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St Andrew's Church in Early Fall
(courtesy of Deb Schlee)

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well. This week, I'd like to briefly touch on two topics near-and-dear to our hearts: wearing masks, which none of us wants to do; and receiving Holy Communion in both kinds, which, I assume, almost all of us want to do.

First, the masks. Several of you have asked why ... or have expressed regret or frustration that ... we're still wearing masks in church. COVID levels in Kent, specifically, and Litchfield County, generally, are low; and at the same time, the local vaccination rate is quite high. So why are we still doing this?

The reason is that we're trying to follow objective, scientific guidance about when vaccinated people should wear masks at indoor gatherings, rather than relying on opinions and preferences. There is medical evidence that fully vaccinated people can host the virus and transmit it to others without becoming symptomatic themselves. This poses an especial risk for those who cannot be vaccinated, including people who are immuno-compromised, people receiving

chemotherapy and all children under 12. To help prevent this transmission, the current CDC guidance is that *all* people, including those who are fully vaccinated, should wear masks at indoor gatherings if the level of community transmission of the virus in their county is High or Substantial. (The transmission level is based on the number of new cases in the last seven days and the testing positivity rate during the same period. A fuller explanation can be found [here](#).)

The level of community transmission in Litchfield County is currently Substantial, so we're still asking everyone to wear a mask. *As soon as the level drops to Moderate, masks will once again become optional for fully vaccinated people.* You can find the current level of transmission in Litchfield County on [this web site](#). In addition, both the *Epistle* and a sign on the front door of the church will tell you the current level and whether masks are required or optional.

And now, to Holy Communion in both kinds. While our Anglican theology is absolutely clear that receiving Holy Communion in only one kind (*i.e.*, Bread *or* Wine) is full reception, many of us are accustomed to receiving both the Bread *and* the Wine. Receiving only the Bread, as we've been doing since the Day of Pentecost, has been a blessing ... and yet, it still feels like something's missing.

Therefore, I am very pleased to announce that **beginning on Sunday, 31 October**, when we will observe the Feast of All Saints this year, **we will begin once again distributing the Wine in addition to the Bread.** We will do so using small, individual glass cups that the server will bring to you at the rail. (The risks—and the attendant anxieties—of everyone's drinking from the Common Cup still seem too high. We will resume this practice whenever signals indicate that it is prudent to do so.) If you would prefer, for whatever reason, to receive Holy Communion at your seat in the Nave rather than climbing the steps to the rail, we will bring the Bread and Wine to you there, as well. This is very good news, I think, and one more indicator of COVID's loosening grip upon our lives.

If you have any questions or concerns about either of these topics, I'd be delighted to talk about them with you. In the meanwhile, take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,

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Weekly Calendar

Friday, 15 October	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Saturday, 16 October	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	9:30 am

Sunday, 17 October	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 21 <i>(in person only)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 17 October	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 21 <i>(with music) (in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 17 October	Coffee Hour <i>(Great Room)</i>	11:35 am
Sunday, 17 October	Joint Vestry & Visioning Team Meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	12:15 pm
Monday, 18 October	Bible Study: <i>Genesis (Great Room)</i>	11:00 am
Monday, 18 October	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St Luke <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 20 October	Stewardship Commission Meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	10:00 am
Wednesday, 20 October	Mid-week Holy Eucharist <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 20 October	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 21 October	A.A. meeting <i>(Parish House)</i>	7:30 am
Thursday, 14 October	Al-Anon <i>(Old Vestry Room)</i>	7:00 pm

Upcoming Events To Note

Saturday, 30 October	Fall Clean-up Day (with lunch)	9:30 am
Sunday, 31 October	All Hallows' Eve: A Liturgy of Saints and Bonfire Reception <i>(see details below)</i>	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 02 November	Holy Eucharist: All Souls' Day, with a Remembrance of the Departed <i>(reception to follow; see details below)</i>	2:00 pm
Sunday, 07 November	Special Presentation on IRAs and Charitable Giving <i>(see details below)</i>	9:30 am and 11:40 am
Thursday, 11 November	Veterans' Day Commemoration and	11:00 am

Luncheon

Saturday, 13 November

Parish Potluck and Evening
of Pops Music to Celebrate
Tom Holcombe

6:00 pm

Saturday, 20 November

Annual Christmas Bazaar
Returns! (*see details below*)

10:00 am-
2:00 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.

