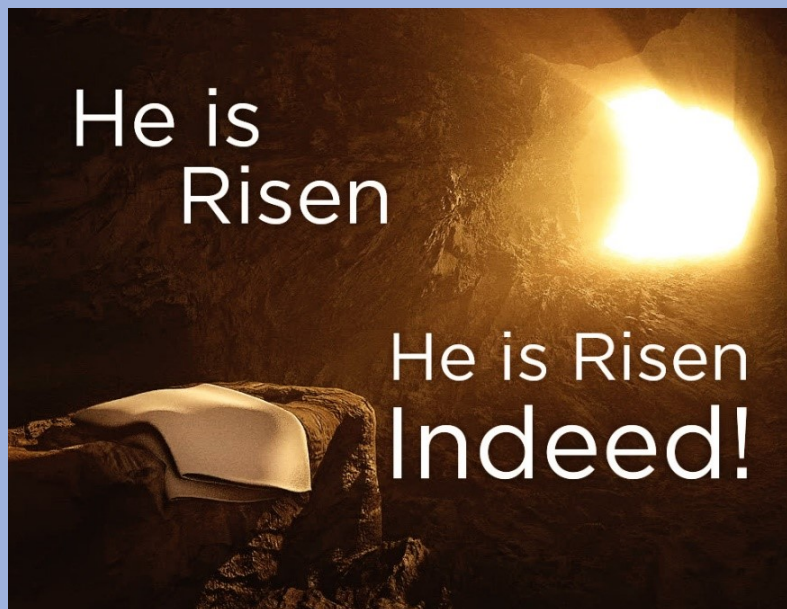




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He is
Risen

He is Risen
Indeed!

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well and having a meaningful Holy Week, in anticipation of our most joyful celebration of Christ's Rising from the dead.

As I was driving to the cathedral in Hartford earlier this week for the annual renewal of ordination vows, I heard a piece on NPR—perhaps some of you heard it, too—about older residents of Kyiv who cannot leave their apartments despite the ongoing atrocities. As the host introduced this audio essay, I prepared myself for a grim, gut-wrenching account of sorrow and despair. Instead, what followed was a beautiful portrait of life—*ongoing* life—in three apartments in one building in a decimated city. First was a couple, both 87 years old, who were just happy to be together. Next was a 90-year-old bedridden woman being cared for by her son. "Even though my life isn't great," she said, "I don't want to die." And last, a spry woman in her 80s who was making a batch of her renown sauerkraut and watching her great-granddaughter, busy making up songs at a toy piano.

Sitting in the middle of Holy Week, I came to reflect on how well this report about vulnerable civilians in an war zone that none of us could have imagined just a few months ago offered a rich image of our Christian faith: We know it and live it in a contentious, difficult and often broken world ... and yet, in Christ—and in Christ *Risen*, especially—there is always hope: the hope to carry on

... the hope of renewal ... the hope of new life, both here and in the world that is to come. He is Risen, indeed! He is *always* Risen. And "Alleluia" will always be the last word!

I invite you to conclude your Holy Week journey with us **tonight at 7:30**, for the spare, moving **Liturgy of Good Friday**, and **tomorrow morning at 11:00**, for the brief **Liturgy of Holy Saturday**. And then I encourage you to attend—to *try on!*—the dramatic and climactic **Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening at 7:30**; as well as our traditional **Easter Morning Eucharists at both 8:30 and 10:30**. After the 10:30 Eucharist, please plan to stay for an **extra special Coffee Hour**, and let anyone you know who has children that our **annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held then, too. (Families are welcome to come dye eggs and share in a pizza feast at 11:00 am on Saturday, in the Parish House.)

This weekend we mount the very summit of our faith and proclaim for all the world to hear the good Good News of Christ: He has slain evil and death, and we shall not die, but live! Please come help us make a most joyful noise, so all the world may know, again, the Hope of the Resurrection.

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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This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 15 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Friday, 15 April	The Liturgy of Good Friday <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	9:30 am
Saturday, 16 April	Easter Egg Dyeing & Pizza Feast (Parish House)	11:00 am
Saturday, 16 April	The Liturgy of Holy Saturday (Church) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	11:00 am
Sunday, 16 April	The Great Vigil of Easter	7:30 pm
Sunday, 17 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day (with hymns) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 17 April	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Sunday, 17 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day (with Choir and hymns) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am

