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The Feast of All Saints (*observed*)
Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well and are planning to vote next Tuesday (or have already voted via an absentee ballot). Voting is an important vehicle for expressing our faith and doing the work of Jesus in this world.

This morning, I heard a spot on the radio that haunted me. Connecticut Public runs a short feature called "Bird Note" each weekday morning, and this morning's episode was a recording of a pair of adult owls emancipating, as it were, their several-month-old fledgling. They had been feeding the juvenile in the nest for several months, and the time had come for it to go out and hunt its own food.

We heard the fledgling in the nest let out repeated shrill cries—screams, almost—of hunger ... of fear ... maybe even of abandonment. The parent owls, who were together in another tree, a way off from the nest, both hooted back, in response, each time, but they didn't go to the fledgling, which needed to learn to make its own way in the world. This went on, the ornithologist-narrator reported, for *hours*. She found the whole exchange fascinating. I, however, found it heartbreaking; I all but cried. The mature owls were doing the right thing, of course, but I couldn't help sympathizing with the juvenile: hungry ... alone ... maybe a little angry ... and probably *a lot* anxious.

There are countless ways we might allegorize or theologize this tiny slice of nature. But what it brought to me, later, over a cup of tea, was the mysterious constancy of Christ. Like the mama and papa owl with their fledgling, Jesus creates us, feeds us, nurtures us, protects us, equips us and sustains us. But, at some point, comes the time for us to feed our own faith, too: to take a risk ... make a commitment ... be more thankful ... repent of a bad habit ... judge less ... rekindle a dying relationship ... give more generously ... pray more deeply ... volunteer more meaningfully. And when this time comes, Jesus doesn't abandon us—doesn't fly away; but He also doesn't hover. He allows us the time and the space to ponder, to try, to fail and to try again; and all the while, He prays constantly for us.

Perhaps, I came to realize, the true poignancy of today's "Bird Note" lay not in the archness and terror of the young fledgling's cries, but in the fact that the parent owls never left ... or failed to hoot, in reply.

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 Please remember to *set your clocks BACK* an hour on Saturday night. You don't want to come to church an hour early!



This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 06 November :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of All Saints (observed)* (spoken)

Sunday, 06 November :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 06 November :: 10:30 am
Church School

Sunday, 06 November :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of All Saints (observed)* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 06 November :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 07 November :: 11:00 am
Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 07 November :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 09 November :: 4:00 pm
Officers Meeting

Wednesday, 09 November :: 6:00 pm
Mid-week Eucharist (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Wednesday, 09 November :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 10 November :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 10 November :: 7:00 pm
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Friday, 11 November :: 11:30 am
Luncheon for Veterans and Their Families (following the town's commemoration at the memorial)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Saturday, 19 November, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
The Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, 21 November, 7:00 pm
A Kent Community Thanksgiving Service
We will host our friends from the Congregational Church
for a service of thanksgiving and fellowship

Friday, 09 December, 8:00 pm

Music in the Nave presents our

Annual Messiah Sing-in!

It Takes a Parish 2.0



You have been hearing and reading about Stewardship and have been asked to pledge to sustain and grow St Andrew's. Many of you have responded in the generous and kind-hearted way of our parish.

If you have not yet pledged, please pledge as generously as you comfortably can to support St Andrew's and to grow our community of Fellowship. Although the official end of Stewardship season will be 13 November, when we celebrate the Feast of St Andrew, we realize that some schedules will not accommodate that date, and we will gratefully receive pledges made after that.

The theme of Stewardship is that pledging is a way to express commitment to St Andrew's, to all it is to each of us and to all we do and aspire to do for others.

Less often talked about is Stewardship as part of Fellowship, defined as "a community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience." St Andrew's is all of those.

