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Elijah Taken Up in a Chariot of Fire :: Proper 8, Year C
Giuseppe Angeli (c 1740)

From Katherine Almquist, Junior Warden

"...Faith, hope and love abide. And the greatest of these is love." Love never dies.

We heard this message from First Corinthians just a few weeks ago. It has always been one of my favorites. It was read by a close friend at our wedding, thirty years ago this October, in St Andrew's. We taped the service and I listened to the tape last Sunday. It was particularly poignant to hear Florence read it and I reflected on how little her voice had changed over the years. The same low pitch, melodic and sweet. That morning I received word from her son that Florence had died.

I wrote about her several weeks ago. A precious friend of forty years, who had kept cancer at bay for twenty-five years and confirmed in January that she had about six months left. She lived those six months the way she lived her previous years: blessing every day she had.

Her daughter, Sarah, married last year and was living in France. She and her husband bought a vineyard and were starting the slow climb to (hopefully) "recommended by Kermit Lynch." I'd seen the pictures: bucolic in the extreme and also heard about the intense labor involved. Florence had not yet been there and she wanted to go. She left the last week in May. I got a text with a

photo and was so happy to see the joy on both their faces. Their love for each other was so apparent.

Cancer always gets you in the end, and it claimed Florence two days before she was to go home. I believe in my heart that when she left JFK, she knew she would not return.

As much as I, and everyone else (especially Florence), was expecting this, it was still a shock. I went to the 8:30 service and heard Randy preach a beautiful homily about the trials of Elijah and one line stuck with me: "You're not as important as you think you are in this world." That made me think of my friend. She never took herself seriously. The world, yes. Her cancer, most certainly. But not herself. She loved life.

I feel so blessed to have known her for forty years, and to have been a part of her life. I thank God she was a part of mine.

Love never dies.

So, what is the take-away from this?

Savor what we have. Now. Be kind. Now. Love. Now. And never take love for granted. Please be kind.

Florence, I will miss you dearly. Thank you for everything.

This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 24 June :: 5:30 pm
Prayer & Meditation

Sunday, 26 June :: 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Third Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 26 June :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Third Sunday after Pentecost* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 26 June :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 27 June :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 29 June :: 6:00 pm
Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of St Peter and St Paul* (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Wednesday, 29 June :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

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

Thursday, 30 June :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 30 June :: 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

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).

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 Third Sunday after Pentecost

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2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



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)

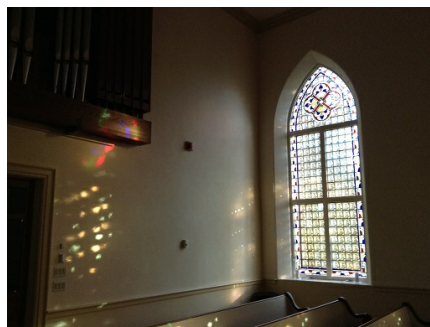
Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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