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Service Schedule

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sundays

-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.

*Holy Days as
announced.*

Calendar

Sunday, 22 December
Children's Christmas

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Thursday, 19 December

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 20 December

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 21 December

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)
Rehearsal for Children (Nave) at 10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 22 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Children's Program at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee & ...at 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m. *closed*

Christmas Eve Service at St Joseph's Chapel (Kent School)
at 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service at St Andrew's at 10.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 25 December

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m. *suspended*

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

From the Senior Warden

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Over the past couple of weeks, you have heard from James with updates on pledges for "the every member canvass," which are coming in slowly. As Treasurer, he gives us amounts and

**Service
at 10.30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, 24 December
Christmas Eve Service
at 10.00 p.m.
Kent School Chapel
Service
at 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday,
25 December
Christmas Day
No service**

**Sunday, 5 January
Sherman Chamber
Ensemble
presents
Best of Baroque
(Nave)
4.00 p.m.**

**Sunday, 26 January
Annual Meeting
11.30 a.m.
(Nave)**

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women

Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)

Parish Staff

**Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of
Choirs**

**Margie O'Brien,
Director of the Children's
Choir**

**Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator**

**Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary**

**Bill McLaren,
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,
Vergar**

participation numbers compared with years past.

My sentiments and concerns are of a different nature. While the dollars are important to budgeting and continuing our church's ministry, I am focused on pledges as a concrete measure of our commitment to St. Andrew's. Right now, we are in a period of uncertainty, which is exactly the time when we need to reaffirm our support for our parish. Pledging (of any amount) is our promise to sustain this cornerstone of our lives. Because of what it represents, for the same reason robust pledge participation is an important parish asset that priest applicants consider.

I realize that many of you give generously without making formal pledges, but I ask you please this year to make the statement that a pledge makes. For those of you who are unsure about the future of St. Andrew's and have not yet pledged, please consider that we can't sit back and let our future happen to us. We must make it happen by demonstrating our support for our church.

A pledge is not binding, rather it is an intention of giving. More than anything it is a sign of your commitment, love and faith in St. Andrew's.

With Love for a Blessed Christmas,

Charmian

Ordination of Tara B. Shepley

By the grace of God

*The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens
Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
will ordain*

Tara Boyd Shepley

*to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church*

***Thursday, the sixteenth day of January
in the year of our Lord 2020
7:00 o'clock in the evening***

**St. George's Church
Tucker Hill Road and 188
Middlebury, Connecticut 06762**

*Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles ~ Reception to Follow*

Children's Christmas Service

The Children's Christmas Service will take place this Sunday,
22 December at the 10.30 a.m.

There will be a rehearsal with the children this
Saturday, 21 December at 10.00 a.m in the Nave.

*Please contact Heidi Diedrich at heidi@lemonsimple.com if you
would like your child to participate.*

Remember we need sweets & savories for
Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the service!

Christmas Eve Service

***There will be one service at 10.00 pm on
Christmas Eve this year.***

***If you are interested in attending an earlier service on
Christmas Eve, Kent School has invited
parishioners to attend the
4 pm service in St Joseph's Chapel.***

***There will be no Christmas Day
service this year.***

***If you need a ride to the Christmas Eve service, please
contact the Church Office at 860.927.3486 and we will
find transportation for you.***

Photos

Photos from this year's Christmas Bazaar...

George Potts would like to again create a slideshow of photos
from this year's Bazaar for

our www.standrewskentct.org website.
Please forward any and all photos to him ASAP
at gpotts@snet.net so he can include them!

Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy

There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-through into the kitchen for volunteers to be responsible for both brewing the coffee and bringing light refreshments.

Included with the sign-up sheet are Instructions on "How to do Coffee Hour" with where to find supplies and instructions for coffee brewing...makes it really easy!!

During the time of transition between rectors, Coffee Hour is an especially important time for members of the parish to be together: please help by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &..., to make the social time more enjoyable!

Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees for Sale!

Last Day to Purchase is Sunday, 22 December!

Fridays 4-6 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sundays Noon-5 p.m.



Helpers needed: please call Christopher Rehkow
(917-544-1763)

The Prayer List During the Time of Transition

During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator,

will me maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- you would like the prayers offered. If possible, please indicate for how she should keep the name(s) on the List. And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).

*You may also write to Heather at
st.andrew.kent@snet.net
Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.*

We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT

St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshipping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.

A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
FISH is very short-handed***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

*Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,
it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,
to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness can never
overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

Homily

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
Reverend Marilyn Anderson Homily
[Homily for 15 December](#)*

The Lections this Week

The Second Sunday of Advent

22 December

Advent IV, Year A

*Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18;
Romans 1.1-7;
Matthew 1.18-25*

Music in the Nave

**Sherman Chamber Ensemble
presents:**

Best of Baroque

*Ring in the New Year!
Music for piano, flute, oboe, and strings*

Meet and Greet to follow

Sunday, 5 January
at
4.00 p.m.

\$30 adults
\$25 for seniors and students

tickets at the door
or reserve at 860.355.5930
or info@shermanchamberensemble.org

Pawling Music Series

ATLANTIC BRASS QUINTET
This holiday program fuses familiar tunes in
arrangements both pleasing and sophisticated.

Friday,
20 December
7.00 p.m.
All Saints' Chapel

Trinity-Pawling School
700 Route 22 in Pawling, New York

www.pawlingconcertseries.org

Announcements

A request from those who count the collection monies:
The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the

month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

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Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17th century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,¹ from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,² and occasionally overseas.³
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: austinm@kent-school.edu.



¹ Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

² There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

³ There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of
coffee, tea, sugar, nuts,
hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups,
canned or bottled fruit juices.
Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!

Also: the Bank is interested its selections for personal care including supplies for adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes, feminine products, etc.

Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex, to the left of the

doors. And please: do try to make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

The Annual Reports for 2018

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 21 January, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2018](#)

At nearby Camp Washington
190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org
860.567.9623

SECOND SUNDAYS at Camp Washington at 4.30 p.m.

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed.

Further information is available at campwashington.org