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Service Schedule

-Sunday-
Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sundays

-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.

Holy Days as announced.

Calendar

Wednesday, 8 May
Memorial Luncheon for

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 8 May

**Memorial Luncheon for Jim Lovelett
at Noon (Parish House)**

**Holy Eucharist for the Feast of Julian of Norwich
at 6.00 p.m.**

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 9 May

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

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

Friday, 10 May

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 11 May

Garden Club Sale (North Lawn)

8.30 a.m. - Noon

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Sunday, 12 May

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee & ... at 11.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Tuesday, 14 May

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Stong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

Wednesday, 15 May

**Holy Eucharist for Wednesday in Easter IV
at 6.00 p.m.**

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

The Santiago Family

As many of you are aware, Tino Santiago, formerly a waiter at The Fife 'n Drum Restaurant and most recently the sous chef at Kingsley's

Jim Lovelett
at Noon
(Parish House)

Sunday, 19 May
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)

Sunday, 2 June
Book Discussion
at 9.30 a.m.
(Library)

Monday, 3 June
St Andrew's Crafters
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
(Parish House)

Saturday, 8 June
Memorial Service for
Jim Perkins
at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 9 June
The Day of Pentecost
*If possible, please plan to
pray the Lord's Prayer in a
language that you know
other than English.*

Sunday, 16 June
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)

Saturday, 22 June
NW Region Convocation
(Trinity Conference
Center,
West Cornwall)

Sunday, 30 June
Setting-Up of the
Tag Sale
at Noon

Monday, 1 July
Donations to the Tag Sale
begin to be received.

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women
(Great Room)

Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)

Parish Staff

Tavern, has been arrested and is in jail pending an appeal. Tino and his wife, Norma, have three children, and Norma may need to sell their house in South Kent and move to more affordable quarters: without Tino's income they are struggling financially.

A number of people who have known Tino and Norma for years have asked how they may help, and the Rector invites those concerned to make donations to the parish Discretionary Fund which shall then be passed on to Norma. Cheques should be made out to St Andrew's Parish and tagged 'Santiago Fund'. They may be put in the collection plate or may be mailed in to Post Office Box 309, Kent O6757.

In addition Tino's and Norma's son Jason has serious medical issues and has been hospitalized in New Britain, and Leslie Levy is looking for drivers who are willing to drive Norma to visit Jason. It takes 90 minutes to two hours to make the trip, and those who can help are invited to be in touch with Leslie at leslielillianlevy@me.com

Faithfully,
Roger+

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Despite my intentions announced last week, it is clear that it is a bit premature to send cheques to the Santiago family, to the Kent Community Fund, and to Bethania Kids. Mite boxes and money continue to arrive! Indeed, in the space of a single week more than \$1200 appeared for the Santiagos --the total is now well over \$2000!-- and so the cheques will be prepared over this coming weekend.

We do want them to be in the hands of those who need them; so please, be sure that if you intend to give/to bring in a mite box you do so by early Saturday morning.

The monies that are arriving are impressive, and I thank you ever so much for your generosity!

Gratefully,
Roger+

The Homily for Good Friday

Sr Mary Lanning

Good Friday Reflections
St. Andrew's - Kent
19 April 2019

Standing By
.Being There
OMG !
Be With Me,
PLEASE!

**The Revd Roger B. White,
Rector**

**Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of
Choirs**

**Margie O'Brien,
Director of the Children's
Choir**

**Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator**

**Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary**

**Bill McLaren,
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,
Verger**

How BRUTAL !
How utterly, shamefully brutal!
The man who wrote that anguished Story was in PAIN -
Every memory, a vivid, re-lived picture.
John was there.

Sometimes, when I feel like crying,
I write.
WORDS give the relentless pictures
a place to rest,
where they won't be forgotten.
where they can be re-reverenced on-call.

John and I grew up without cameras or cell phones.
What we experience
is burned into the film of our souls,
in words.

What we see here in memory today --
the torture and mocking and murder of One Woman's Son,
that horrific process --
is dreadful;
too excruciating to watch
but unable to erase.

They
the loving and loved John
-- and THREE MARYs --
Were There.

What I want to share with you today is
a little comforting assurance,
vivid in my soul
from the Dyings I have companioned.

Suffering is what scares us,
not dying.

LIVING scares us.
Living through pain and misunderstanding,
living disdained,
living disregarded,
not mattering.

NOT MATTERING.
NOT BELONGING.
This is the dread
that drives the separation
between those who feel righteous
and those who suffer keenly,
knowing that they fall outside the boundaries of The Righteous,
disdained and undesirable,
excluded
-- but also,

grossly UNKNOWN,
generically unwanted
because of somebody else's self-insulating righteousness.

What I have shared with so many for almost 8 decades --
with drug addicts and street dwellers inhospitals and nursing homes and
family bedrooms --
is that the process of dying
is just one more almost-familiar step
in the process of living.
And children are the least frightened of all.