The Music Commission Is Soliciting Recommendations

The Music Commission has officially launched its search for our Director of Music. There is a now [a page dedicated to this search](#) on the parish web site.

The Commission wants to consider as deep a list of potential candidates as possible. If you know a church musician who is (or may be) looking for a new position ... or whom we should otherwise be sure to consider ... please let Lynn Perry know. Lynn is chairing the Commission.

Sunday, 23 October: A Meeting to Learn How We Can Assist Local Refugees



Through St John's Parish in Washington, we have been cordially invited to attend a community meeting sponsored by the Washington Council of

Congregations and New Milford Refugee Resettlement. These groups are looking into becoming a Community Co-Sponsor of refugees coming into northwest Connecticut with IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services), and we may be able to come alongside them and help out. Ashley Makar, an IRIS Community Co-Sponsor Liaison, will be on-hand for a community-wide conversation on Saturday, October 23rd at 3:00 p.m., in the Judith Black Memorial Garden, to make a presentation and answer questions.

Several members of the parish are interested in attending this session and learning more. If you would like to attend, too, please be in touch with Fr Douglas.

Do You Know What a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" Is? Maybe You Should!

Beginning at age 72, IRA holders must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRAs.

After *both* services on **Sunday, 07 November**, parishioner Paul Orme, a Wealth Management Educator, will lead a discussion on how charitable giving and the RMD are related and can be of benefit to you and save you taxes as well. It may be a convenient way for you to pay your pledge to St Andrew's and to make other charitable donations, as well.

This discussion is for all parishioners—those who are 72 or older (or will be in a few years) and those are just interested.

You may be thinking: "How does this work?" Come and see. All are welcome!

Let the KECNS Fall Games Begin!



The Kent Education Center and Nursery School, long a resident of the lower floor of our parish house, is putting on an afternoon of fun and games for the whole family during the Kent Pumpkin Run on Sunday, 31 October. These will be held on the north lawn of the parish yard (where the Christmas Tree Sale takes place). We invite you to help spread the word: If you're a parent or grandparent, plan to bring the little ones. If you know families with young children, let them know.

We also have complimentary tickets for this event for families who cannot afford to purchase tickets themselves. Just be in touch with Fr Douglas to obtain these.

Looking for Halloween Plans?
Come to St Andrew's!



It's always fun to greet the little ones on Halloween and pass out treats. But if that isn't your cup of tea ... or if you don't get many trick-or-treaters ... then come to church at 7:00 on Halloween for a special Liturgy of the Saints. In a quiet, contemplative Evening Prayer-like service, we will recall the lives of Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth / fifteenth century English mystic; David Pendleton Oakerhater, an early twentieth century Native American deacon and missionary; and Jonathan Myrick Daniels, an Episcopal seminarian who lost his life during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s. After that, weather permitting, we'll have a bonfire in the parish yard, by the Close, where we'll feast on cider and soul cakes ... and some other goodies, too: no tricks, but plenty of treats!

Remembrance of the Departed: All Souls' Day, 02 November

On Tuesday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls, the day on which the Church remembers all Christians who have died, and especially those whom we personally have known and loved. *We invite all parishioners to submit names of family, friends and other loved ones who have died.* We will read their names, tolling the bell for each one of them, during Holy Eucharist this day. You may submit as many names as you wish to the Parish Office at st.andrew.kent@snet.net. Please send in all names by **Friday, 29 October**.

There will be a reception in the Parish House following our All Souls' Eucharist.

Just Around the Corner: The Annual St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar!



It's once again time to get out your cookie sheets, loaf pans, pickling spices and jam jars: The Christmas Bazaar is back! This year's Bazaar will be held on Saturday, 20 November, from 10:00 – 2:00. If you're a baker or a cook, start thinking about what goodies you'd like to whip up.

And *everyone* can begin thinking about gift items they'd like to contribute. Anything you would appreciate receiving as a gift would make an excellent contribution to this year's effort, which will benefit the Mission and Outreach Commission.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please be in touch with **Marel Rogers**.

October 17: Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Work Day



An outdoor (weather permitting) and indoor work day at the ReStore, Housatonic Habitat for Humanity's large second-hand store in Danbury, will be held on October 17. This store helps finance the work of making a meaningful difference in the lives of qualified working families, by promoting financial stability and self-sufficiency through ownership of affordable homes.

