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St Andrew (François Duquesnoy, 1629-33)

From Chris Rehkow, Senior Warden

Celebrating Veterans Day

Thank you to George-Ann Gowan, Marel Rogers and their whole team for putting on a wonderful luncheon at the parish house on Veterans Day. The food was wonderful and the attendance was great.

I had a chance to sit and have lunch with two of the Veterans and their wives who were responsible for establishing the Veterans Memorial just east of St. Andrews on route 341. Many of the people in attendance had ties to St. Andrews 'back in the day' but had not attended a service in years. Now they were back in the parish house having lunch!

This is the kind of community outreach that is so vitally important to our Christian mission here at St. Andrews. Thank you again everyone who worked on this event. I'm looking forward to attending again next year!

Chris

This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 12 November

Prayer & Meditation (*Nave*)

5:30 pm

Saturday, 13 November	Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room</i>)	9:30 am
Saturday, 13 November	Parish Potluck & Tom Holcombe Celebration	6:00 pm
Sunday, 14 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St Andrew (transferred) (in person only)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 14 November	Refugee Resettlement Team	9:40 am
Sunday, 14 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St Andrew (transferred) (with music) (in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 14 November	Coffee Hour (<i>Great Room</i>)	11:35 am
Sunday, 14 November	Music Commission (<i>Library</i>)	12:00 noon
Sunday, 14 November	Buck McDaniel Organ Recital	4:00 pm
Sunday, 14 November	Bible Study: <i>Genesis (Great Room)</i>	4:00 pm
Monday, 15 November	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	11:00 am
Wednesday, 17 November	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 17 November	A.A. meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 18 November	Bylaws Revision Committee (<i>Library</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 18 November	Al-Anon (<i>Old Vestry Room</i>)	7:00 pm
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Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Saturday, 20 November	Annual Christmas Bazaar Returns!	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Saturday, 27 November	Annual Christmas Tree Sale Begins	10:00 am
Saturday, 04 December	Advent Quiet Day	9:00 am-3:00 pm

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

- Pursuant to CDC guidelines, we are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status*, because the level of community transmission in Litchfield County is **Substantial** (or higher)
- There is **congregational singing**, at the 10:30 service only

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services, as there are parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

From the Stewardship Commission

The End is Near!

... of the Stewardship season, that is... it will draw to its close on November 14, our observation of St. Andrew's Feast Day.

We hope that those of you who have not yet pledged will join your many fellow parishioners who have expressed their commitment to St. Andrew's and their support of our plans for a larger role in our community. Many thanks to them!

We have already had an enthusiastic response to the prospect of reinstating church school. Your pledges are the cornerstone of all that we hope to do in this coming year – from outreach to repairing our ageing parish house. Please join us by pledging so that we can harness our energy and eagerness to do more as a parish.

Lynn Perry
For the Stewardship Commission

St Andrew's New Refugee Resettlement Team: Now's the Time to Get Involved!



As of this week, a dedicated team of eight volunteers now comprises the **St Andrew's Refugee Resettlement Team**. As part of the wider effort being coordinated by the Washington Consortium of Congregations, our parish team will be responsible for *all the housing needs of a refugee family that will be settling in the New Milford area sometime early next year*. Our work will include securing them an apartment, furnishing it, getting all of the utilities connected, stocking the fridge and the pantry, etc.

Our work will be front-loaded: It will happen very early in the resettlement process, and it is one of the first tasks that must be completed. What we provide ... and how we provide it ... will also be one of our family's first introductions to American hospitality and ways-of-life.

We can always use more help. If you would like to get involved, or if you have questions, please be in touch with Fr Douglas.

At our annual meeting in January, we will elect three members of the vestry; a new senior warden; a new junior warden; and delegates and alternates to the 2022 diocesan convention. If you would like to suggest any names (including your own) to the Nominating Committee, please provide them to **Charmian Place**, who chairs the Nominating Committee, by **15 November**. The Committee will consider all of the names submitted as it compiles the slates for the election in January. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charmian.

Tomorrow: Parish Potluck for Tom Holcombe



The beloved St Andrew's Potluck returns, tomorrow, on Saturday, 13

November, at 6:00 pm!

The entire parish is invited for an evening of good food, good fellowship and good music. As Tom prepares for his retirement in February, he'd like to share with us one of his many gifts that we don't know much about. For years at Kent School he arranged folks songs and pop music for *a cappella* ensembles. So, after our supper, Tom and members of the Choir will perform a short concert of some of Tom's favorites – running the gamut from "Shenandoah" and "Edelweiss" to "Spanish Flea!"

Please bring a dish to share. It's sure to be a delicious, fun-filled evening!

This Sunday: Organ Recital by Buck McDaniel



This past summer, we have been happy to provide a rehearsal space to Thomas "Buck" McDaniel, who is the [Organist and Director of Music at St Edward the Martyr Parish in New York City](#), as he prepared for an upcoming recital tour. Buck was all set to share some of the fruits of his labors with us in a recital in August when predictions of severe weather (which never materialized!) forced us to cancel.

We are, therefore, excited to announce that Buck will be giving **arecital at St Andrew's this Sunday, 14 November, at 4:00 pm**. He will play works by J S Bach, William Byrd, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Jean Langlais and Marcel Dupré. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend – you'll be happy you did!

Save the Date: Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, 04 December

BE STILL

and know that I am God

Both Advent and Lent are more reflective, contemplative seasons in our liturgical calendar, and in many parishes, it is customary to offer a Quiet Day during each of them. This is a spiritual practice we're going to 'try on' here at St Andrew's.

