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## Rogation Procession

## St Andrew's Current COVID Status

**PARISH IS NOW OPEN.** The parish is now open for in-person worship. At its meeting on 21 March, the vestry voted, with the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to re-open the parish for worship. This is a permanent decision, unless the pandemic takes another dire turn. Social distancing will be required. Therefore, attendance at all services will be limited to 30 people. (Those who reside in the same household count as one person ... but we will nevertheless be prudent about the total number of people in the nave.) Masks must be worn, and the nave windows will be opened to increase air circulation. There will be no congregational singing or distribution of communion at this time.

If you wish to attend worship in-person, you *must* contact Irene Connors (860-592-0030 or [collageconnors@gmail.com](mailto:collageconnors@gmail.com)). Irene will be compiling a list for each service, to ensure we do not exceed our capacity limits.

We will continue to livestream all of our services, as well, as there are many parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

## From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are having a blessed Eastertide. (The season of Easter continues through the Day of Pentecost, which falls on 23 May, this year.)

Every day since I traveled to Israel a year-and-a-half ago, I have prayed for the peace of Jerusalem: both for literal peace in a city and country that seems

perpetually engulfed in conflict of so many different origins; and, more metaphorically (Jerusalem being a symbol of God's reign), for the peace of God to take hold of this entire world and make it a place of universal justice, dignity and well-being for all God's creatures. The realization of God's peace on earth has eluded humanity as long as we have known God. Countless obstacles of our own creation stand in its way: inequalities of wealth, resources and power; deep-seated, generationally bequeathed prejudices and hatreds; and humanity's biologically driven aversion to change since it often brings loss—or, at least, the initial *appearance* of loss.

But for the last seven or so years, a peace, of sorts ... tenuous and tense ... has prevailed in Israel. Well, perhaps not so much peace, but at least the absence-of-conflict that can serve as a pathway to peace for those who wish to pursue it. Tragically, bloody conflict and violent death have now taken hold once again in Jerusalem, Gaza and other places in the Holy Land. This column is not the place to explore its deep-rooted origins or its potential resolution. That calls for wide, thoughtful discussion. But I do ask all of us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem: that the violence and killing end ... that each faction be willing to speak with all others, in candor and good faith ... that all parties, as well as international partners trying to help, come to embrace the mutuality and *agapē* love that genuine peace demands ... and that God Almighty bless the peacemakers and also turn the hearts of those bent upon hatred and injustice.

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,  
Douglas+

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## Weekly Calendar

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Friday, 14 May	Prayer & Meditation ( <i>Nave</i> )	5:30 pm
Friday, 14 May	A.A. meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	8:00 pm
Saturday, 15 May	Choir Rehearsal / Recording ( <i>Nave</i> )	9:30 am
Sunday, 16 May	Holy Eucharist: Easter 7 (spoken) ( <i>in person only</i> )	8:30 am
Sunday, 16 May	Holy Eucharist: Easter 7 (with music) ( <i>in person and live- streamed</i> )	10:30 am
Sunday, 16 May	Vestry Meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	12:00 noon
	Liturgy Committee Meeting	

Monday, 17 May	<i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 18 May	Anti-Racism Study Group <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 19 May	Bible Study <i>(via Zoom)</i>	4:30 pm
Wednesday, 19 May	Mid-week Eucharist <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 19 May	Visioning Team Meeting <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 19 May	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 20 May	A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	7:30 am
Thursday, 20 May	Al-Anon <i>(Great Room)</i>	7:00 pm

## A WORD ON WORSHIP: Incense



In my next informal discussion of various elements of our worship life I address the use of incense. You can view the video [here](#). As always, I welcome your questions and feedback!

## IN THE NEWS: Parish Rogation Procession



Jake Fricker, right, explains how he tends to the church's plots at Kent Community Garden.

In case you missed it, on Wednesday, the *Republican-American's* Ruth Epstein gave a nice write-up of St Andrew's rogation procession, which took place this past Sunday. The photo at the top of this edition of the *E-pistle* and just above were featured.