This year, the Stewardship Commission included a brochure in our pledge materials – its preparation embodied Fellowship. In addition to the Commission, a dozen people of St Andrew's participated in putting that brochure together and sending it on its way to all of us. Charmian Place and Michael Ward designed the layout. Karen Chase gave us her wonderful photo of the steeple that graces the front cover and George Potts, Michael Ward and George-Ann Gowan sent the other photos that show us at worship, work and

play. Jean Martino, Bob McDowell and George-Ann generously shared their feelings about faith and St Andrew's. Mark and Patricia Nordskog, Judy Perkins and Bill Dillon filled envelopes. Douglas and KC were guiding hands throughout.

That is Fellowship ... and Stewardship.

St Andrew's Wants *You*: From the Nominating Committee



It is, once again, the season to think about who would like to serve St Andrew's by standing for election at our annual meeting in early February. At that meeting, we will elect three new vestry members; two delegates to the diocesan annual convention; and two alternates to convention. Vestry members serve three-year terms. The vestry meets monthly, on Thursday evenings, and vestry members are also expected to chair or serve on one commission or head up a project for the parish. Convention delegates represent the parish at the two-day diocesan convention, which usually takes place in Hartford in mid-October.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charmian Place, is seeking suggestions for people it may nominate to fill all of these positions. These should be active members of St Andrews who attend worship regularly and contribute both time and money to the parish.

The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions that are submitted, as it forms the slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting. If you'd like to suggest someone—and you may definitely toss your own hat into the ring—please complete a Suggestion Form (available in the Narthex and the parish office; or we can email you one) and give it to Charmian or KC by 20 November. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charmian directly.

Just Around the Corner: The Annual Christmas Bazaar



Each year St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar signals the approach of Advent. And before the Bazaar can welcome shoppers, we will be arranging donations of Christmas décor, Golden Treasures, jewelry and Christmas tree ornaments. Please take some time this month to look over your own treasures and set them aside for the Bazaar. We are now accepting donations, and the Bazaar will be held on 19 November.

The Bazaar is also filled with good food! Baked goods, preserves and relishes all will be accepted all day on the 18th and also before 9 am on the 19th. Please consider this coming weekend to be 'stir up Sunday' for finding recipes and planning on your culinary donations.

The funds raised by the Bazaar support worthy charities close in Kent and the surrounding region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Oh No! No Christmas Tree Sale This Year



We recently received the disappointing news that our supplier will not be able to provide us any Christmas trees this year, and thus we'll need to cancel this year's sale. **Steve Morocco** has heroically canvassed scores and scores of tree farmers and distributors across the northeast United States, but no luck: Every tree out there has been spoken for, alas.

So, *just for this year*, please make plans to purchase your tree from another

local source ... and share the word with neighbors and friends who purchase from St Andrew's, as well. We do plan to return next year, however! We're already laying the groundwork to have a bumper crop on-hand in 2023.

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.

Lections for this Week

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Daniel 7:1-3,15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31



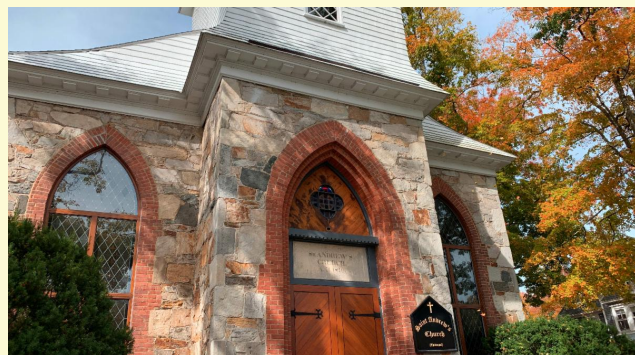
Past Services and Homilies

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)

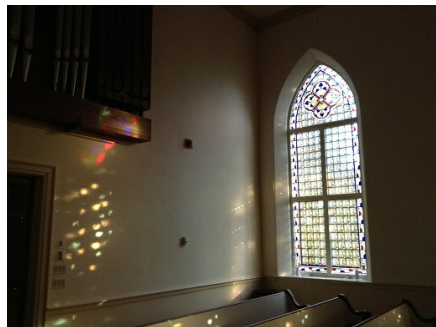


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