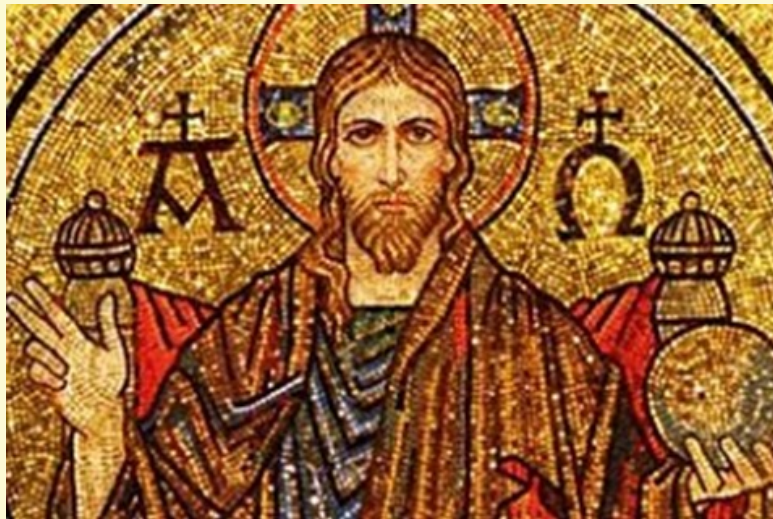




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Christ the King
Proper 29, Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well and whatever plans you have for celebrating Thanksgiving next week are coming together nicely. Please plan to start your celebration with our ***Kent Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, 22 November, at 7:00 pm.*** We'll be hosting members of First Congregational Church – and please invite someone to come along with you, too! A light reception will follow.

There is *so much* going on in the parish right now! In addition to our *usual* liturgies, church school, choir, classes, meetings, coffee hours and receptions ... big things are happening, as well.



Last Friday, we hosted our annual Veterans' Day Luncheon following the town's ceremony at the Memorial. **George-Ann Gowan and Marel Rogers**, along with many other volunteers, put on a delicious lunch, with a beautifully decorated room and full table service. Some Kent School students came to pass out cookies and visit with our vets, and two of our own church school students delivered hand-drawn thank-you cards to each one of them. What a wonderful day!



Also last week, Bruce Bennett and his crew ... along with a crew from Kent Greenhouse ... replanted the beds along the south and east elevations of the church, and also planted three trees along Main Street to replace the two we lost to the sidewalk project. It's a brand-new look at the corner of Bridge & Main, and thank you to **Charmian Place and the Properties Commission** for overseeing this. Come and see!



And finally, it's been 'all hands on deck' this week in the Parish House, as ***Marel and her merry band of elves*** get ready for ***this Saturday's annual Christmas Bazaar***. (This photo was taken very early in the week – you should see things *now!*) There are loads of wonderful items to purchase ... tables groaning with homemade baked good and other treats ... our fabulous raffle table ... and hot food to eat in or take away. The Bazaar will run from 10 – 1:30, but come early so you won't miss the best pickings!

Let us all offer a hearty thank you and our deepest appreciation to all of the volunteers, donors, commission members and friends who help make a week like this possible – and fun! It's sure evidence that the Spirit is active in abundance here at St Andrew's!

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 20 November :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King*
(spoken)

Sunday, 20 November :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 20 November :: 10:30 am
Church School

Sunday, 20 November :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King*
(with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 20 November :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 21 November :: 11:00 am
Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 21 November :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Tuesday, 22 November :: 7:00 pm
Kent Community Thanksgiving Service -- reception to follow in Parish House

Wednesday, 23 November :: 6:00 pm
NO Mid-week Eucharist

Wednesday, 23 November :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 24 November :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 24 November :: 7:00 pm
NO 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***

Tomorrow, 19 November, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
The Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, 22 November, 7:00 pm
A Kent Community Thanksgiving Service

**We will host our friends from the Congregational Church
and the whole Kent community
for a service of thanksgiving and fellowship**

Friday, 09 December, 8:00 pm
Music in the Nave presents our
Annual Messiah Sing-in!

Tomorrow: The Annual Christmas Bazaar



The Bazaar is tomorrow!!

