approved at its meeting on 16 January.
- Adoption of **new bylaws for the parish**. (Our current bylaws were adopted in 1970 and are very out-of-date.) The proposed new bylaws are printed in the Annual Report (see below).
- Election of new officers, vestry members and others. The Nominating Committee has compiled the following slate of outstanding candidates:
- o Senior Warden (two-year term): Randy DiPentima
- o Junior Warden (two-year term): Katherine Almquist
- Vestry Class of 2025 (three-year terms): Patricia Nordskog, Judy Perkins and Michael Ward
- Vestry Class of 2024 (to fill the unexpired terms of Katherine Almquist and Janet Rivkin, who has stepped down): Anne Everett and Ned Reade
- Delegates to ECCT Annual Convention: Christopher Rehkow and Randy DiPentima
- o Alternate Delegates to Convention: Ron Marasco and Eric Roper
- o Nominating Committee Chair: Charmian Place

Printed copies of the Annual Report, which includes an agenda for the meeting as well as reports and the proposed new bylaws, are available for pick-up in the Narthex and the Parish Office. We can also mail or email you a copy, upon request: Please contact the Parish Office, at st.andrew.kent@snet.net.

The snow date for the Annual Meeting will be Sunday, 13 February. A special *Epistle* will go out early on Sunday morning if the meeting must be postponed.

# St Andrew's is Now Hiring: Christian Educator

As you may recall, hiring someone to re-establish our Christian education program was one of the three key recommendations the Visioning Team made to the Vestry in the fall and that the Vestry heartily endorsed. We are delighted to report that we have finalized the job description for **our new Christian Educator position**.

We are now looking for someone who will work ten hours per week. Her or his main responsibilities will be a Sunday morning education program for children and a once-a-week after-school children's activity time. We know there are already parents in our parish family who want their children to have 'Sunday school,' and we're also mindful that other families might wish to 'try on' St Andrew's in other ways and at other times than on Sunday morning. Our new Christian Educator will take up both of these opportunities.

The complete job description, including application information, is available here. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know and encourage them to apply!

# Refugee Resettlement: The House is All Ready







Sid Head and Andie Sehl, co-leads of St Andrew's Refugee Resettlement Team, recently sent this update to all the members of the Team:

Well, as you know our work setting up the house is coming to a close. We now have all the furnishings we need and cannot accept any more donations. Thanks to you all for your help and support thus far. A very special thanks to Judith Warrick for the many hours and lengthy coordination efforts to make the house a warm and welcoming home. Also, big thanks to John Michael Murphy, the designer who used the donated furnishings to create a beautiful and comfortable space.

Next for the Housing Team will be to show the house to the family, go over safety concerns and explain how things there work. We will help them understand the lease and how to work with the landlord. More to come on this.

Thanks for all you have done and contributed.

Sincerely, Sid and Andie

# Mark your Calendars: The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns!



After a brief hiatus, St Andrew's traditional final pre-Lenten hurrah returns on Tuesday, 01 March, at 6:00 pm in the Parish House! Please plan to join us for an evening of fellowship and good times, as well as the full Mardi Gras menu: pancakes, sausages, REAL maple syrup and butter, apple sauce, plus coffee, tea and milk. (Do we really have to wait a *whole month* for this feast?!?) A free-will offering will be accepted.

Bob McDowell will be assuming the role of pancake-flipper-in-chief, and he is looking for volunteers to pitch in on the work. He is also looking for three or four flat-top electric griddles to use that night. If you can volunteer either your time and/or a griddle, please be in touch with Bob (860-488-1635 or mailto:rnmcd30@yahoo.com).

# From the Town of Kent: Seeking a New Director of Social Services



We've received the following from the Town of Kent and pass it along to you:

The Town of Kent is looking to hire a **Social Services Director**. The job is full-time, 32 hours a week, at \$30 per hour. Benefits package provided. Applications and a full job description are on the Town of Kent website: **townofkentct.org**. They are also available from the First Selectman's Office, Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, or by calling 860-927-4627.

Submit a cover letter, resume and application no later than 18 February 2022 (the *new* deadline) to **adminassist@townofkentct.org** or Town of Kent, Attention Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 678, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

### 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 Social Services Director. 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 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.

### Lections for this Week

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> Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 4:42-5:11



### 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;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sunday
In person
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Friday-Prayer & Meditation 5.30 p.m.





-Holy Days-Holy Eucharist 6.00 p.m.



# 12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting
email us for info.

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

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Old Vestry Room) Suspended until March

Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed

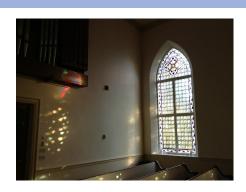


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