We are glad to have all ages on this workday, with minor age children being accompanied by a responsible adult or guardian. If you'd like to volunteer, please RSVP by 13 October, to the Rev. Jim Wheeler, Habitat's Volunteer Interfaith Coordinator, at jrwheeler53@gmail.com.

Please Sign up for Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour



We will be settling into a pattern of less grand but every bit as convivial Coffee Hours every Sunday following the 10:30 Eucharist.

Many hands make light work, and our Hospitality Chair Katherine Almquist is looking for volunteers to help host. As she's sagely reminded us, "Please remember that it NOT A BRUNCH! (Think of Welcome Home Sunday as Super Bowl Sunday or Opening Night.) What we need on a weekly basis is the equivalent of a pick-up game or a table-read. Easy-peasy. Snacks and coffee."

We know that some folks have not been able to sign up because Coffee Hour has been outside during the summer. **We have now moved Coffee Hour back inside.** All of the set-up will be on a single floor again.

If you are able to host a week, please be in touch with Katherine at kt_almquist@hotmail.com.

Parish House Sexton

Bill McLaren, our Parish House Sexton, has resigned. We wish him well after many, many years of service. The Properties Commission has started looking for a new person to clean the Parish House.

THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services

iris
INTEGRATED REFUGEE
& IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Perhaps you would like to know more about the charities and agencies that St Andrew's helps fund? Perhaps you might even want to get involved with one of them? Well, we will be highlighting some of the charities and agencies that

our parish supports via the Mission & Outreach Commission. This week, we feature Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services of Connecticut, a New Haven-based agency whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities. Here is more from their website:

"Refugee families who arrive from overseas come to the U.S. with virtually no material possessions. They have lost homes, friends, family, country, culture, and jobs. Most do not speak any English. They have no income, and many are victims of trauma, with physical or mental health needs. As great as their initial needs are, their potential to enrich our community is even greater.

"Asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance stabilizing their family situation often have many of the same needs as refugees coming from overseas. However, since they are already in the U.S., it is often the case that they have some limited resources or extended support network that can be built upon with the help of IRIS.

"IRIS provides targeted wrap-around services for all clients, using a strength-based assessment model, that offers long-term support for successful integration."

The services IRIS provides include basic needs (shelter and furnishings); case management (integration into the local community); health and wellness support; employment assistance; additional education; immigration legal services; education and youth services; English-language instruction; and services for undocumented neighbors.

To learn more about IRIS, you can [visit their website](#).

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

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

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.

Lectons for this Week

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Year B

Job 38: 1-7,34-41

Psalm 104

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45



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.

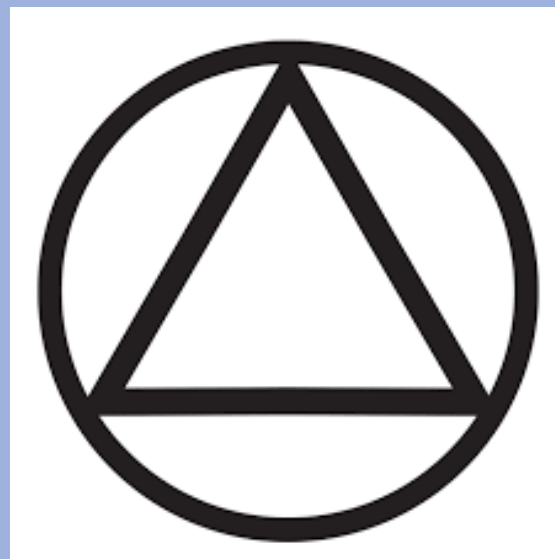


12 Step Meetings

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

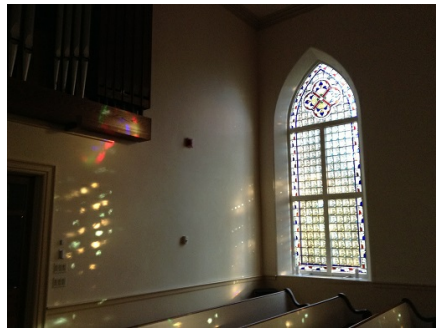
Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Parish House)
resumed
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
resumed

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



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