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Independence Day

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN. At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship, as follows:

- If you **are** fully vaccinated, you may attend worship without wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing, but you may do so if you choose to
- If you **are not** fully vaccinated, we request that you *either* wear a mask and maintain social distancing *or* attend our outdoor worship (Sundays at 12:30)
- Congregational singing has now resumed, at the 10:30 service only

In addition, it is no longer necessary to sign-up in advance to attend worship, but we will record the names of those who attend, in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

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.

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well.

Those of you who have gotten to know me well know that I am—among other things, I hope!—a liturgy nerd. My detail- and process-oriented brain revels in all of the intricacies and possibilities of planning and executing good liturgy. And nowhere can this get more complicated than in the Church's calendar, with this coming Sunday being a case in point. The civil calendar (and common sense) tells us this day is the fourth of July, which we Americans celebrate as Independence Day; it just happens to fall on a Sunday this year. The Church's calendar, however, says that it is a Sunday—which we celebrate as the Lord's Day—that just happens to fall on the fourth day of July this year. Because the feast of the Lord's Day takes precedence over all but a small handful of other feasts, when Independence Day (which is a feast day—holy day—in our Episcopal tradition) falls on a Sunday, the Church celebrates the Independence Day on the following Monday. Our worship this Sunday will have hints of Independence Day because ... well, how can it *not*?? But our official parish celebration of the Fourth of July will take place at 10:00 am on Monday, the *fifth* of July!

Regardless of when ... or how ... we choose to celebrate the anniversary of our nation's independence this year, I'd like to invite us to spend a little of that time in prayer and reflection. As with any momentous event, the story and the ramifications of our country's seeking, securing and stewarding its independence can be viewed from numerous perspectives: historical, sociological, philosophical (as we acted upon and championed to the world some of the highest ideals of the Enlightenment), political, international, demographic, economic, cultural, etc. Overarching and informing *all* of these perspectives for us, as Christians, are the religious and spiritual underpinnings and implications of what took place in Philadelphia 245 years ago: Where do we see ... and perhaps also not see ... the call of God in them? How do they reflect ... and perhaps also not reflect ... the model Jesus sets for us? Where may we discern ... and perhaps not discern ... the activity of the Holy Spirit in them? (Personally, I see a higher patriotism in a point-of-view that *both* celebrates *and* critiques our nation's history and identity.)

To this end, I offer two collects that *The Book of Common Prayer* appoints for the annual observance of Independence Day. I invite you to pray and reflect upon *both* of them ... and then to be open and attentive to the thoughts and ideas that may come to you amidst the celebrations of the next few days.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(page 242)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(page 258)

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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P S Don't forget: We start accepting donations to sell at the Tag Sale this Monday, 05 July!

Weekly Calendar

Friday, 02 July	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Saturday, 03 July	Choir rehearsal (for fall music) (<i>Choir Room</i>)	9:30 am
Sunday, 04 July	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 6 (spoken) (<i>in person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 04 July	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 6 (with music) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, 04 July	Coffee Hour (<i>outdoors</i>)	11:35 am
Sunday, 04 July	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 6 (<i>outdoors</i>)	12:30 pm
Monday, 05 July	Holy Eucharist: Independence Day (<i>transferred</i>) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:00 am
Tuesday, 06 July	Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)	11:00 am
Wednesday, 07 July	Mid-week Evening Prayer (<i>in person</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 07 July	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 08 July	A.A. meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 08 July	Al-Anon (<i>Old Vestry Room</i>)	7:00 pm
Friday, 09 July	Prayer and Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm

READY...SET...: Tag Sale 2021

It's back!! Things to remember:

- The Sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 6,7, and 8
 - 8 am - 4 pm Friday
 - 10 am - 4 pm Saturday
 - Noon - 2 pm 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 Monday, July 5th. Donation hours are 9am-2 pm M-F 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.
 - 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 went 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 5th, hours are flexible.
- The POD will be unloaded and furniture placed under the tent on Wednesday evening, August 4th, starting at 4:30 pm.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Torrington Soup Kitchen

Although the Sunday soup kitchen at Trinity Church in Torrington never ceased operating, St Andrew's took a step back from it during the pandemic. We are now ready, however, to dive back in!

