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The Patronal Feast :: St Andrew the Apostle (transferred)
(The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, Lorenzo Veneziano (ca 1370))

From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden

Just a week ago, Fr Douglas and I drove to Hartford together to the 238th convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. It was a noteworthy event for several reasons: Bishop Jeffrey Mello presided over the convention, having been consecrated and ordained as our diocesan bishop less than three weeks before; the convention was held in person; there were differences of opinion but no divisive dissension; representatives from parishes throughout the state shared concerns and challenges in interesting and sometimes edifying roundtable discussions; there were moments of bittersweet joy.

Bishop Mello, who recently served as the rector of a church in Massachusetts, set the tone by addressing the parishes of Connecticut directly, promising to listen to the clergy, lay leaders and parishioners talk about our successes, failures, challenges and fears as we get to know him and he us. He spoke of the exhaustion that many of us feel as we struggle, particularly through the past two-and-a-half years, to keep our churches open, welcoming and safe. He urged us to "be who we are and where we are," to be kind to ourselves and others, and to remember that God loves us "abundantly." It was an address filled with promise, good humor and kindness.

Two resolutions passed which merged the parish of St Peter's Church, Monroe,

with the parish Grace Church, Trumbull; and the parish of St John the Evangelist, Yalesville, with the parish of Grace and St Peters, Hamden, respectively. We heard from parishioners from all four churches, who spoke poignantly about the discernment process each parish undertook to work together to make the difficult decision to leave a beloved church to form a new one. Although sadly the reduction in size of each parish brought about these mergers, there was an optimism and joy among all four parishes that these mergers would provide a new opportunity to "reflect God's love to our communities" and further God's mission in the world.

It was uplifting for me to be present in a wonderfully diverse, large and joyful group, united in our common faith as practicing Episcopalians.

This Week at St Andrew's

Saturday, 12 November :: 9:15 am
Extra Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 13 November :: 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of St Andrew (transferred)* (spoken)

Sunday, 13 November :: 9:15 am
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 13 November :: 10:30 am
Church School

Sunday, 13 November :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of St Andrew (transferred)* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 13 November :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 14 November :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 16 November :: 3:00 pm
"Welcome Statement" Committee: Initial meeting

Wednesday, 16 November :: 6:00 pm
Mid-week Eucharist *(in-person and live-streamed)*

Wednesday, 16 November :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women *(Zoom meeting; email us for info)*

Thursday, 17 November :: 4:00 pm
Finance Committee

Thursday, 17 November :: 5:30 pm
Vestry

Thursday, 17 November :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 17 November :: 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***

Saturday, 19 November, 10:00 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
and the whole Kent community
for a service of thanksgiving and fellowship**

Friday, 09 December, 8:00 pm
Music in the Nave presents our
Annual Messiah Sing-in!

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.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Tuesday, 22 November



Many parishioners have fond memories of the joint services we used to have with First Congregational Church, and now Fr Douglas and their pastor, the Rev John Heeckt, are working to re-establish this tradition.

Please join us at St Andrew's on Tuesday, 22 November, at 7:00 pm, for our first annual (hopefully!) Community Thanksgiving Service. There will be readings, hymns and prayers, but no sermon or Holy Communion, as we come together to thank God for the bounty of creation and all God has bestowed upon us. A light reception will follow in the Parish House.

This is a wonderful, 'low-stakes' way to get others acquainted with St Andrew's. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor ... or bringing along your Thanksgiving houseguests! For we *all* have so very much to be thankful for.

It Ain't Over...



Well, our season of Stewardship almost is over ... officially, at least ... when we celebrate the Feast of St Andrew this Sunday. So many of you have responded generously to the need of our parish for financial sustenance and the opportunity to grow. Thank you!

We are happy to keep the active period of Stewardship to as short a time as we can, but realize that not all of our financial lives can accommodate that schedule. Of course, your pledges will be gratefully received at whatever time in the calendar best suits you. So it ain't over...'til it's over.

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.

This Year's *Messiah* Sing-In: Friday, 09 December



Hallelujah! Music in the Nave will offer our 11th annual *Messiah* Sing-In on Friday, 09 December at 8 pm. James Sinclair leads the Sherman Chamber Ensemble and guest soloists in a performance of Part One (The Nativity) and the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's glorious *Messiah*.

And who did we get for a chorus? You! If you so desire, sit up front: we'll lend you a score and you lend us your voice. Or sit anywhere else and just enjoy the show. Either way, it's going to be an evening of beautiful music and good times.

Tickets are \$20 and available at <https://bit.ly/messiah11> or the door. Students are free. For more information, call 860-927-3486, email saintandrewskent@gmail.com, or visit www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html.

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.

Lectons for this Week

The Feast of St Andrew
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Deuteronomy 30:11-14
Psalm 119:1-6
Romans 10:8b-18
John 1:35-42



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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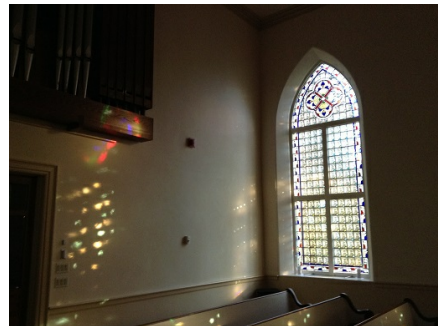
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