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Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend!

From Ned Reade, Senior Warden

The yard is full of sticks that blew off the trees during the winter and should be collected. The snowplow folded great clumps of sod onto the lawn, and they need to be flipped before they kill the grass underneath. Lilacs should be cut back before their buds appear and the fruit trees need to be pruned of their “suckers” so that the nutrients can fatten those peaches and apples. The floor mats inside of the car are like gravel pits with a layer of winter sand and pebbles! And this weekend we LOSE an hour's sleep! So much to do as the clock seems to conspire against us.

However, this season of Lent is the time for us to prepare ourselves for Easter, to ponder God's many gifts bestowed on us, and to anticipate the miraculous gift of Redemption through the rising of Christ from the dead to save us from sin. The collects in Lent urge God to come quickly to save us from our weaknesses. The prayers admit that we have no power to help ourselves and ask for the bread of everlasting life. Can we remember to take time in our busy days to contemplate our weaknesses and yet rejoice in the gift to come?

During the past year, this parish has come together in so many remarkable ways to support each other and lift up each other in praise and thanksgiving. No single person makes it all work. We have learned that when even two or three gather together, God is present. Let us continue to support each other in corporate worship in the weeks ahead and sustain this church.

The chores will take care of themselves!

This is another day O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen

Music Notes with Susan Guse, Music Director



During coffee hour the next few Sundays, you might notice a group of seven musicians hard at work in a corner of Parish Hall. We are preparing a selection for handbells to be played at the 10:30 am Easter Worship Service. Perhaps you have heard that when playing handbells, one needs to wear a pair of special gloves to protect the casting of the bell from fingerprints. That is one way to keep the bells clean, and some of our ringers do wear gloves. In our case, the gloves are more for comfort than bell hygiene. Current practice among bell ringers is to wipe down the bells after rehearsal with flannel jeweler's cloth.

This Sunday, March 10th, Kathryn Boughton from the Kent Good Times Dispatch will be with us. Feel free to stop by and watch us, then look for us on Easter Sunday, March 31st at 10:30. Stay tuned to the Epistle for more musical "notes."

Easter Flower Envelopes Now Available in the Narthex



As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter, we also take a moment to cherish the lives and memories of those who have left an indelible mark on our hearts. The flowers that appear on Easter Sunday create a serene and uplifting atmosphere —a symbol of renewal and everlasting love.

To participate in this meaningful tradition, you can pick up an Easter flower envelope in the narthex and leave it in the offering plate, with an usher or bring it to the Parish House during office hours. You can also email KC at **office.sa.kent@gmail.com** with your flower request. Every donation, regardless of size, is a cherished gesture that helps us create an altar of remembrance and joy.

You are invited to share the names of those you wish to remember or celebrate, to be included in our Easter bulletin.

This Sunday,
Kent Singers Presents:
The Peace of Wild Things



The Kent Singers

James Knox Sutterfield, Music Director



The Peace of Wild Things

**Music of
Benjamin Britten, Randall Thompson,
and Jake Runestad**

**Sunday, March 10, 3 pm
St. Andrew's Church, Kent CT**

Tickets: \$20 @ kentsingers.org or at the door



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**The Pawling Concert Series Presents:
Canellakis-Brown Duo on piano and cello**



On March 22, 2024 at 8:00 pm the Pawling Concert Series will present the Canallekis-Brown Duo. Cellist Nicholas Canellakis and pianist-composer Michael Brown, colleagues at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, have been playing duo concerts together throughout the world for more than a decade. In addition, Michael Brown is a critically acclaimed composer and Nick Canellakis a filmmaker and actor. They have been described as “a pair of adventurous young talents who play with their antennae tuned to each other.”

The program will include works by Edvard Greig, Clara Schumann, Camille Saint-Saens and Claude Debussy, as well as other works by other classical composers and contemporary composers.

This PCS concert will take place in the Gardiner Theater on the Trinity Pawling School campus. Tickets and directions to the school are available online at www.pawlingconcertseries.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert.

The Pawling Concert Series is generously underwritten by Andron Construction, Joseph Meunier & Sons and the Pawling Community Foundation. PCS concerts are made possible with public funds from Dutchess Tourism as administered by Arts Mid-Hudson, and with public funds made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

For further information on the Pawling Concert Series, including directions and future concerts, visit our website at www.pawlingconcertseries.org.

A New Parish Directory is Now Available!



A newly updated Parish Directory is now available! With new parishioners and many changes since the last directory was published, it's a fresh format in a smaller-sized booklet.

A few directories will be available to take home after Sunday's services. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office or contact KC (office.sa.kent@gmail.com) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

UPDATE: Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



**Four South Kent School boys on Sunday, January 28, with a happy Hartford resident at cathedral soup kitchen and clothing boutique.
Photo courtesy of Steve Klots**

Cathedral Clothing Drive - UPDATE

From Steve Klots: With South Kent on spring break for the next few weeks, please hold off, for now, on bringing any further donations to the parish. Let's

resume the clothing drive on Palm Sunday, March 24. In addition, while I'm always happy to take winter coats--I can store them for next year--with spring approaching, when the time comes, feel free to donate pants, casual shirts, sweats, and t-shirts. Men's sizes L, XL, and 2XL are needed in particular. Please contact me at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, 28 March
Maundy Thursday & Potluck

Friday, 29 March
Good Friday

Sunday, 31 March :: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist with Bishop Laura Ahrens

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 10 March :: 8:30 am

Morning Prayer: *The Fourth Sunday in Lent* (spoken)

Sunday, 10 March:: 10:30 am

Morning Prayer: *The Fourth Sunday in Lent* (with music) (in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 10 March:: 10:30 am

Church school

Sunday, 10 March:: 3:00 pm

Kent Singers Presents: *The Peace of Wild Things*

Monday, 11 March:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 13 March :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 13 March:: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 14 March: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

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, 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 placing 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.

Lectons for this Week

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Year B

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3,17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21



Worship Services

-Sunday-

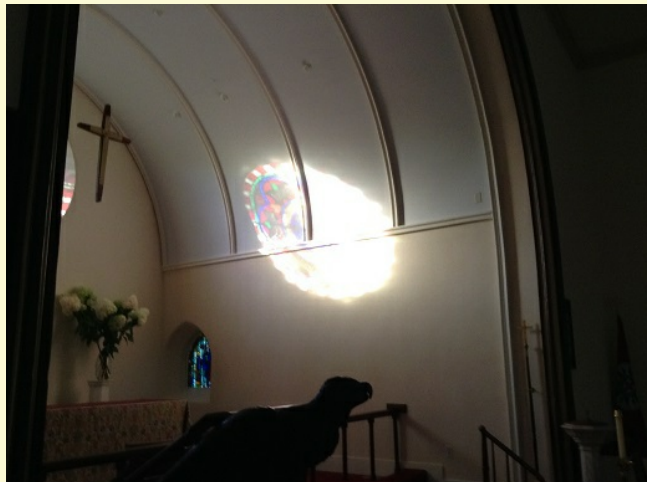
Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A.
(Parish House)

Thursdays

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.

(Old Vestry Room)

A.A. at 7:00 pm

(Parish House)



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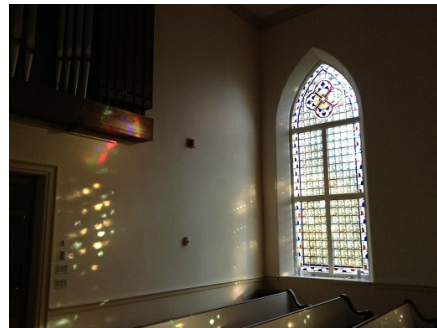
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