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The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

From Randy DiPentima, Junior Warden

Since mid 2019 this parish was first in a state of transition, searching for a priest in charge following Roger White's retirement, and then, while facing the unforeseen and considerable challenges of the COVID, welcoming Douglas Worthington as our priest in charge. If you have not yet done so, I hope you will take a minute to thank Chris Rehow for his steady, positive and gracious leadership as our senior warden during much of that time. He provided a wonderful array of supply clergy each Sunday, made sure those Sunday services were provided remotely when COVID closed our doors to many, led very successful Christmas tree sales, welcomed Douglas and Jim, and did much more behind the scenes, all with a cheerful willingness to lend a hand when needed and with that unforgettable smile. Thank you Chris.

On February 6th at the annual meeting immediately following the 10:30 service, Chris' term as senior warden ends, new officers and vestry will be selected, and the work of our parish, past and future, will be presented. Please do plan to attend, either in person or by Zoom.

On February 27, Tom Holcombe, our faithful and accomplished organist and choir director, retires. I hope that many of you will attend the 10:30 service that day and show your appreciation of the years of wonderful music he has provided us. A reception in his honor will follow that service.

I end with words from Chris' last column: "Pray that we follow the spirit where it leads us in the upcoming year."

Friday, 28 January	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Saturday, 29 January	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am
Sunday, 30 January	Holy Eucharist: <i>Epiphany 4</i> <i>(in person only)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 30 January	Holy Eucharist: <i>Epiphany 4</i> <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 30 January	Coffee Hour	11:40 am
Wednesday, 02 February	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Presentation of Candlemas</i> <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 02 February	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 03 February	A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 03 February	NO Al-Anon Meeting <i>(Suspended until March)</i>	7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

POSTPONED

Kent Memorial Library
Centennial Celebration:
*Bricks and Books, A
Dramatized History of the
KML*

Sunday, 06 February Annual Meeting of the Parish & Luncheon 11:40 am

Sunday, 27 February Tom Holcombe's Final Service & Farewell 11:40 am

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

- Pursuant to CDC guidelines, we are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status*, because the level of community transmission in Litchfield County is **High**
- There is **congregational singing**, at the 10:30 service only

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services, as there are parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

In One Week: Annual Meeting of the Parish & Luncheon, Sunday, 06 February



The parish's Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 06 February 2022**, immediately after the 10:30 Eucharist, followed by a luncheon* in the Parish House. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the recent Omicron surge, the meeting will be held **both in-person, in the Nave, and via Zoom**. Whichever way you choose to attend, all members in good standing (whom the Church calls "communicant members") will be able to see, hear, speak and vote. Dial-in information for the Zoom call will be available the week before the meeting.

* If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to KC (office.sa.kent@gmail.com) by **Monday, 31 January**.

After the reports of the Priest-in-Charge and the Senior Warden and acceptance of the written reports of various commissions and committees, there will be three main items of business:

- Treasurer Steve Morocco's **financial report for 2021** and presentation of the **budget for 2022**, which the Vestry approved at its meeting on 16 January.
- Adoption of **new bylaws for the parish**. (Our current bylaws were adopted in 1970 and are very out-of-date.) The proposed new bylaws are printed in the Annual Report (see below).
- **Election of new officers, vestry members and others**. The Nominating Committee has compiled the following slate of outstanding candidates:
 - *Senior Warden (two-year term)*: Randy DiPentima
 - *Junior Warden (two-year term)*: Katherine Almquist
 - *Vestry Class of 2025 (three-year terms)*: Patricia Nordskog, Judy Perkins and Michael Ward
 - *Vestry Class of 2024 (to fill the unexpired terms of Katherine Almquist and Janet Rivkin, who has stepped down)*: Anne Everett and Ned Reade
 - *Delegates to ECCT Annual Convention*: Christopher Rehkow and Randy DiPentima
 - *Alternate Delegates to Convention*: Ron Marasco and Eric Roper

- *Nominating Committee Chair:* Charmian Place

Printed copies of the Annual Report, which includes an agenda for the meeting as well as reports and the proposed new bylaws, are available for pick-up in the Narthex and the Parish Office, as of Sunday, 23 January. We can also mail or email you a copy, upon request: Please contact KC in the Parish Office, at 860-927-3486 or office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

The snow date for the Annual Meeting will be Sunday, 13 February.

St Andrew's is Now Hiring: Christian Educator

As you may recall, hiring someone to re-establish our Christian education program was one of the three key recommendations the Visioning Team made to the Vestry in the fall and that the Vestry heartily endorsed. We are delighted to report that we have finalized the job description for our **new Christian Educator position**.

We are now looking for someone who will work ten hours per week. Her or his main responsibilities will be a Sunday morning education program for children and a once-a-week after-school children's activity time. We know there are already parents in our parish family who want their children to have 'Sunday school,' and we're also mindful that other families might wish to 'try on' St Andrew's in other ways and at other times than on Sunday morning. Our new Christian Educator will take up both of these opportunities.

The complete job description, including application information, is available [here](#). If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know and encourage them to apply!

