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The Parable of the Unjust Steward

(A N Mironov, 2021)

Luke 16:1-13 :: Proper 20, Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you to one and all who joined us for our Homecoming Sunday this past week. We had over 70 in worship and enjoyed a truly scrumptious potluck brunch in the parish house afterwards. (Thank you, *Katherine and David Almquist*, for putting this together!) The whole morning had the feel of a lovely family reunion.

Those who were here on Sunday witnessed my gaffe at the beginning of the service. I got so carried away in singing our moving opening hymn—reflecting on all the great occasions ... and with all the great people ... I've sung the Vaughan Williams setting over the decades—that I momentarily forgot where we were in the liturgy and jumped two steps ahead. (Thank you, everyone, for

going along with your momentarily wayward priest. And thank you, Susan, for getting me back on track!) As I reflected on this, I realized that carrying us away is one of the things liturgy is *supposed* to do: to transport and transform us. Good worship takes us outside of our own selves and connects us to Jesus ... and to others ... in a spiritually powerful way. Good worship opens our hearts to new possibilities and shapes our souls in Godward ways.

Therefore, it's good to be attentive to *how* we worship: the words, the music, the seasons. Since we're now about half-way through our annual journey from Pentecost to Advent (which some call "Ordinary Time"*), we will be swapping out a couple of things in our Sunday liturgy. With the season of harvest and planning upon us, we will pray a new set of prayers of the people and a new eucharistic prayer that both center on creation: on the creation-power of God and the creative—creational—dynamic between God and humanity. (The eucharistic prayer is from the Church's approved set of supplemental rites, and if you'd like to get familiar with its words, you can find the complete prayer [here](#).) And at 10:30, we'll be singing new settings of the *Gloria* and *Sanctus & Benedictus*, as well as singing some very short, very easy meditative chants during Communion.

The God Whom we worship is always the same, and the grace of Christ we partake of in Eucharist never varies. And yet, there are myriad—indeed, unlimited—ways to experience and grow in them. So, join us over the next several weeks as we 'try on' a few new ways, and see how you may be transformed!

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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* A little bit of liturgical trivia: "Ordinary Time" is so called not because it is plain or not-special, but because the Sundays of the season are simply counted by *ordinal* numbers (the *Second* Sunday after Pentecost, then the *Third*, then the *Fourth*, etc) rather than keyed to the passage of a specific season like Advent or Lent.

This Week at St Andrew's

Saturday, 17 September :: 11:00 am
Mary Dingee's Funeral

Sunday, 18 September :: 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 18 September :: 9:15 am
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 18 September :: 10:30 am
Church School

Sunday, 18 September :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 18 September :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 19 September :: 11:00 am
Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 19 September :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Tuesday, 20 September :: 11:00 am
Class: *Introduction to the BCP*

Wednesday, 21 September :: 6:00 pm
The Feast of St Matthew (in-person and live-streamed)

Wednesday, 21 September :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 22 September :: 1:00 pm
Thursday Afternoon Club (porch of the Kingsley Tavern)

Thursday, 22 September :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 22 September :: 7:00 pm
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

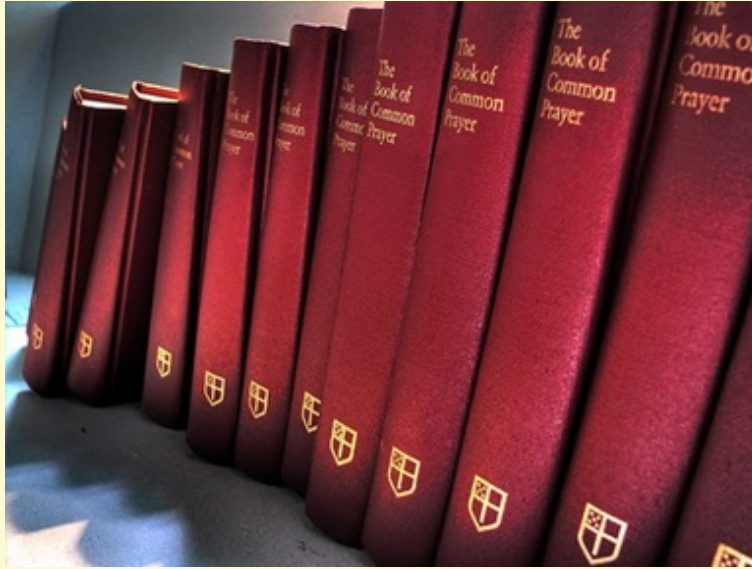
**Details about many of these events can be found later
in this issue of the *Epistle***

Sunday, 02 October, 11:40 am
Annual Blessing of the Animals
on the South Lawn

Friday, 07 October, 8:00 pm
Music in the Nave presents Livingston Taylor

Sunday, 09 October
Visit to St Andrew's by the Rev Canon Tim Hodapp of ECCT
Tim will preach at both Eucharists and then meet with the parish during coffee hour to talk about the priest-in-charge transition process we're in the midst of;

Every Tuesday: Introduction to the Prayer Book

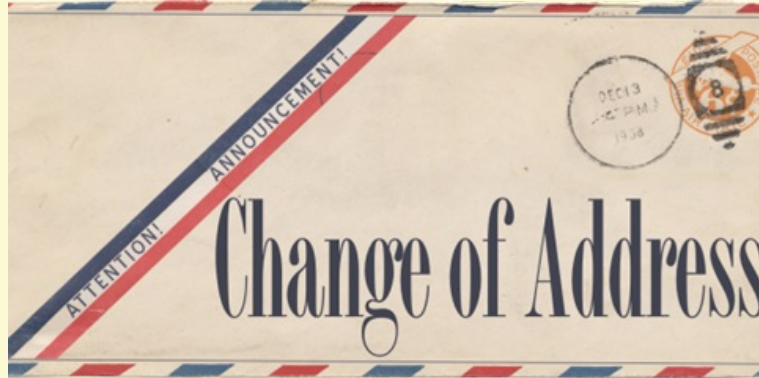


Have you always wondered what *else* is in the 1,000 pages of *The Book of Common Prayer*, in addition to the few pages we use on Sunday morning? Does the fact that it even has 1,000 pages intimidate you a little? Have you tried praying Morning or Evening Prayer on your own but ended up a bit bewildered? Would you like to know more about the Church's calendar and psalms and prayers?