Thanks to John Barton, Bill Dillon, Sue Edgerly, Jim Hall and Tom Holcombe for making the procession ... and to Jake and Kathy Fricker for greeting us at the Kent Community Garden, where Jake filled us in on how we plant and tend the parish's six plots and where all our delicious fresh produce goes, to help feed those in need.

## IT'S BACK!! Tag Sale 2021

*The Tag Sale will resume this year! Here is a quick look-ahead from Marel Rogers, who's heading up this year's sale.*

Things to remember:

- The Sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 6, 7, and 8
  - 8 am - 4 pm on Friday
  - 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 will be required

For those wishing to donate:

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, July 5. Donation hours are 9am – 2pm Monday – Friday and 9 am – noon Saturday
- No mattresses, books, clothing 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
  - 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

For those who'd like to volunteer:

- Those who went 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 5th, and hours

are flexible

- The POD will be unloaded and furniture place under the tent on Wednesday, August 4, starting at 4:30 pm

## NEW IN THE PARISH HOUSE: Portrait of Roger White



If you come by the Parish House for any reason, you'll notice a brand-new piece of art gracing the entranceway to the office: a wonderful portrait of the Rev Roger White. The portrait (which, we have heard, Roger was quite pleased with) was a generous gift to the parish from James and Kate Vick. It was formally unveiled and dedicated in a small ceremony this past weekend.

How lovely it is to see Roger's face once more in a place where he spent so much time and that he loved so dearly!

## NOW AVAILABLE: Rogationtide Blessings of Gardens

This year, the Church will celebrate the Rogation Days—traditionally, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension—during the week of 09 May. During Rogationtide, prayers are lifted up especially for the crops, flowers and other plantings that are beginning to blossom and bloom: for their health, heartiness and abundance. There are many wonderful prayers for this.

Do you have a vegetable garden or a flower bed or even a yard that you've

been laboring on this spring that you would like to have blessed? Father Douglas would be happy to come by and offer an outdoor blessing anytime. Just be in touch with him: [Frdouglas.sak@gmail.com](mailto:Frdouglas.sak@gmail.com) or 860-592-0171.

(We will also be making a special parish procession to the Kent Community Garden, where St Andrew's tends several plots, after the 10:30 service on the 9th.)

## All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

## Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Laura know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

## Kent Food Bank



Please help the parish continue our support of the Kent Food Bank

by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund  
P.O. Box 262  
Kent, CT 06757

\*Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your check.

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of:

*Staples such as beans, rice, tea,  
coffee, sugar, nuts,  
hot & cold breakfast cereals,  
peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna*

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays  
from 9.00 to Noon  
*in the back of the Community House  
on Main Street.*

*Please DO NOT come into the Food Bank, but leave  
outside the door.*

## Lectons for this Week

### **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Year B*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26;  
Psalm 1;  
1 John 5:9-13;



## 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  
for 25 people with masks at  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



**-Wednesday-**

**Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)

**-Friday-**

**Prayer & Meditation**

5.30 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)

**-Holy Days-**



**Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)



## 12 Step Meetings

**Wednesdays**  
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.  
*Zoom meeting*  
*email us for info.*

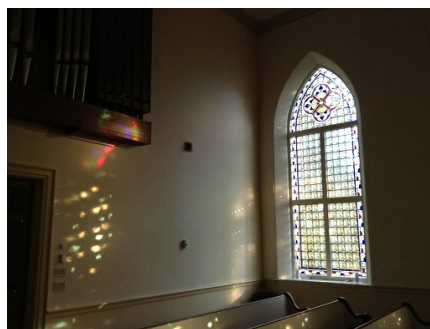
**Thursdays**  
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Great Room)  
*resumed*  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Great Room)  
*resumed*

**Fridays**  
A.A. at 8 p.m.  
(Great Room)  
*temporarily until First Church opens*  
*resumed*



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