Refugee Resettlement: The House is All Ready





Sid Head and Andie Sehl, co-leads of St Andrew's Refugee Resettlement Team, recently sent this update to all the members of the Team:

Well, as you know our work setting up the house is coming to a close. We now have all the furnishings we need and **cannot accept any more donations.**

Thanks to you all for your help and support thus far. A very special thanks to Judith Warrick for the many hours and lengthy coordination efforts to make the house a warm and welcoming home. Also, big thanks to John Michael Murphy, the designer who used the donated furnishings to create a beautiful and comfortable space.

Next for the Housing Team will be to show the house to the family, go over safety concerns and explain how things there work. We will help them understand the lease and how to work with the landlord. More to come on this.

Thanks for all you have done and contributed.

Sincerely,
Sid and Andie

From the Town of Kent: Seeking a New Director of Social Services



We've received the following from the Town of Kent and pass it along to you:

The Town of Kent is looking to hire a **Social Services Director**. The job is full-time, 32 hours a week, at \$30 per hour. Benefits package provided. Applications and a full job description are on the Town of Kent website: townofkentct.org. They are also available from the First Selectman's Office, Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, or by calling 860-927-4627.

Submit a cover letter, resume and application no later than 26 January 2022 to adminassist@townofkentct.org or Town of Kent, Attention Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 678, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

Now Available: 2022 Liturgical Calendars



JANUARY 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 The Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12 Mark 1:9-11 Luke 1:2-14 John 1:9-14 Acts 1:6-11 1 Cor. 1:7-9 Gal. 3:1-5 Col. 3:1-4 Rev. 1:1-3	2 The Second Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 2:13-23 Mark 1:12-15 Luke 1:15-25 John 1:15-18 Acts 1:12-14 1 Cor. 1:10-13 Gal. 3:6-9 Col. 3:5-6 Rev. 1:4-6	3 The Third Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 2:24-28 Mark 1:16-20 Luke 1:26-38 John 1:19-28 Acts 1:15-17 1 Cor. 1:14-17 Gal. 3:10-12 Col. 3:7-9 Rev. 1:7-8	4 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 2:29-35 Mark 1:21-28 Luke 1:39-56 John 1:29-34 Acts 1:18-20 1 Cor. 1:18-21 Gal. 3:13-14 Col. 3:10-11 Rev. 1:9-10	5 The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 2:36-46 Mark 1:29-34 Luke 1:57-66 John 1:35-42 Acts 1:21-26 1 Cor. 1:22-24 Gal. 3:15-17 Col. 3:12-14 Rev. 1:11-12	6 The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 2:47-52 Mark 1:35-42 Luke 1:67-80 John 1:43-51 Acts 1:27-31 1 Cor. 1:25-28 Gal. 3:18-22 Col. 3:15-17 Rev. 1:13-15	7 The Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12 Mark 1:9-11 Luke 1:2-14 John 1:9-14 Acts 1:6-11 1 Cor. 1:7-9 Gal. 3:1-5 Col. 3:1-4 Rev. 1:1-3

The new 2022 St Andrew's liturgical calendars are now in. There is a supply available in the Narthex—please take one. If you are not able to pick one up, please let the Parish Office know, and we will be glad to mail one to you. (You will notice that we are using a slightly different format this year that more closely tracks the feasts we keep here at St Andrew's.)

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 Social Services Director. 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 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 Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



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

6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

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

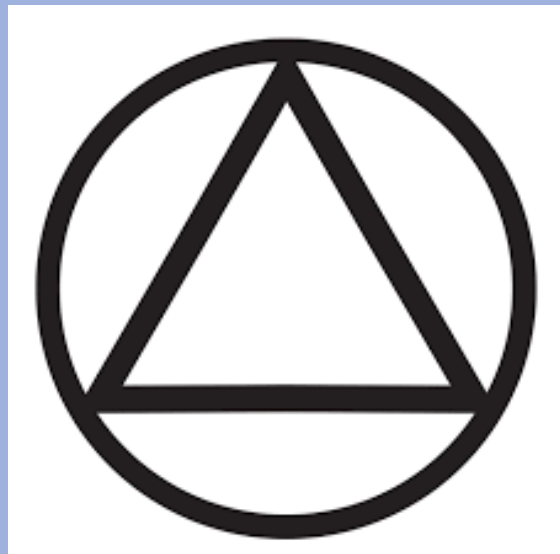
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)

Suspended until March

Fridays

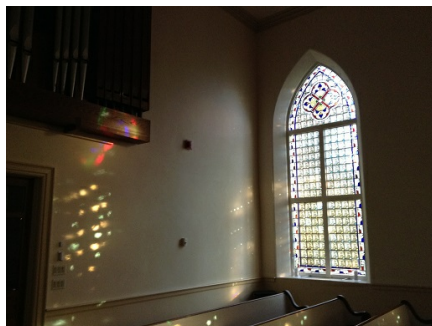
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens
resumed*



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**Parish office open everyday except Friday from 10 am- 5 pm
(2 pm on Thursdays)**

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