On Saturday, 04 December, we will gather from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for a day of quiet liturgy (Morning, Noonday and Evening Prayer); some reflections on the canticles of Advent; and individual prayer and meditation. A quiet lunch will be provided, as well. There will be ample 'free' time throughout the day to walk, to journal or write, to pray and—perhaps best of all—just to be quiet: to still ourselves and allow the expectancy of Advent settle into our beings and color our journey through this profound season, which has far more depth than just being a countdown to Christmas.

If you are interested in participating or are just curious, please be in touch with Fr Douglas.

ECCT: Annual Convention Summary



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

On 23 October, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut held its 237th annual convention. (Ours may be the longest continuously running convention in the entire Church.) While the convention was held via Zoom, it still featured a virtual tour of the fully renovated Cathedral in Hartford; worship, in Morning Prayer; and a final address by Bp Ian Douglas, who will be retiring next year.

In addition to approving next year's budget and compensation levels and electing officers and commission / committee members, the convention also adopted several resolutions:

- Recognizing All Saints, in Cornwall, and the diocesan mission at Seabury House, in Bloomfield, as Intentional Episcopal Communities, thus giving them official status within ECCT
- Committing all parishes to become active in advocacy for the climate and to conduct an energy audit, with a view toward improving energy efficiency and reducing consumption
- Committing the diocese to explore and implement appropriate ways to foster right relationship with Indigenous Episcopalians and with our Indigenous neighbors; and forming a Task Force on Relationships with

Indigenous People

- Committing the diocese to review and explore ways to reduce the administrative burden on parishes of complying with our Safe Church policies, without reducing our commitment to keeping our local communities safe for all vulnerable people
- Increasing the diocese's investment in young adult ministry; and
- Examining the impact of various social biases within the Church's clergy disciplinary processes

If you'd like to read more about any of these resolutions, you may do [shere](#).

A Women's Day Retreat: Saturday, 20 November

Saint John's Parish in Niantic is sponsoring a one-day retreat for women entitled "A Waiting Place: Embracing the Space Between 'What is' and 'What will be' on Saturday, 20 Nov, from 9:30 am - 3 pm at Mercy by the Sea. *From St John's:*

Is God leading you to a time of waiting — that space between 'what was' and 'what will be'? It's in this sacred space where the old is finally able to fall away and a new creation can arise in its place. During this day of retreat, we'll encourage each other to confront and finally embrace this waiting place through thoughtful meditations as well as guided group and individual prayer and reflection. Space is limited to 20 people and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You may register online [here](#).

IT'S BACK! The Annual St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar!



Please consider this Sunday to be Stir Up Sunday for your baked goods, jams, jellies, chutneys and other delicacies for the Bazaar. Those items should be delivered to the Parish Hall on **Friday, 19 November, or before 9 am on Saturday, 20 November**. If you care to write up something about your offering, all the better!

Donations: We are offering Christmas ornaments, Christmas décor, Jewelry

and Golden Treasures this year. Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, 15 November, from 10 am until 2 pm every day, until noon on Friday, the 19th. Please note that the Bazaar is a collection of gift-worthy items, not a tag sale.

There will be a cheese cart, and also lunches. However, lunches will be take-out only.

We will request that all attendees wear a mask.

If you would like to help with arranging for the Bazaar or help during the Bazaar itself, please contact Marel Rogers (marelrogers@yahoo.com).

Thank you all!!!

Time to Start Thinking About the Christmas Tree Sale, Too!



The order has been placed, and soon the racks will be going up on the North Lawn. Yes, the annual Christmas Tree Sale is less than a month away!

We have between 250 and 300 trees coming this year. They will be arriving on the morning of Saturday, 27 November, and the sale will kick off at 10 am that day. It will then continue every Friday (4 – 6 pm), Saturday (10 am – 6 pm) and Sunday (12 – 5 pm) until we run out of trees. We need plenty of volunteers to help sell. If you can help, please be in touch with **Chris Rehkow** (crehkow@ncsplus.com or 917-544-1763).

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, Leah Pullaro. In addition, Leah has told us how useful it is for her 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 Leah'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 Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00 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 Patronal Feast: St Andrew the
Apostle**
Year B

Deuteronomy 30: 11-14
Psalm 19
Romans 10: 8b-18



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;

Healing Service at 8.30,

Third Sunday

In person

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

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



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.

-Holy Days-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays

A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.

*Zoom meeting
email us for info.*

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Parish House)

resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)

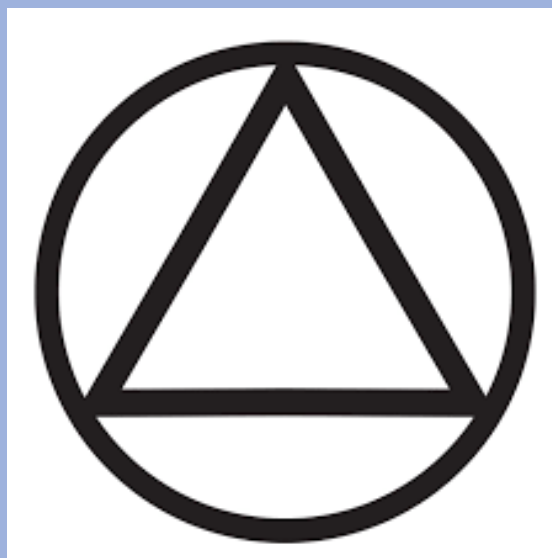
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Fridays

A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

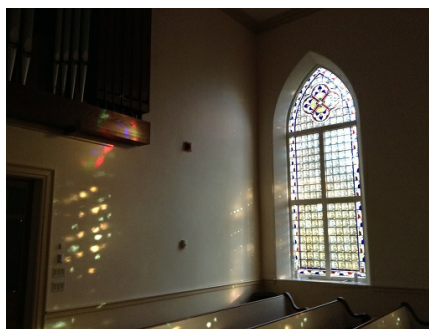
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resumed



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