



The Importunate Neighbour (Luke 11:5-8) :: **Proper 12, Year C**
(William Holman Hunt, 1895)

From Katherine Almquist, Junior Warden

A few weeks ago, I headed to NYC to see a friend in an Off-Broadway production. It is always a treat to see Jeremiah on stage. He is insanely talented, and it also gave me the opportunity to have lunch with my beloved niece. It was the last Sunday in June which also happened to be Pride Day. I took the train from the Ten Mile River and at each station saw groups of young people get on—kids, really. All were dressed (or undressed, which was frequently the case) in rainbow attire. Metro North never looked so colorful. The trek across town was equally bright.

Fast forward a few weeks. The gospel that particular Sunday was the story of the Good Samaritan, and it is, without doubt, one of the best known in the world. Father Douglas's riveting sermon truly brought that tale to life. Who is our neighbor? What is our responsibility towards that neighbor? Age old questions that never fail to spark debate, be it on the national level or on Keeler Road in Sharon, Connecticut.

Okay, let's get back to Pride Day, lunch with my niece, Pam, and Jeremiah's play.

Over lunch, I asked Pam, who is gay, if she ever experienced any prejudice, slights, smirks, or at least raised eyebrows. She is 26, a writer living in Brooklyn, and one of the most social beings I have ever met. Her answer was simple: "No." She has a loving family, open and accepting friends from a variety of backgrounds. She is truly out and about with straight people as well as those from the LGBTQ community. I mused about the term "Queer" --- how it was a pejorative until pretty recently. I remember (in my salad days) living in Chicago and being the "beard" at more than one office Christmas party. It simply was not accepted to be "out." Certainly not outside of the arts. Pam and I continued the conversation to the theatre, where the play "The Refugees" posed the Good Samaritan question: "Just who is our neighbor?"

I was lost in various thoughts on the train ride home. I am always struck by how many really fine actors are out there, the vast majority of whom will never experience fame, let alone fortune. Right before every show I see, I get a thrill that I am about to see people doing what they love best, and giving it their all.

I thought about the dozens and dozens of rainbow-attired kids, from Dover Plains, Patterson, Pawling, Pleasantville, White Plains, going to the city to celebrate. Did they have the faintest idea what their elders had gone through so that they now had glorious freedom?

I thought about the Good Samaritan and the family I saw on 51st Street, between 10th and 11th, so clearly homeless and so far removed from the celebration in mid-town. I thought back to Father Douglas's sermon---they are all our neighbors. What we do about it is up to us.

If we can't help all, let's help one. We can then go back and help one more. And maybe one more after that.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 24 July :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 24 July :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 24 July :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 24 July :: 11:40 am
Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Sunday, 24 July :: 12:30 pm
Choir Picnic & Celebration

Monday, 25 July :: 9:00 am
Holy Eucharist: *St James the Greater (in-person and live-streamed)*

Monday, 25 July :: 4:30 pm
Building Use Committee

Monday, 25 July :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 27 July :: 6:00 pm
Midweek Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 27 July :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 28 July :: 1:00 pm
Thursday Afternoon Club (porch of Kingsley Tavern)

Thursday, 28 July :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 28 July :: 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, 31 July
Gathering of the Backpacks & School Supplies for Kent DSS

Aug 5, 6 & 7
The Tag Sale!

14 August
Festival of the Dedication of St Andrew's Church
*Our current church building was consecrated in August 1827
by Bishop Thomas Church Brownell*

Backpack Drive:

Help Students Get Ready for a New School Year



Again this year, we'll be helping Kent's Department of Social Services with its back-to-school backpack drive. Every year DSS provides many families in the area brand new backpacks stuffed with school supplies and personal hygiene items, and also provides them gift cards to purchase new clothes and shoes.

Last year St Andrew's outdid itself in the school supplies department, and we've been asked to contribute again this year. If you can purchase a backpack, some school supplies, a few hygiene items or a gift card, please sign up any Sunday between now and 24 July; or call the parish office and let us know what you'd like to donate. (The sign-up will help Kent DSS keep track of what's been given and what hasn't, to avoid any gaps.)