Death is not scary.
The process of getting there can be.

Something in us,
intuitively, is at ease with our own transition
into whatever it is
that is our death.

We intuitively acquiesce in our mortality.

We are not, essentially, afraid of it,
however reluctantly we may anticipate it.
We shrink from, the process.

Death - trust me, -- is not fearful.
Suffering IS . . .
and suffering is where we do have power.

We can't control death,
but we CAN take the fear and isolation out of each other's suffering,
while LIVING,
and while dying.
WE can take the dread out of pain, out of the fear of more pain,
especially bearing the pain alone.
We CAN take away the fear and isolation,
the utter aloneness,
the abandonment,
the not mattering.
We can take away the pain of invisibility
In LIFE and in death,
by being there.

Little children ask me,
"What Can I Do For God?"
(to compensate, as if,
for all the badness).

NOTHING. NOTHING.

We DO For Each Other

We CAN NOT hurt God.
We can not make God feel better.

We hurt each other.
We CAN make each other feel better.

O merciful God, Let Us Do What We Can While We Can

BE NOT AFRAID.

Death is not scary.
Living scares us.
Fear holds us back
in ways we too often don't see.

LIVING is where we help each other get past the fear of failing,
ultimately,
in what we're all about.

We can't control death,
but we CAN take the fear and isolation out of each other's suffering.
We can dilute pain
and silence the dread of more pains,
by being there.

In both LIFE and in Dying,
fear that the suffering will get worse
exacerbates the suffering of the moment.
If only there were
SOMEONE TO HEAR,
to listen, to care.
EVEN ONE SOMEONE
calms; reassures; restores connectedness,
eases acquiescence;
makes tender the parting.

Death,
especially companioned Death, when it comes,
is a gentle, UNfearful release,
almost always.
I have been there hundred of times.
The most troubled, broken, frightened, shunned people I have held
are freed from fear,
freed from conflicted clinging
to false failure.

HOW SACRED THE OPPORTUNITY, TO BE THERE !

Analogously,
in those moments when dying is not yet imminent,
Being There - in Dying AND in Living -
is the emollient that relieves almost every suffering.
Being there.
Touching.
Hand-holding.
Eye-to-Eye listening with our hearts,
our intuitions,

our sameness;
letting our understanding emanate,
because we DO understand brokenness.
We've been there, each of us,
helpless,
alone.

We know how close to our limits of confidence we really are,
much of our time.

Living with the Dying, as they die . . . and as they live ...
living with those inside AND outside our Righteous Zone as they LIVE
- marvelling at the mysterious resilience that has sustained them
throughout their fallings and stumblings,
their horrendous pain and shame and rejection --
THIS is where we should be.

This is my job.
This is all our jobs ... as it was Jesus' job.

Be there.

LIFE is a succession of saying YES
to our own WHAT IFs,
and to each other's WHAT IFs.
Be there.

We do understand each other's brokenness, fear,
incapacity
more than we think we do.
Hear the unspoken plea.
See me.

SEE ME. PLEASE.
I AM HERE.
BE WITH ME. BE WITH ME.

And after IT IS FINISHED
a small prayer to help those more often to be at peace, to give peace.
Parting. Living. Together.

Here I am, Lord;
as I am,
finished, for this moment.
Grateful for any Next.
Here I am,
ready to rise.
To see,
ready to be
and to relish
--as You do--
all that I have become.
Here I am.
As I am.
Here. Now.

AMEN.

SUMMER CAMP at CAMP WASHINGTON

The summer camping season is not all that far away, and Camp Washington has published their calendar for 2019.

Children's Camp (ages 7 - 12) will be from 30 June - 7 July & from 4 - 16 August. The one-week camp costs \$575 and the two-week camp \$1300.

Mini Camps (ages 5 - 10) will be from 14 - 16 July & from 17 - 19 July for \$275. There will be a Mini Day Camp from 15 - 19 July for \$300.

Please visit the Camp's website for more information and to register: www.campwashington.org or call 860.567.9623.

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

*Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,
it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,
to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which
darkness can never overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

The Homily from Easter III

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
the Rector's Homily for 5 May
[HOMILY](#) for 5 May*

The Lections this Week

Easter IV

12 May 2019

Year C

Acts 9.36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7.9-17

John 10.1-16

*The flowers on this morning are given to
the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Rodney H. Williams.*

Volunteers for Coffee & ... after the 10.30 liturgy

*Those who have signed up to provide light
refreshments for Coffee & ... in the next few weeks
are*

12 May

Randy DiPentima, Bill Dillon, & Jeff West

19 May

Nancy O'Dea & Wes Wyrick

26 May

Barbara Psarakis

2 June

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9 June

???

16 June

???

23 June

The Tag Sale Leadership

*From 30 June through Labor Day,
we will once again be having iced tea and
cookies after the 10.30 liturgy, and
donations of cookies will be gratefully
received. Please leave them on the pass-*

through into the kitchen!