We hope you have your baked goods, jams, and preserves ready for display and your gift list checked twice. Christmas Decor, Golden Treasures, Jewelry and Ornaments will make that list shorter!

There are 22 Door Prizes!!!

See you tomorrow at 10 am,
The St. Andrew's Elves and Santa and Mrs. Claus

Community Thanksgiving Service: Tuesday, 22 November



Many parishioners have fond memories of the joint services we used to have with First Congregational Church, and now Fr Douglas and their pastor, the Rev John Heeckt, are working to re-establish this tradition.

Please join us at St Andrew's on Tuesday, 22 November, at 7:00 pm, for our first annual (hopefully!) Community Thanksgiving Service. There will be readings, hymns and prayers, but no sermon or Holy Communion, as we come together to thank God for the bounty of creation and all God has bestowed

upon us. A light reception will follow in the Parish House.

This is a wonderful, 'low-stakes' way to get others acquainted with St Andrew's. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor ... or bringing along your Thanksgiving houseguests! For we *all* have so very much to be thankful for.

It Took a Parish



On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of St. Andrew and the conclusion of this year's Stewardship season. The parish has received pledges for over \$200,000 for 2023, in line with last year, when economic conditions were far more favorable than they now are. All of our parishioners who have pledged for 2023, or still intend to, are due thanks from each and all of us for expressing so generously their commitment to St. Andrew's.

St Andrew's Wants *You*:
From the Nominating Committee



It is, once again, the season to think about who would like to serve St Andrew's by standing for election at our annual meeting in early February. At that meeting, we will elect three new vestry members; two delegates to the diocesan annual convention; and two alternates to convention. Vestry members serve three-year terms. The vestry meets monthly, on Thursday evenings, and vestry members are also expected to chair or serve on one commission or head up a project for the parish. Convention delegates represent the parish at the two-day diocesan convention, which usually takes place in Hartford in mid-October.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charmian Place, is seeking suggestions for people it may nominate to fill all of these positions. These should be active members of St Andrews who attend worship regularly and contribute both time and money to the parish.

The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions that are submitted, as it forms the slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting. If you'd like to suggest someone—and you may definitely toss your own hat into the ring—please complete a Suggestion Form (available in the Narthex and the parish office; or we can email you one) and give it to Charmian or KC by **this Sunday, 20 November**. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charmian directly.

This Year's *Messiah* Sing-In: Friday, 09 December



Hallelujah! Music in the Nave will offer our 11th annual *Messiah* Sing-In on Friday, 09 December at 8 pm. James Sinclair leads the Sherman Chamber Ensemble and guest soloists in a performance of Part One (The Nativity) and the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's glorious *Messiah*.

And who did we get for a chorus? You! If you so desire, sit up front: we'll lend you a score and you lend us your voice. Or sit anywhere else and just enjoy the show. Either way, it's going to be an evening of beautiful music and good times.

Tickets are \$20 and available at <https://bit.ly/messiah11> or the door. Students are free. For more information, call 860-927-3486, email saintandrewskent@gmail.com, or visit www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html.

Oh No! No Christmas Tree Sale This Year



We recently received the disappointing news that our supplier will not be able to provide us any Christmas trees this year, and thus we'll need to cancel this year's sale. **Steve Morocco** has heroically canvassed scores and scores of tree farmers and distributors across the northeast United States, but no luck: Every tree out there has been spoken for, alas.

So, *just for this year*, please make plans to purchase your tree from another local source ... and share the word with neighbors and friends who purchase from St Andrew's, as well. We do plan to return next year, however! We're already laying the groundwork to have a bumper crop on-hand in 2023.

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 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King *Year C*

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Canticle 16
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



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

Mondays

LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(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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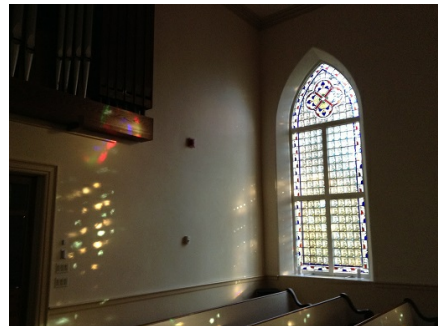
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