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The Third Sunday of Advent

From the Wardens

Christmas at St. Andrew's promises to be glorious. This Sunday the church school presents a Christmas pageant and procession to the creche. Sunday afternoon at 3p First Congregational Church joins us for a Blue Christmas service (more details below). Please note that the following Sunday, Advent IV will be celebrated by the Reverend Kate Kelderman at 9:30a; there will be no 8:30 or 10:30 morning service. We are invited to St. Joseph's Chapel, Kent School at 4p for a family service. Then, after the Altar Guild transforms Sat. Andrew's into its Christmas glory, at 9p, the Reverend Steve Klots will celebrate the traditional Christmas Eve service with the choral prelude beginning at 8:30.

This is the time to buy your Christmas tree if you haven't yet. We have some wonderfully faithful and dedicated people to thank for selling trees over the past few weekends in truly miserable weather. May this weekend be filled with sun and sales!

The vestry continues to interview and discern, even during this busy time. A more detailed progress report on the search for a rector will appear in a couple of weeks.

Blue Christmas Service With First Congregational Church at St. Andrew's This Sunday, 17 December



The joy the Christ Child brings to Christmas is universal, but not everyone experiences or expresses it the same way. Some of us feel the sting of grief—new or old—particularly at this time of year. Some of us are facing difficult challenges or decisions ... have lost something precious to us ... will be separated from loved ones or beloved traditions this year ... are coping with a final or chronic illness (or love someone who is).

Therefore, St Andrew's and the First Congregational Church will jointly hold a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, 17 December, at 3:00 pm here at St. Andrew's.

Christmas Memorial Flower Donations



Christmas is a time to celebrate, but also to remember loved ones and cherish memories made with them. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers and to have your loved one mentioned in the Christmas Eve bulletin,

please pick up an Altar Flower Memorial envelope in the narthex, available this weekend. You can mail it or drop it at the office.

The Christmas Tree Sale is Back: Trees Continue to be on Sale This Weekend!

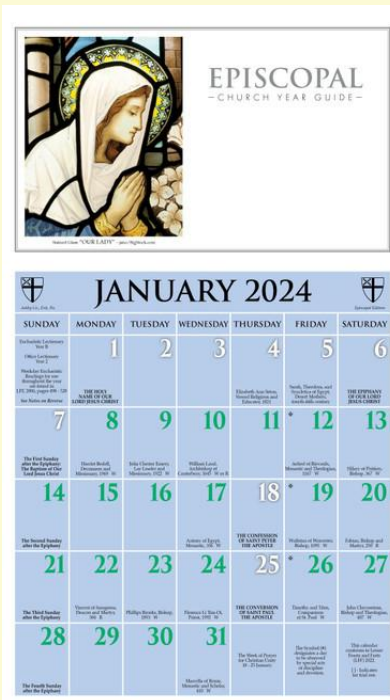


After a hiatus last year due to a tree shortage, St. Andrew's has managed to successfully procure 200 Christmas trees for this year's sale.

We are looking for volunteers to help with tree sales, continuing through mid-December (or until all trees are sold).

Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church and are ready for your name!

2024 Calendars Available!



2024 Episcopal Calendars are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Office. Please feel free to take one home.

Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



On the fourth Sunday of each month, **Steve Klots** takes a group of South Kent School students to Church Street Eats, the Sunday soup kitchen at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. As part of that, he and his crew distribute clothing, and he reports that, with winter approaching, there is a desperate need for men's coats (but not dress coats), blankets, gloves, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and pants. (Some women's clothing is welcome, but about 90% of the guests at Church Street Eats are men.) He would greatly appreciate the support of the parish in this. He will leave a collection box in the narthex of the church, and he will stop by at least every couple of weeks to collect any donations. Feel free to contact him at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions.

Kent Community Nursery School Presents Pancakes With Santa Tomorrow!

KENT COMMUNITY
NURSERY SCHOOL

PANCAKES WITH SANTA

Enjoy Pancakes and take photos with Santa

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16**
AT KCNS
8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

*\$5 per person
\$25 max per family*

TICKET INCLUDES: DELICIOUS BREAKFAST, MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA, CRAFT TABLE & DOOR PRIZES
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT KCNS

Located at
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH PARISH HALL
6 BRIDGE STREET, KENT CT

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, 15 - Sunday, 17 December
Christmas Tree Sale

Sunday, 17 December
*Blue Christmas Service with First Congregational Church
Held at St. Andrew's*

Sunday, 24 December
*Family Christmas Service :: 4:00 pm
Held at Kent School Chapel*

Sunday, 24 December

*Traditional Christmas Eve Service :: 9:00 pm
Held at St. Andrew's
Choral Prelude begins at 8:40 pm*

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 17 December :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Third Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, 17 December:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Third Sunday of Advent* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 17 December:: 10:30 am

Church School and Christmas Pageant

Monday, 18 December:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 20 December :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 21 December: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 21 December: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 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 Third Sunday of Advent *Year B*

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28



Worship Services

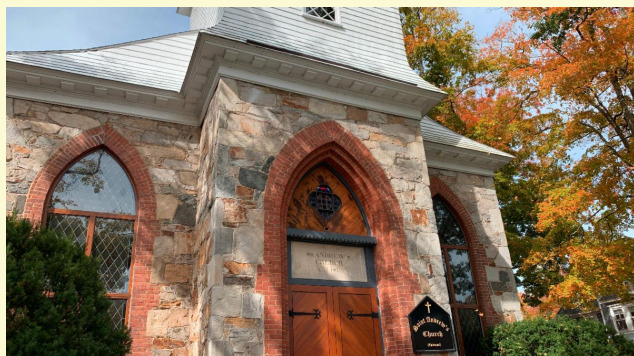
-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person

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



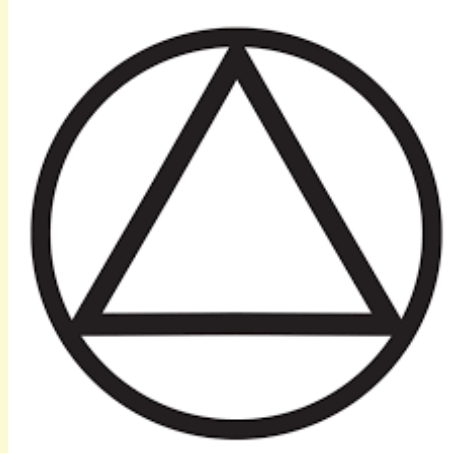
-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.



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)



Parish Staff

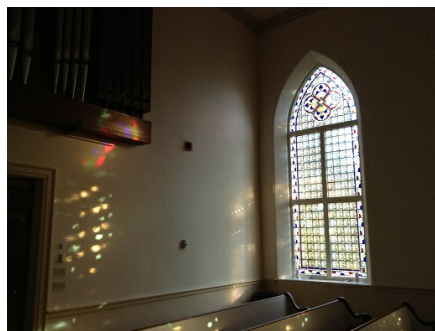
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