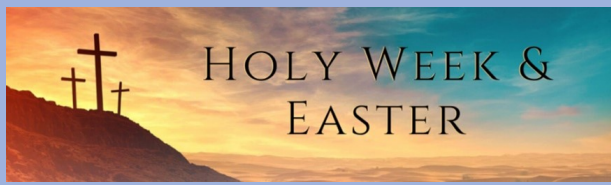
Sunday, 17 April	The Great Egg Hunt (church lawn) and Coffee Hour	11:45 am
Sunday, 17 April	Easteride Evening Prayer and Benediction (in person and live-streamed)	4:30 pm
Monday, 18 April	Holy Eucharist: The Monday of Easter Week (in person and live-streamed)	9:00 am
Monday, 18 April	LGBTQ+ A.A.	8:00 pm
Tuesday, 19 April	Holy Eucharist: The Tuesday of Easter Week (in person and live-streamed)	9:00 am
Tuesday, 19 April	Finance Committee	5:00 pm
Tuesday, 19 April	The Way of Love	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 20 April	Holy Eucharist: The Wednesday of Easter Week (in person and live-streamed)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 20 April	A.A. for Women (Zoom meeting; email us for info)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 21 April	A.A. Meeting (Parish House)	7:30 am
Thursday, 21 April	Holy Eucharist: The Thursday of Easter Week (in person and live-streamed)	9:00 am
Thursday, 21 April	Vestry Meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday, 21 April	A.A. Meeting (Parish House)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 21 April	Al-Anon Meeting (Old Vestry Room)	7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Sunday, 01 May	Sherman Chamber Ensemble: <i>Best of Baroque</i>	4:00 pm
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St Andrew's Holy Week and Easter Week Worship Schedule



Sunday, 10 April	Palm Procession (beginning at the green across from Foreign Cargo)	10:00 am
Sunday, 10 April	Holy Eucharist: Palm/ Passion Sunday	10:30 am (no 8:30 service this week)
Monday, 11 April	Holy Week Daily Eucharist	6:00 pm
Tuesday, 12 April	Holy Week Daily Eucharist	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 13 April	Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)	5:00 pm
Wednesday, 13 April	The Way of the Cross	5:30 pm
Wednesday, 13 April	Service of Tenebrae	6:00 pm
Thursday, 14 April	Maundy Thursday Parish Potluck	6:00 pm
Thursday, 14 April	Maundy Thursday Liturgy (& Stripping of the Altar)	7:30 pm
Friday, 15 April	Good Friday Liturgy	7:30 pm
Saturday, 16 April	Holy Saturday Liturgy	11:00 am
Saturday, 16 April	The Great Vigil of Easter	7:30 pm
Sunday, 17 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day (with hymns)	8:30 am
Sunday, 17 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day (with hymns and choir)	10:30 am
Sunday, 17 April	Family Easter Egg Hunt and Grand Coffee Hour	11:40 am
Sunday, 17 April	Eastertide Evening Prayer and Benediction	4:30 pm
Monday, 18 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	9:00 am
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Tuesday, 19 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	9:00 am
Wednesday, 20 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	6:00 pm
	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	
Thursday, 21 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	9:00 am
Friday, 22 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 2</i>	9:00 am
	Easteride Evening Prayer and Benediction	
Saturday, 23 April		9:00 am
Sunday, 24 April		8:30 & 10:30 am
Sunday, 24 April		4:30 pm

Spread the Word: The Great Family Easter Egg Hunt Is Back!



Spread the word to friends, neighbors, grandchildren, etc: Once again, St Andrew's will be having a **Great Family Easter Egg Hunt**. Parents and children will gather in the Parish House at **11:00 on Saturday** to dye dozens of eggs and feast on pizza. And then, on Easter Day, following the **10:30 Eucharist on Easter Day**, they'll search the parish yard to find where the Easter Bunny(ies) have hidden them. There will *also* be a wonderful Easter Coffee Hour for those who may be a little past the age (or the spryness) to hunt for colored eggs under bushes and in flower beds.

This is a great way to help introduce families to St Andrew's, as we prepare to open our church school in June!

Easter Week:

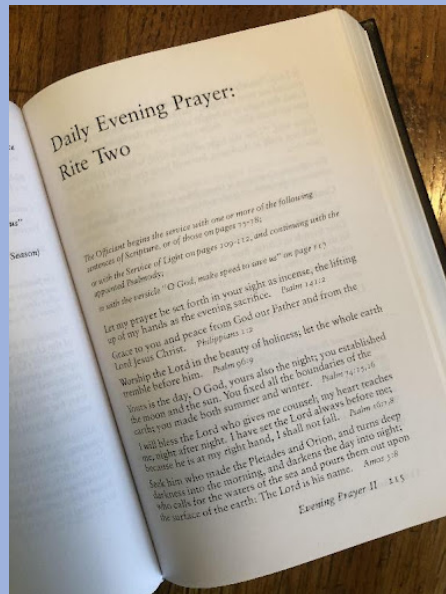
Fr Douglas Will Be Making Visitations



During Easter Week, Fr Douglas will be visiting with and bringing Communion to those who cannot worship with us in-person on Easter Day, with Bread and Wine that were consecrated at St Andrew's that day—so all may eat the same meal from the same table.

If you would like Fr Douglas to visit you ... or would like to suggest someone who would like a visit ... please just let him know.

During Eastertide: Evening Prayer and Benediction



Each Sunday during Eastertide this year, we will be praying Evening Prayer at 4:30. Some think of this office as the quintessential Anglican liturgy: quiet in tone, relaxed in pace and reflective. On 15 May, we will hold the office of Evensong—*sung* Evening Prayer—led by the visiting ensemble Saecula Schola Cantorum.