Bob McDowell is heading up our Soup Kitchen team. He has already recruited (or re-confirmed) several members, but *we could still use a few additional volunteers*. This would mean that each member would serve only three or four Sundays a year—not all six. (The St Andrew's team generally leaves for Torrington at about 10:30 and returns home by about 2:30.)

The Soup Kitchen is a well-organized, 'turn-key' type of operation: Everything is set and ready to go when we arrive. In addition, meals will be served in a low-contact fashion through October, to minimize health risks.


If you are interested in serving our neighbors in need ... or in learning more about this important ministry ... please be in touch with Bob: nmcd30@yahoo.com or 860.488.1635.

THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Northwest Chore Service

Perhaps you would like to know more about the charities and agencies that St Andrew's helps fund? Perhaps you might even want to get involved with one of them? Well, starting this week, we will be highlighting some of the charities and agencies that our parish supports via the Mission & Outreach Commission. We begin with the Northwest Chore Service, which employs 30 local residents to provide care and independence to over 200 clients and families in northwest Connecticut.



Chore Service, Inc.
A community based non-profit



29 years of helping seniors remain
safely and independently at home

To learn all about Northwest Chore Service, click [here](#).

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and AI Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or KC know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

Kent Food Bank



Please help the parish continue our support of the Kent Food Bank

by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P.O. Box 262
Kent, CT 06757

*Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your check.

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is
especially in need of:

*Staples such as beans, rice, tea,
coffee, sugar, nuts,
hot & cold breakfast cereals,
peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna*

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays
from 9.00 to Noon
*in the back of the Community House
on Main Street.*

*Please DO NOT come into the Food Bank, but leave
outside the door.*

Lections for this Week

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10;
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10;
Mark 6:1-13



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

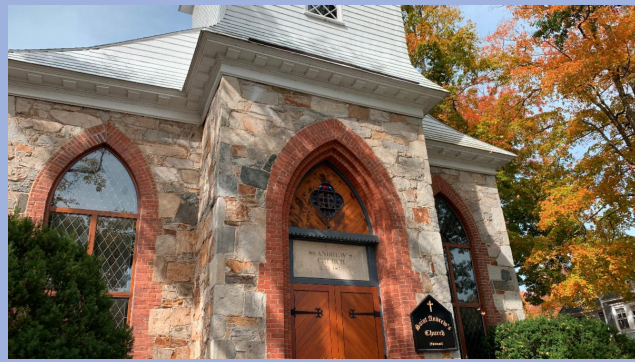
-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
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)
12:30 p.m. Outdoors



-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.
(Great Room)

resumed

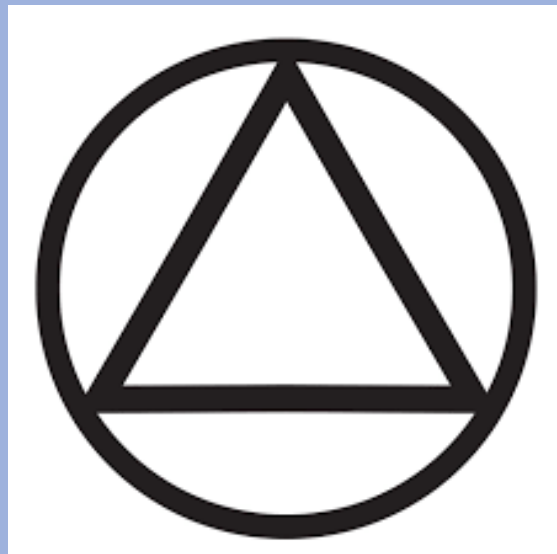
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)

resumed

Fridays

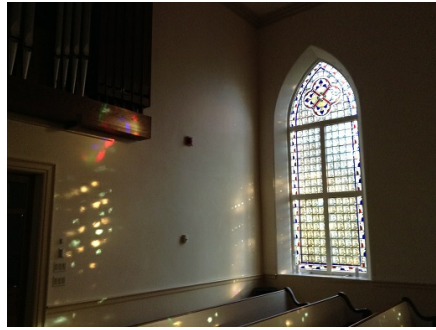
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens
resumed*



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