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The First Sunday in Lent

From Marel Rogers, Junior Warden

Ned set a high bar for the E-Pistle, and I am delighted to be Junior Warden under his leadership. As an 8:30 worshipper, I don't see many of you in church, but I plan on being at more coffee hours to introduce myself to those I haven't met.

This week we changed the colors at the altar to purple, and also draped the cross in purple. The color is for a penitential season, and the bare branches in lieu of flowers remind us to examine the framework that shapes our lives. It's a time that is, perhaps, best summed up in the General Thanksgiving of Morning Prayer:

“And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives . . .”

The Ash Wednesday service invites us to keep a holy Lent. May we do that together.

From Susan Guse, Music Director Bell Choir Request for Easter Sunday



St Andrew's is blessed with a three octave set of handbells ranging from the C below middle C, all the way up to the C two octaves above middle C for a total of 37 bells. These bells were donated to our church late in the 1980's and to my knowledge, have not been played with a group of ringers making up a bell choir. Since I arrived at St Andrew's, individual bells and small groups of bells have been used to accompany psalm singing and Christmas anthems sung by our choir.

Wouldn't it be great if we could play our bells on Easter morning this year?! To that end, we are offering rehearsals on Sunday during the month of March to prepare for Easter on March 31st. The rehearsals will be 30 minutes, held following our 10:30AM service during coffee hour; approximately 11:40 – 12:10pm. Dates are March 3, 10, 17 and 24. You do not need to be an experienced ringer, nor do you need to read music with great proficiency (although some knowledge of quarter notes and half notes is helpful to start). We need eight ringers to put together an Easter offering. Won't you join our group?

For more information, contact Susan Guse, Music Director, sjbguse@gmail.com, 845-242-1478.

A New Parish Directory is Now Available!



A newly updated Parish Directory is now available! With new parishioners and many changes since the last directory was published, it's a fresh format in a

smaller-sized booklet.

A few directories will be available to take home after Sunday's services. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office or contact KC (office.sa.kent@gmail.com) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



Four South Kent School boys on Sunday, January 28, with a happy Hartford resident at cathedral soup kitchen and clothing boutique
Photo courtesy of Steve Klots

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 well underway, 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.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, 28 March

Maundy Thursday & Potluck

Friday, 29 March

Good Friday

Sunday, 31 March :: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist with Bishop Laura Ahrens

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 18 February :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday in Lent* (spoken)

Sunday, 18 February:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday in Lent* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 18 February:: 10:30 am

Church school

Monday, 19 February:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 21 February :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 21 February:: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 22 February: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 22 February: 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.

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The First Sunday in Lent *Year B*

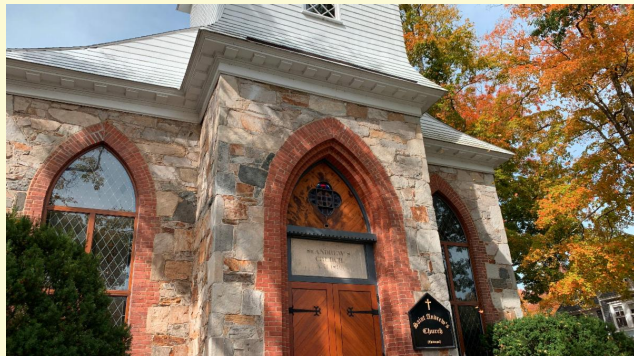
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-5
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15



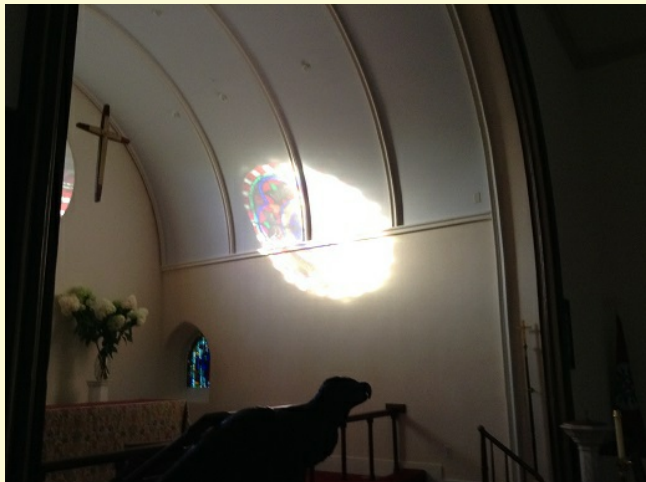
Worship Services

**-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)



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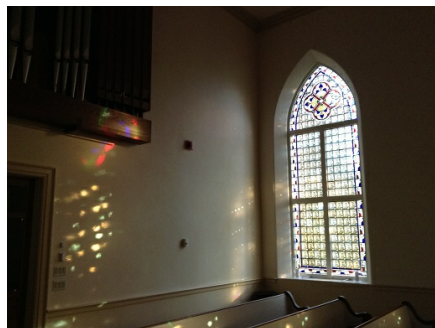
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