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Jesus Casts Out Demons from the Gerasene Man :: Proper 7, Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the these first budding weeks of summer. (I know the calendar says summer begins in a few days, but I always feel like the season *really* gets started on Independence Day.)

Last week, I had the pleasure of meeting with Kent's new Director of Social Services, Samantha Hasenflue. Samantha began working in Town Hall earlier this spring, and she comes to Kent having served in several nearby communities. While I know we will miss Leah Pullaro, I think we're fortunate to have someone like Samantha succeed her.

A few of the things Samantha and I talked about:

- We will participate in the *back-to-school backpack drive* again this year. (I know, it's too early to be talking about back-to-school already!) Samantha is gathering names of students who'd like backpacks and will give us a firm count in a few weeks. We'll then take the month of July to gather in all our goodies.
- The town *Food Bank is looking for additional volunteers* Help is needed on Thursday mornings, when orders arrive from distribution centers and need to be put away; and Friday mornings, when the food bank is open

for clients. There is definitely a many-hands-make-light-work ethos here, and you may start as an alternate if you're not ready to commit to a regular schedule. Also, the Food Bank could really use *donations of hygiene products and laundry detergent*.

- Samantha is in the process of hiring an assistant. Once she has, she will be able to turn her attention to the *Kent Senior Center, located at Templeton Farms*. Her dream is to have frequent programs there—book discussions, movie viewings, crafts, etc. I didn't think it was going too far out on a limb to tell her St Andrew's probably has some folks who'd be happy to help with some of these events. In addition, she will be re-starting the weekly lunch program at the Senior Center, and we'll be on the schedule to provide some meals.

Finally, Samantha shared with me that the number-one issue folks have been coming to her with since she arrived is housing. In this overheated real estate market, many landlords are choosing to sell the properties they've been renting, and, Samantha reports, there is often nowhere else in or around Kent for these low-income residents to live. (Some choose to live in their cars for a while. Some move to distant shelters or move away to live with relatives.) I invite your prayers for our neighbors who are losing homes they can afford to live in. In a few weeks, we will hear Jesus say, in the Gospel according to Luke, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." His broader point is the level commitment it takes to follow Him ... but clearly, what is good for foxes and birds is good for people, too.

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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This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 17 June :: 5:30 pm
Prayer & Meditation

Sunday, 19 June :: 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Second Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 19 June :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Second Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 19 June :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 20 June :: 11:00 am
Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 20 June :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 22 June :: 6:00 pm
Midweek Holy Eucharist (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Wednesday, 22 June :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 23 June :: 7:30 am
A.A. meeting (Parish House)

Thursday, 23 June :: 1:00 pm
Thursday Afternoon Club

Thursday, 23 June :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 23 June :: 7:00 pm
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Friday, 24 June :: 9:00 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist* (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

August 5, 6, & 7

The Tag Sale!

What's Your Favorite Hymn? Help us Sing It This Summer!



In the Episcopal Church, we're truly blessed with a wealth of hymns. Well over one thousand hymns appear in our three main hymnals (and over 250 more in

hymnals that are, sadly, little known). With such a feast spread before us, there are many hymns we never get to sing at all—perhaps some of your personal favorites.

In addition, many of us have come to the Church from other denominations whose greatest hymns aren't in our hymnals. You might sing or hum them to yourself from time to time, but we never get to hear them.

Well, this summer we're going to try to fix this! **Each Sunday, beginning 19 June, we'll sing a favorite hymn nominated by a St Andrew's parishioner** (with a little shout-out in the bulletin to whoever suggested it). You can nominate a hymn(s) by using one of the forms now in the Narthex ... or you can email Fr Douglas directly.

So, take that trip down memory lane, remember the songs you used to love to sing in church and let us all share in your musical joy!

Tag Sale 2022: It's That Time of Year Again!