The Annual Reports for 2018

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 21 January, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on

[Annual Report 2018](#)

St Andrew's Crafters

With the **Annual Christmas Bazaar** fewer than six months away, the St Andrew's Crafters will next meet on

Monday, 3 June
in the Parish House

and will continue to meet on the First Monday of the month through November.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of
coffee, tea, sugar, nuts,
hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups,
canned or bottled fruit juices.

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

***Also: the Bank is interested its selections
for personal care including supplies for
adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes,
feminine products, etc.***

*Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex,
to the left of the doors. And please: do try to make certain
that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!*

Announcements

The Book Discussion Group

... will next meet on Sunday, 2 June, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 17 ('The Reign of Elizabeth') & the Epilogue in Eamonn Duffy's remarkable study of the Pre-Reformation Church in England, *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, 1400 - 1580*. All are welcome!

A request from those who count the collection monies:

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

**BEAUTY & BOUNTY; Farm to Table Squared Art
April 27-June 2**

34 Local Artists including Heather Scofield

All artwork is 10"x 10"

The Loft Gallery (above the Smithy)

10 Main St.

New Preston, CT

At nearby Camp Washington

190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org

860.567.9623

**SECOND SUNDAYS
at Camp Washington**

at 4.30 p.m.

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623.

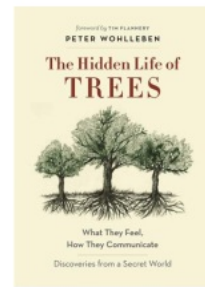
Further information is available at campwashington.org

Bishop's Book Discussion at Camp Washington

Friday, May 10, 11:00am-12:30pm



This May we will be discussing *The Hidden Life of Trees*, by Peter Wohlleben.



Join Bishop Laura J. Ahrens for The Bishop's Book Discussion at Camp Washington, a monthly gathering of clergy and lay people who love to read. Our discussion group will be meeting Friday, May 10 at 11:00am with continued conversation over (optional) lunch at 12:30pm.

The event gives us the opportunity to discuss how our learning relates to self, spirituality, and God's Mission. Every few months a new book will be selected for our book study. The discussion is open to everyone, even if you have not read the book, you are welcome to join in! There is no cost to attend, however a \$10 donation is encouraged towards lunch. Registration is requested. To find out the current book selection & register please visit campwashington.org or call 860.567.9623. We look forward to reading with you!

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Welcome

Camp Washington has been nurturing exploration and transformation for over 100 years! Established in 1917, Camp Washington's beautiful 300-acre campus in the Litchfield Hills welcomes people of all faith traditions to find God in nature, to relax and learn, to have fun and make life long friends! Camp Washington is the official camp and retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.
Camp Washington: a place of acceptance, joy and renewal for all God's people.

Summer Camps

CHILDREN'S CAMP (AGES 7-12) • JUNE 30 - AUGUST 5 & AUGUST 4 - 16
TEEN CAMP (AGES 12-16) • JULY 7-12 & JULY 21- AUG 2

All of the fun and excitement of summer camp in an open and nurturing environment. Hiking, campfires, arts & crafts, swimming, canoeing, theater, sports, exciting field trips & more! Camp offers age appropriate opportunities for exploration and growth.

MINI CAMP (AGES 5-10) • JULY 14-16 & JULY 17-19
MINI DAY CAMP (AGES 5-10) • JULY 15-19

Mini Camp is a fun filled program geared towards consent new to overnight camping. Campers will gain confidence in our fun and supportive community! If you are not ready for an overnight experience, Mini Day Camp is for you! Join us as we pack in all of the camp fun between 9am - 4pm, including an exciting mid-week field trip!

Specialty Camps

WILDERNESS CAMP • JULY 14-19
TRACK 1, AGES 7-12 & TRACK 2, AGES 12-16

Wilderness Adventure Camp blends traditional camp with essential outdoor skills. Tent camping, outdoor cooking, and fly-fishing are just some of the Wilderness Adventure Camp activities that will foster a strong connection for you with both nature and God!

SERVICE LEADERSHIP CAMP (AGES 13-16) • JULY 14-19

Service Leadership Camp is a unique opportunity to give back and live God's mission of service. SLC campers will depart from Camp for three days to perform community outreach. Previous campers have volunteered at Shepherd Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, The Salvation Army Hartford North End Corps, Hands On Hartford's Faces of Homelessness, and many others. Campers return each day, record their experiences with friends and counselors and further enjoy their camp experience on our beautiful campus. A CERTIFICATE FOR 30 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES WILL BE ISSUED UPON COMPLETION.

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A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, local hair appointments, and to do local grocery shopping, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(860.248.0316)
if you can help!***

Music in the Nave

**THE SHERMAN
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**
Summer Concert Series

**Fridays
9 August & 30 August
8.00 p.m.**