Well, you're in luck! **For five consecutive weeks, beginning Tuesday, 06 September, at 11:00 am**, we will explore the wonderful heritage and thoughtful theology that is our *Book of Common Prayer*. Each class will be a self-contained unit, focusing on one aspect of the BCP, starting with its history: how it came to be ... and to be revised ... over the last 450 years. (In November, we'll offer a few 'bonus' sessions on some lesser-known features of the BCP. But the September / October classes will cover all the fundamentals.)

It is an ancient adage of the Church that *the way we pray*—the way we worship—*constitutes what we believe*. For Episcopalians, the BCP is the way we pray. So, if you'd like to know more about what we believe (and, thus, why we pray as we do), please be sure to join us!

Make a Note: New Parish Email Address



After many years of faithful service, our snet.net email address has gone the way of the dodo. *We can no longer read or respond to any messages sent to this address.*

We now have **a NEW general parish email address:** saintandrewskent@gmail.com. Please make a note of this. You can use this for general questions or information ... or if you don't know where else to send your message.

As always, you can email Fr Douglas directly at frdouglas.sak@gmail.com and KC Compton, our parish administrator, directly at office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

In October: Livingston Taylor, Live at St Andrew's!



For fifty years, Livingston Taylor has been serving up a brew of rock, folk, Broadway and gospel while charting Top-40 hits such as "I Will Be in Love with You." Massachusetts even declared an official Livingston Taylor Day! To kick off Music in the Nave's 2022-23 season, he'll be playing St Andrew's on Friday, 07 October, at 8 pm. Make that your Livingston Taylor Night!

To purchase tickets, just click on [this link](#). All tickets are \$30.

Thank You! To All KML Bake Sale Participants



Our hearty thanks to all who baked, set up, sold and took down for the bake sale we had this past Saturday at the KML Carnival. We raised a substantial sum for the Library; met several new folks in town who may visit us in the near future; and had a wonderful afternoon on the green!

Special thanks to **Patricia Carr, Bill Dillon, Jane Farnol, Jim Hall, Ron Marasco and Steve Morocco** for all they did to make this event such a success!

Funeral for Mary Dingee

A service celebrating the resurrection of Mary Dingee, who died in June, will be held in the Nave at 11:00 am tomorrow, 17 September. A luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.

Mary's family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Torrington Soup Kitchen. (If you'd care to make your check payable to the parish, we'll aggregate all the fund received and pass them along to the Kitchen in Mary's honor.)

Kent Senior Center Activities: September 2022



Mondays, 19 & 26 September

Meditation, 10:00 am

Arts and Crafts, 11:00 am

Wednesdays, 21 & 28 September

Board Games & Card Games, 10:00 am

Chair Exercise, 11:00 am

Coming Soon

Healthy Living Speaker Series, Thursdays at 10:30 am

Fall Pancake Brunch, 29 September, 10:30 am

Call Kent Social Services for additional information: 860-927-1586

**In Litchfield Magazine:
A Profile of the Refugee Family We Helped**



Litchfield Magazine has published a [lovely article](#) on the Awrang family, refugees from Afghanistan whom we helped resettle in New Milford as part of the Washington Refugee Resettlement Project. It features a description of father Alibaba's beautiful calligraphic art and an update on how the family is getting on in their new home.

Bp Douglas' Retirement: Make a Farewell Gift in His Honor



BISHOP IAN'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

In accordance with recent tradition, to honor our Bishop on his retirement, the Diocese has set up a fund for donations in his honor to two organizations designated by him. Given his longstanding commitment to environmental issues and our work on the stewardship of creation, Bishop Ian has chosen the Connecticut River Conservancy and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). IRIS provides wrap-around services for refugee families, asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance to stabilize their family situations in the United States. [Give today](#)

Note: IRIS was instrumental in resettling hundreds of Afghan refugees in Connecticut, including our own Awrang family!

Now on Fourth Thursdays: The Thursday Afternoon Club



The Thursday Afternoon Club, a fellowship group for all widows, is *now*

meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on this Thursday, **23 September**. We bring our own lunches and beverages to the porch of the Kingsley Tavern, 14 North Main Street, and gather for great conversation, mutual support and a good time. Please consider joining us.

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.

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 new 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 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.

Lections for this Week

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Year C*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13



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

**-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist**
6.00 p.m.

**-Holy Days-
Holy Eucharist**
9.00 a.m.



12 Step Meetings

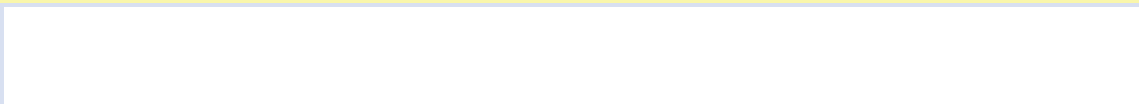
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(Parish House)

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

Thursdays
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)



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