

# E-pistle



Saint Andrew's Parish  
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The Parable of the Good Samaritan :: Proper 10, Year C  
(Balthasar van Cortbemde, 1647)

From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden



I love this new photograph on the front page of our website. And not just because I was present, off camera and oblivious, when the talented George Potts created it. Thank you, George, for so aptly capturing the spirit of our

church.

One of the messages about St Andrew's the photograph so poignantly conveys is "welcome." As one views the website, the photograph appears just above the words "Welcome to St Andrew's Parish." Three images in the photograph convey the message of welcome: the open door, the sign on the door and the rose window. The images symbolize that message in three distinct ways. The open door is a physical sign inviting entry; the words of the sign reading "Masks are optional but welcome" tells the reader that the church welcomes inclusively; the rose window in the background is an invitation to enter so that its beauty can be appreciated more intimately in a spiritual place.

To welcome is to introduce people to a new place, a new experience, joyfully, to make them feel at ease. And who knows, in doing so, we may be hosting angels, without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2).

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Sunday, 10 July :: 8:30 am

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

Sunday, 10 July :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 10 July :: 10:30 am

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

Sunday, 10 July :: 11:40 am

Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Monday, 11 July :: 7:00 pm

Walking With the Word

Monday, 11 July :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 13 July :: 9:00 am

Walking With the Word

Wednesday, 13 July :: 4:00 pm

Officers Meeting

Wednesday, 13 July :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Wednesday, 13 July :: 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, 14 July :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting



Thursday, 14 July :: 7:00 pm  
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Friday, 15 July :: 9:00 am  
Walking With the Word

Friday, 15 July :: 6:00 pm  
Vestry & Staff Potluck

## Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Sunday, 31 July  
Gathering of the Backpacks & School Supplies for Kent DSS

Aug 5, 6 & 7  
The Tag Sale!

## Backpack Drive: Help Students Get Ready for a New School Year



Again this year, we'll be helping Kent's Department of Social Services with its back-to-school backpack drive. Every year DSS provides many families in the area brand new backpacks stuffed with school supplies and personal hygiene items, and also provides them gift cards to purchase new clothes and shoes.

Last year St Andrew's outdid itself in the school supplies department, and we've been asked to contribute again this year. If you can purchase a backpack, some school supplies, a few hygiene items or a gift card, please sign up any Sunday between now and 24 July; or call the parish office and let us know what you'd like to donate. (The sign-up will help Kent DSS keep track of what's been given and what hasn't, to avoid any gaps.)

This is a wonderful, tangible way to show our love and commitment to so many families, especially at a time when the cost of everything is going up. *Please consider giving generously.*

## New Fellowship Group: Walking With the Word



Join us for Walking With the Word, a new gentle walking group at St Andrew's, led by new parishioner Laura (Lu) Saba. We will meet on Monday evenings at 7pm (**NEW time**), and Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am, at the entrance to the Parish House. We will spend 2-5 minutes with an inspirational or thought-provoking passage to set the mood, and then we will take an easy walk of 10-15 minutes, followed by a short break back at St Andrew's, before repeating this one or two more times, for a total of 30 minutes of actual walking time, plus break times — you'll be back into your day in under an hour.

You can come for just one segment, or join us for all! Together we can create a gentle walking habit that we can build upon over time. Please come in comfortable, weather appropriate attire, with sturdy walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, and water bottle are highly encouraged!

## Tag Sale 2022: It's That Time of Year Again!



The Tag Sale is back!! Things to remember:

The Sale is ***Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5, 6 and 7***

- 8 am – 4 pm on Friday (early bird buying 8-10)
- 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday
- Noon - 2 pm on Sunday

Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage

Masks and social distancing are requested

For those ***wishing to donate:***

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning ***Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>***. Donation hours are 9 am-2 pm Monday – Friday, and Saturday, 9 am - noon
- No mattresses, books, clothing, toys or computers can be accepted
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken.
- Those wishing to have ***larger items picked up*** should call Bob McDowell (860-488-1635) to arrange a time for pick up. *Please note:* All items must be outside for the volunteers to pick up. Items must be of a size and weight that can be lifted by not-so-young volunteers. No upholstered items can be accepted.

Those who want to help ***with pricing, cashiering, wrapping and all the other things that happen before and during the Tag Sale*** should call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635). Pricing will begin on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in July.

The POD will be unloaded and furniture placed under the tent on Wednesday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 4:30 pm.

The Tag Sale offers an opportunity to experience what a marvelous community St Andrew's fosters. We look forward to working with you.

**News from Camp Washington:  
Mini-Camp Being Offered in Late July**





Not quite ready for a full-week camp experience?  
Check out Mini-Camp at Camp Washington!

Mini Camp is a fun filled program geared towards campers new to overnight camping and who may not be quite ready for a full week camp experience. Join fellow campers in playing fun games, splashing in the water, making crafts, and eating s'mores!

Mini Camp is for campers ages 5 and up and will take place July 24-26.

For more information about Camp Washington, click [here](#). To register for Mini-Camp or another summer camp program, click [here](#).

For questions contact Cameron Taylor, Summer Camp and Programs Director, at [ctaylor@campwashington.org](mailto:ctaylor@campwashington.org) or call 860-567-9623.

*(Note: All campers must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.)*

**Sacred Earth Sacred Soul:  
A Morning with John Philip Newell**



**Saturday, 16 July, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**\$40.00**

Saint Ann's Parish in Old Lyme is pleased to offer a half-day retreat with the renowned teacher, author and pastor John Philip Newell, a leading expert on Celtic spirituality. The morning will include spiritual practices, outdoor meditation, sharing, Q&A and a book-signing.

Earth & Soul is a Celtic initiative of study, spiritual practice and compassionate action inspired by the teachings of John Philip Newell. Its School and Pilgrimages are designed to nurture a vision of the earth and every human being as sacred and to enable the work of healing in our lives and world.

To register, contact St Ann's, using [this link](#).

## What's Your Favorite Hymn? Help us Sing It This Summer!



In the Episcopal Church, we're truly blessed with a wealth of hymns. Well over one thousand hymns appear in our three main hymnals (and over 250 more in hymnals that are, sadly, little known). With such a feast spread before us, there are many hymns we never get to sing at all—perhaps some of your personal



favorites.

In addition, many of us have come to the Church from other denominations whose greatest hymns aren't in our hymnals. You might sing or hum them to yourself from time to time, but we never get to hear them.

Well, this summer we're going to try to fix this! **Each Sunday, beginning 19 June, we'll sing a favorite hymn nominated by a St Andrew's parishioner** (with a little shout-out in the bulletin to whoever suggested it). You can nominate a hymn(s) by using one of the forms now in the Narthex ... or you can email Fr Douglas directly.

So, take that trip down memory lane, remember the songs you used to love to sing in church and let us all share in your musical joy!

## 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Year C*

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-32



## 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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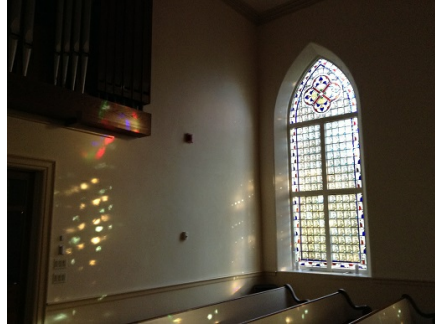
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