This is a wonderful, tangible way to show our love and commitment to so many families, especially at a time when the cost of everything is going up. ***Please consider giving generously.***

Good News I:
Susan Guse Now Our Director of Music



Those who worship at our 10:30 Holy Eucharist know how blessed we've been to have had **Susan Guse** as our interim Director of Music since the beginning of March. Her leadership of the choir, choice of music and talents as an organist have been real gifts to us.

We are delighted to report that Susan has now *become our new Director of Music!* She has signed a one-year contract that ensures she'll be with us at least through the end of Summer 2023. Susan is a wonderful musician, a wonderful colleague and a wonderful teacher. If you have an opportunity, be sure to thank Susan for agreeing to help us continue making beautiful music here at St Andrew's.

Good News II: The Rev Jeffrey Mello's Election as Bishop Confirmed



The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has been notified that our Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello has received the required majority of consents required in the Church's canonical consent process. In giving consent to Jeff's

ordination and consecration, standing committees and bishops exercising jurisdiction in the Episcopal Church attest to knowing of "no impediment on account of which" he ought not to be ordained as bishop, and that his election was conducted in accordance with the canons.

Jeff was elected bishop diocesan at a diocesan convention on May 21. His ordination service is scheduled for October 15.

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***

- 8:30 am – 4 pm on Friday (early bird buying 8:30-10)
- 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.

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 **28 July**. 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.

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!

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.

Lectons for this Week

**The Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost**
Year C

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13



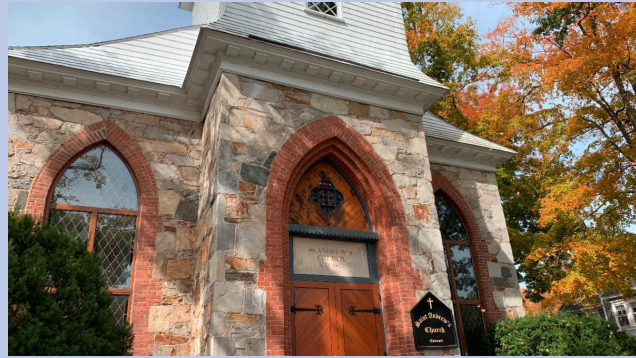
Past Services and Homilies

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

Mondays

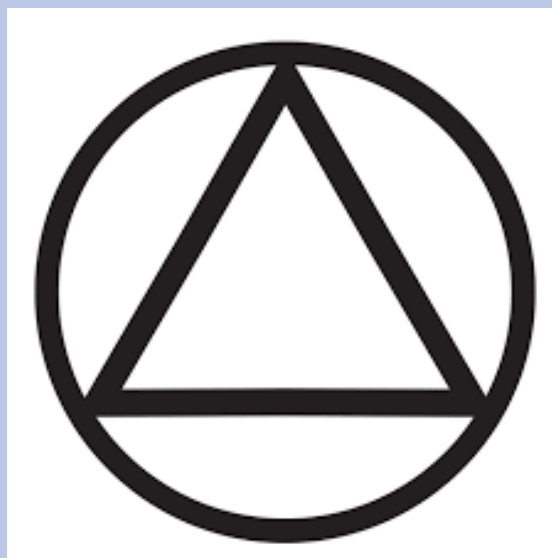
LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

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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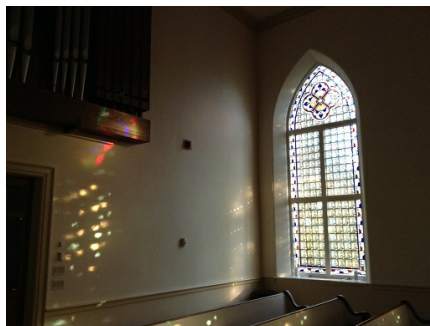
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