Following Evening Prayer, we will offer the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, for those who wish to stay. This is a brief but powerful liturgy in which we reverence and contemplate the Presence of Christ ... the Risen Christ ... in the consecrated Bread. We'll use a bit of incense during Benediction, but not during Evening Prayer.

We invite you to try on these liturgies ... and the practice of concluding your

Lord's Day in some quiet, joyful worship ... during the season of Easter.

Coffee Hour: Hosts Needed!



Do you enjoy Coffee Hour? It's even more fun when you host! Please sign-up now to host a Sunday in May or June!!

Sunday, 01 May: The Sherman Chamber Ensemble Returns



The Sherman Chamber Ensemble's "Best of Baroque" concerts have been praised as "stunning performances ... inspiring and uplifting." This year promises the same. Usually held in early January to herald in the New Year, this year's Baroque concerts were postponed to the spring out of caution due to the COVID pandemic.

Audiences will be treated to works by masters of the Baroque era played by the best of today's chamber music artists. The concert is in memory of the Ensemble's long-time friend and performer, harpsichordist Ken Cooper, and is dedicated to Bill McGoldrick, remembered for his commitment to the Ensemble.

The program will include music for piano, flute and strings by Corelli, Handel, Vivaldi. It concludes with one of the most beloved works of the Baroque repertoire – Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050* said by some to have secured his place among the greatest composers of the Baroque era.

Joining the Ensemble for the first time is Yamaha Artist and pianist Evan

Shinners, a graduate of the Juilliard School and now a mentor at the institution. Since 2010, he has devoted himself almost exclusively to the study and performance of the works of J S Bach.

The Ensemble will present this concert on Sunday, 01 May, at 4:00 pm, here at St Andrew's. General Admission tickets are \$25, and children ages 15 and under are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at www.SCEmusic.org or at the door. For information or reservations call 860-355-5930 or email info@SCEmusic.org.

The Ensemble is requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, a valid ID and masks. Children under 12 are not currently required to be vaccinated. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test will not be accepted as an alternative to vaccination.

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.

The Afghan Refugee Family Has Arrived!



The St Andrew's Refugee Resettlement Team is pleased to share this wonderful news:

They are here! We've met the family, and they were all great, very gracious. They seemed pleased with the house and the town (New Milford), fairly well rested and the children relaxed and at ease.

Two of us went on a shopping trip last week, to Zantuna Market in Danbury, and we secured a mountain of dried lentils and spices to stock the house as well as 12 pounds of Halal meats and a car load of rice and veggies from Costco.

We've also given them a tour of their house and showed them the house mechanicals and appliances. They're sure to have more questions down the road.

It was so moving to finally go over to meet them. It's a very good thing we have undertaken. Thank you all so much for your help and support.

Election of Next Bishop: Candidates Announced



The Episcopal Church in Connecticut will be holding a special convention in May to elect its next bishop diocesan. The slate of candidates has now been made public. You may read all about them, [here](#).

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. 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 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

Easter Sunday

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Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 10:1-18



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)



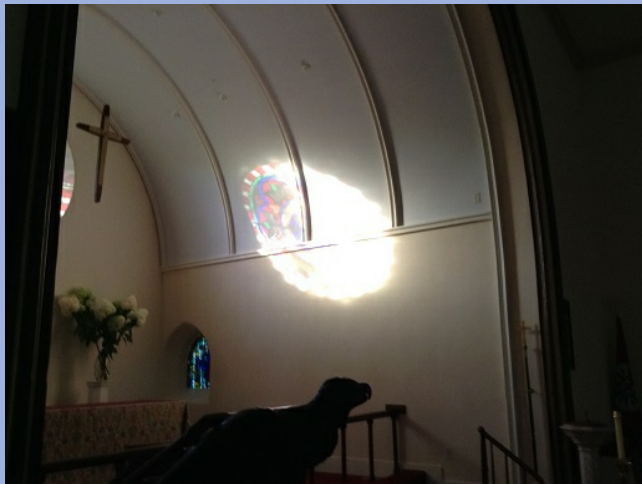
**-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.



**-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation**

5.30 p.m.



**-Holy Days-
Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.

12 Step Meetings

Mondays

LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

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

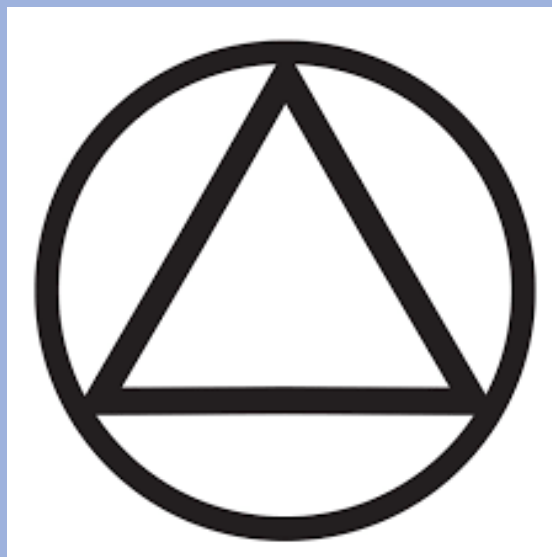
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)

A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)

Fridays

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

temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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