The Tag Sale is back!! Things to remember:

The Sale is ***Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5, 6 and 7***

- 8 am – 4 pm on Friday (early bird buying 8-10)
- 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday
- Noon - 2 pm on Sunday

Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage

Masks and social distancing are requested

For those ***wishing to donate:***

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning ***Wednesday, July 6th***. Donation hours are 9 am-2 pm Monday – Friday, and Saturday, 9 am - noon
- No mattresses, books, clothing, toys or computers can be accepted
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken.
- Those wishing to have ***larger items picked up*** should call Bob McDowell (860-488-1635) to arrange a time for pick up. *Please note:* All items must

be outside for the volunteers to pick up. Items must be of a size and weight that can be lifted by not-so-young volunteers. No upholstered items can be accepted.

Those who want to help *with pricing, cashiering, wrapping and all the other things that happen before and during the Tag Sale* should call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635). Pricing will begin on July 6th, and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in July.

The POD will be unloaded and furniture placed under the tent on Wednesday evening, August 3rd, starting at 4:30 pm.

The Tag Sale offers an opportunity to experience what a marvelous community St Andrew's fosters. We look forward to working with you.

Volunteers Needed: The St Andrew's Community Garden



Our stalwart, hard-working gardener **Jake Fricker** has planted the six plots in the Kent Community Garden that St Andrew's maintains. Again this year, the produce will be donated to the food banks in Kent and Sharon.

Jake generously does so much of the work all by himself. *BUT, he needs people who can water*, especially in early July when he and Kathy won't be available. *If you can spend 10 or 15 minutes watering, please let Jake know* (869-364-9890).

This Monday: A Prayer for Juneteenth



Last year, Congress made Juneteenth, the day of June 19th, a federal holiday. A celebration of the final abolition of chattel slavery in the United States, Juneteenth commemorates the day in 1865 when the Emancipation Proclamation was officially announced in Galveston, Texas, following the end of the Civil War. Texas was the last state in the Confederacy to sanction slavery. (Because June 19th falls on a Sunday this year, the holiday will be observed on Monday.)

The Right Reverend Deon Johnson, bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, has written this prayer for Juneteenth:

Almighty God, you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of the captives; We remember before you our sisters and brothers in Galveston, Texas, who received the glad tidings of their emancipation; Forgive us for the many grave sins that delayed that liberating word; Anoint us with your Spirit to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Afghan Family Resettlement Update



Our own **Sid Head**, with an assist from his son **Alec** (who just graduated from

Perdue—congratulations, Alec!), recently created a raised bed garden for the Awrang family in New Milford. Sid reports that he thinks the family will enjoy having a garden. Alibaba (the father) seems to know how to grow tomatoes, and he's now looking for three more plants, tomatoes or squash.

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

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1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm 42:1-7 & Psalm 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



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**

9.00 a.m.



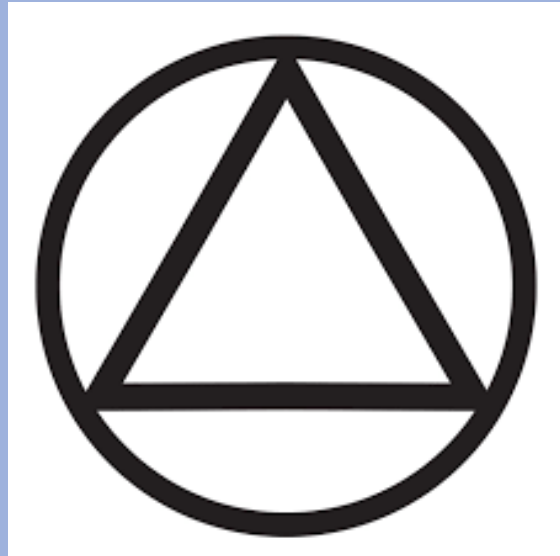
12 Step Meetings

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)

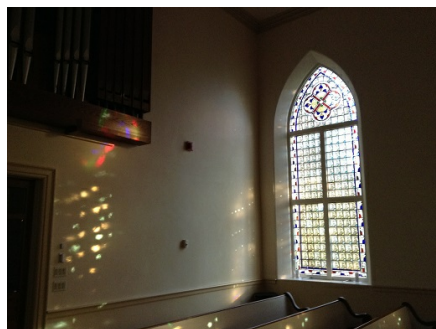
Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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