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It's Time to Fill the Backpacks!! This Sunday is the Deadline!

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN. At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the May guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship. In light of revised guidance from the CDC and the current surge being caused by the Delta variant, our worship protocols have now been slightly updated as follows:

- **We are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.*** The variant is highly transmissible, even by people who are fully vaccinated, and according to the CDC, Litchfield County's level of community transmission is now **Substantial** (or higher)
- **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 Fr Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well.

Well, by the time you read this, **It** will already have started—and **It**, of course, can refer to only one thing: the venerable and amazing [St Andrew's Tag Sale](#)! It's back this year, in all its glory!!

Throughout the interview process last spring and for months after Jim and I arrived here, the Tag Sale was, I think, the second-most-frequent topic of conversation, outpaced only by "Where are you coming to us from?" This parish truly pours its heart and soul into this months-long labor of love. The vestry has been discussing this year's sale since January ... Marel Rogers has been planning and orchestrating its every detail since March ... you all have been lining up your donations for months (even longer, in a few cases) ... and volunteers have been here every single day since the Fourth of July, schlepping, spiffing up, pricing and merchandising all of the treasures that have flowed in. It has been amazing to watch all of this come to fruition—and without a hitch (or, at least, without any they've told me about)!

I have joked with many of you that a tag sale—like a CROP walk, a mission trip or even a potluck supper—is an event you don't learn about in seminary. But that's not because these occasions are unimportant. No, quite the opposite! A tag sale or supper is where 'church really happens.' Parish members flock together, take up a common mission for the good of the Church and just make it happen. It is a time of giving; of stewarding our time and talents; and above all, of joyful Christian fellowship. Worship, prayer groups, Bible and book studies, commissions, music and Sunday school are all vital aspects of a parish's life ... and no less so the sprawling, unwieldy, happily chaotic Tag Sale, which binds us all more tightly in the Spirit's tether.

If you have contributed goods to sell, *thank you!* If you have volunteered, *thank you!* If you prayed for good weather (or light bulbs—a long story!), *thank you!* But whatever you have done, please come today (till 4:00), Saturday (10:00 – 4:00) or Sunday (11:30 – 2:30) to take part in one of the most treasured panels in the quilt that is our St Andrew's community.

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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Weekly Calendar

Friday, 06 August

Tag Sale

10:00 am-4:00 pm

5:30 pm

Friday, 06 August

Prayer & Meditation (*Nave*)

Friday, 06 August	Holy Eucharist: Feast of the Transfiguration <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Saturday, 07 August	NO Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Saturday, 07 August	Tag Sale	8:30 am
Sunday, 08 August	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 11 (spoken) <i>(in person only)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 08 August	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 11 (with music) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	
Sunday, 08 August	NO Coffee Hour, Due to the Tag Sale	11:30 am- 2:30 pm
Sunday, 08 August	Tag Sale	
Monday, 09 August	Last Day to Donate to Filling the Backpacks	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 11 August	Mid-week Holy Eucharist <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 11 August	Racial Recognition Study Group	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 11 August	Visioning Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 11 August	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:30 am
Thursday, 12 August	A.A. meeting <i>(Parish House)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 12 August	Al-Anon <i>(Old Vestry Room)</i>	

ENDING THIS SUNDAY: Help Fill Backpacks for Kent Center School Students!

Leah Pullaro, Kent's director of social services has invited St Andrew's to help fill back-to-school backpacks for KCS students who are in need. This project is a collective effort of the Kent Community Fund, St John's Church (New

Milford), High Watch ... and now, St Andrew's, too!

Other groups have donated backpacks and gift cards for back-to-school clothes, so we've been asked to donate all sorts of supplies to fill up those packs:

School Supplies

1-subject notebooks
Colored pencils
Markers
Crayons
Pens and pencils
Colored paper
Glue sticks
Loose leaf paper
1" binders
Dividers
Pencil cases

Personal Hygiene Items

Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner
Hair accessories

Please bring your donations to the church this Sunday, 08 August; or drop them off in the office by Monday, 09 August. Everything we collect will be blessed at the 10:30 Eucharist on 08 August ... and then distributed at the Kent Food Bank on Friday, 13 August.

Saint Andrew's has such a loving, caring tradition of giving to those in need: eggs, candy, hats, scarves, shoes, socks – you ask for it, we'll provide it. Let's all pitch in and send these students back to school fully prepared for a great year!

-- Fr Douglas

A TREAT IN STORE FOR US: Organ Recital on Sunday, 22 August



This summer, we have been happy to provide a rehearsal space to Thomas "Buck" McDaniel, who is the [Organist and Director of Music at St Edward the Martyr Parish in New York City](#). Buck is preparing for an upcoming recital tour and has been spending part of his summer in Pawling. It's been a delight to hear him practicing, and he's even graciously played for a couple of our mid-

week Holy Eucharists and feast days. Those of us who've heard him play have been very fortunate indeed.

Therefore, we are excited to announce that Buck will be giving arecital at **St Andrew's on Sunday, 22 August, at 4:00 pm**. He will play works by J S Bach, William Byrd, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Jean Langlais and Marcel Dupré. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend – you'll be happy you did!

SAVE THE DATE: Welcome Home Sunday, 19 September



It is always a good feeling when we re-gather after a summer season that's taken many of us in so many different directions and at different times. And this year, that celebration will be greater than ever, as we also continue to emerge from the constraints of COVID and return to living together in community once more.

We're planning a wonderful homecoming celebration on Sunday, 19 September, at 10:30, with hospitality and plenty of time for catching up afterwards. Please save the date, and look for many more details to follow!

HOSPITALITY AT ST ANDREW'S: Looking for Volunteers

Following an outstanding run by Bernadette Ellegard and her crew (thank you, one and all!), we are pleased to announce that Katherine Almquist has agreed to become the new chair of the Hospitality Commission. We are so grateful for Katherine's willingness to take on this work, and we know St Andrew's tradition of wonderful parish events will continue.

Katherine is looking for volunteers to help her, beginning with our first event of the new church year: an all-parish reception following the 10:30 service on Welcome Home Sunday, 19 September. You do not need to be a chef! There are jobs available for all skill levels and interests. If you are willing to help, please contact Katherine at kt_almquist@hotmail.com.

THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Educare Africa



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, in each edition of the E-pistle, we will be highlighting some of the charities and agencies that our parish supports via the Mission & Outreach Commission. This week, we feature Educare Africa, a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) that assists students and teachers in Cameroon so students can complete their education and begin helping their country. In addition, Educare seeks to promote peace, cross-cultural understanding, love and unity of all people.

This spring the parish donated funds to help veterinary student Banadzem Nicholas Ngonbi complete his studies, and we recently received [a thank you note](#) from him, which we will publish in next week's E-Pistle.

To learn more about Educare Africa, click [here](#).

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al 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 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Year B

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35,41-51



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.

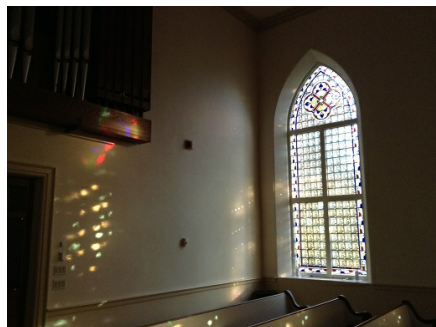
Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Parish House)
resumed
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
resumed

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



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