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Jesus' Healing of the Ten

(Anonymous work dating from the mid-11th Century)

Luke 17:11-19 :: Proper 23, Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well, and thank you to one and all who joined us, either in person or in spirit, to make last Sunday's Blessing of the Animals such a joy! I was amazed at how many people and critters ... including one lizard, two chickens and three horses! ... came for a time of dedication, renewal and fellowship. I've included just a few photos, below, that reflect the flavor of the day.

I write this column from a liturgy conference I'm attending in Rhode Island. This morning, the dean of (Episcopal) Berkeley Divinity School, in New Haven, gave the keynote address entitled "The Providential Eucharist." This was partially a pun on fact that we're meeting in our neighboring state's capital city. But the Very Rev Andrew McGowan chose this title more because he believes that the Eucharist veritably overflows with divine love and grace in ways that we too often don't give sufficient thought or voice to. (I agree!)

Providence is a very fine theme for this particular season here at St Andrew's. For one thing, our annual stewardship campaign is now in full swing. As I mentioned in last week's sermon, there are many, many reasons we are called, as Christ's disciples, to support our home parish: everything from

making sure the lights turn on and the buildings are maintained ... to a desire to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus with our neighbors in the community and across the world. But whatever reason—or, hopefully, reasons—motivate you, all of our stewardship begins and ends in *exactly* the same place: the providence of God. We pledge our monies to the church because God has blessed every one of us with an abundance of goodness; and in so pledging, we make those blessings real and tangible and practical in and for a world so sorely in need of Christ's healing, saving message. So please, I encourage you, consider the providence God has showered across your life, and make a pledge that will share it with others at St Andrew's, in Kent and beyond.

Providence is also a good theme right now because it is, in a way, what the Rev Canon Tim Hodapp is coming to us to talk about this coming Sunday. Tim is the diocese's Canon (that is, a special officer appointed directly by the bishop) for Mission Advancement and Coaching, and he assists all of our priests-in-charge (PIC); he has been a great resource and sounding board for me. Tim will preach at both Eucharists, and during coffee hour following the 10:30 liturgy, he will tell us a little more about the third and final year of the PIC process that we have now entered: what will happen, what we can expect and what the next steps are. He'll be glad to take your questions, too. Over the last two-plus years, God has showered providence upon Jim and me in calling us to St Andrew's, and I pray that you, as parishioners, feel much the same. So, please plan to come on Sunday and hear what lies ahead of us, as we stand ready to receive the still *greater* blessings we know God has in store.

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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P S Jim and I will be away on vacation from October 10 -29. If you urgently need to speak with me while I am gone, please call the number above. I have also arranged for clergy coverage in case of pastoral emergencies: Please call me or senior warden Randy DiPentima, and we'll connect you with a local priest right away.







This Week at St Andrew's

Tonight :: 8:00 pm

Music in the Nave: *Livingston Taylor (tickets are **sold out**)*

Sunday, 09 October :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*, with the Rev Cn Tim Hodapp preaching (spoken)

Sunday, 09 October :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 09 October :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 09 October :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*, with the Rev Cn Tim Hodapp preaching (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 09 October :: 11:40 am

Coffee Hour and parish meeting with Tim Hodapp

Monday, 10 October :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 12 October :: 4:00 pm

Officers Meeting

Wednesday, 12 October :: 6:00 pm

Mid-week Evening Prayer (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Wednesday, 12 October :: 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, 13 October :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 13 October :: 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***

Tonight, 07 October, 8:00 pm **SOLD OUT**
Music in the Nave presents Livingston Taylor

This Sunday, 09 October
Visit to St Andrew's by the Rev Canon Tim Hodapp of ECCT
Tim will preach at both Eucharists and then meet with the parish during coffee hour to talk about the priest-in-charge transition process we're in the midst of; he'll meet with the Vestry, as well

Saturday, 19 November
The Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar

Thank You: Another Successful Season in the Community Garden



Jake Fricker recently reported, with thanks, another wonderful season for St Andrew's plots in the Kent Community Garden:

*The garden is closed for the year. Despite the drought the garden produced very well. Kudos to **Kathy, Marel** and **Evelyn** for all their watering and care for the garden. Kent and Sharon Food Banks shared in the bounty, and*

both were grateful for fresh produce.

And a huge thank-you to you, too, Jake!! You give so many hours to planning, planting, cultivating and harvesting ... not to mention dropping off the bounty of all these labors at our local food banks, each week, so our neighbors can share in the summer's abundance.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to one and all who contributed in any way to the success of this year's season!

Bringing Back the Flower Ministry: A Thought from Marel Rogers



I'd like to speak about flowers. I have been able to find only two references to flowers in the Gospels: both Matthew and Luke tell of Jesus speaking of the lilies of the field. And that's it. But flowers are a part of our worship, and as we begin the season of autumn, when the flowers growing around us are fading, perhaps we should think how we might bring the joy and beauty that they contribute to our Sunday worship to those who cannot attend St Andrew's.

There is a long list of names on the Prayer List. My suggestion to all of us is to find a person on that list, perhaps an old friend or perhaps someone you have not met, and take the Sunday flowers to them. Vases will be available in the Narthex: simply arrange one vase and make that visit. It can be Sunday immediately after the 10:30 service, Monday or whenever you can visit that person.

Taking flowers to shut-ins, those recovering from an illness or welcoming a new baby, someone mourning a loss or someone who could just use a lift used to be a regular part of how St Andrew's parishioners cared for each other. We can do it again, and I predict we'll find as much joy in making these visits as those we visit find in receiving them.

— *Marel Rogers*

Thank You:
First Responders Recognition Luncheon



A hearty thank-you to **George-Ann Gowan, Marel Rogers and the children of the Church School** for creating and hosting a wonderful luncheon this past Sunday to honor and thank all of the first responders in the Kent Community: firefighters, EMTs, police officers and others. Several firefighters, EMTs and auxiliary members joined us, and a fun—and delicious—time was had by all!

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 will begin accepting donations on 01 November, and the Bazaar will be held on 19 November.

The Bazaar is also filled with good food! Baked good, 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.

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Year C*

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19



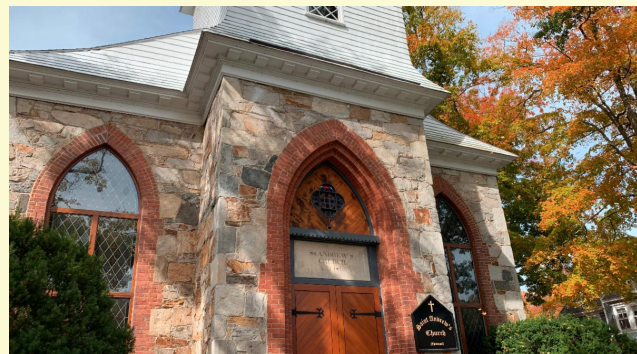
Past Services and Homilies

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)

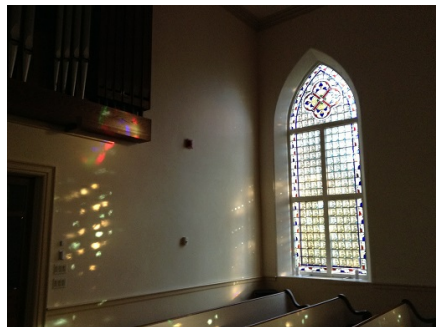


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