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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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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

Sunday, 13 October

Wednesday, 9 October

**Holy Eucharist
at 6.00 p.m.**

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, 10 October

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Friday, 11 October

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 12 October

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)

Sunday, 13 October

No 8.30 a.m. Service

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. with Canon Tolzmann
Presentation by Canon Tolzmann & Coffee Hour at 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, 15 October

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 16 October

**Holy Eucharist
at 6.00 p.m.**

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

From the Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

We are just beginning to face parish life without Roger to lead us, but it is important that we begin to plan our future. We are blessed to be in a community that has several Episcopal priests and even more blessed that, as part of Roger's legacy, St. Andrew's is important to them. Chris Rekhov has arranged for coverage of our worship for the next couple of months and we will have our regular schedule of Eucharist at 8:30

Canon Tolzmann will preside, preach, and make a presentation about the time of transition between rectors. NO LITURGY at 8.30 a.m. on this morning.

**Saturday, 19 October
Memorial Service for
Nancy L. Norton
Engelhart Conard
(Smith)
11.00 a.m.**

**Saturday - Sunday
Saturday Only
26 October
Makers and Bakers
10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
(Great Room)**

**26 - 27 October
Diocesan Convention
Connecticut
Convention Center
(Hartford)**

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women

Thursdays

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

Parish Staff

**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**

and 10:30. The exception will be Sunday, Oct. 13, when there will be just one service - at 10:30 when Rev. Lee Ann Tolzmann from the Diocese will conduct the service and then will tell the parish after the service, in the Parish House, about the process for finding a new rector for St. Andrew's.

The Vestry has had a preliminary meeting with Lee Ann and is encouraged with what she has to say about the process we will be going through. Please plan to attend the meeting after the 10:30 service on the 13th so that you can understand what lies ahead for us and ask any and all questions you may have. Please help with bringing a finger food, sweet or savory to share with coffee after the presentation. I would say this is the "last" time I'll ask for your generosity in bringing a plate of finger food, but it just wouldn't be the truth...we love our food fellowship time together!

In addition to our regular weekly Sunday schedule of worship, there is a Eucharist service at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays which generally takes about 1/2 hour. We are grateful that Steve Klots will lead this service every week so that this lovely opportunity for mid-week worship will continue. Prayer & Meditation on Fridays at 5:30 pm will also continue weekly. It is a time for personal prayer and reflection at the week's end.

If you would like to know more about it, please contact Brock Knowlton, Bill Dillon or Ron Marasco.

Let us sustain our wonderful parish that was built so lovingly under Roger's guidance by continuing to be regular attendees at services and contributing to the good of our community. As always, any questions or concerns are welcomed by Chris, me or any Vestry member.

With Kind Regards,

Charmian Place
Senior Warden

On Sunday, 13 October, there will be only one morning liturgy, at 10.30.

The 8.30 liturgy will be suspended on that day.

Please bring savory or sweet bites for the Coffee Hour & Presentation this Sunday by Canon Tolzmann.



"May God Continue to Bless and Lead our Church Family. Profound gratitude and love, Michael and Bruce"

More than 350 people honored Bruce Whipple and Michael Ward by attending Bruce's Memorial Service on October 5th with as many people standing outside as were inside. Bruce was a wonderful, energetic member of the parish who sang with the choir and was known for the exuberance of his flowers for the altar. He will be missed.

From the Stewardship Commission

"The ball is in our court." "We need to step up to the plate." "The time is now."

Any of these phrases can be applied to all of us at St. Andrew's as we come together to keep our parish alive and relevant.

In order to help the vestry plan for the coming year of transition to a new priest, they need to sense the support of the laity financially as well as emotionally.

One of the ways we can all be part of keeping this parish strong is by making our annual pledge.

Please take a moment to "Seize the Day" and make your pledge.

Ned Reade
Stewardship Commission

Homily by the Reverend Steve Klots

The Homily from October 6, 2019 given by the
Reverend Stephen B. Klots, the Chaplain at South Kent School
and a member of our parish.

We are pleased that he was our first guest priest.

In the Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

After reading today's Gospel, I found myself thinking about the summer of 1984-the summer after I graduated from Trinity College. It was supposed to be an adventurous and lucrative summer. I drove across the country with two friends, and then we flew up to Kenai, Alaska, where our plan was to spend the summer camping while working in a salmon cannery. It was going to be great. My friends had heard from their friends that, because it's Alaska, the wages were high, and, because they needed workers, some canneries even provided meals to their workers. Somehow we had an idea that we'd save up a lot of money, and that we could then use that to live on while finding real jobs, career jobs, in the fall.

Let me emphasize one thing: It did not work out that way. We got up there only to find that the state had shut down salmon fishing because not enough fish were going upstream to spawn. During those first couple of weeks while we were sitting around idly waiting for something to happen, we began to run out of money. At one point, we were down to \$2.54 between us and a bag of groceries-mostly pasta. On Sundays during that time, I went to the local Episcopal parish for church, and I must have looked gaunt, because on two occasions the parishioners insisted that I take the leftovers from coffee hour back to our camp. Then we started to work off and on-and sometimes really on, perhaps twelve hours in a day-which meant twelve hours standing in ice and fish guts while cleaning salmon coming down a conveyor belt at a faster and faster pace, like something out of I Love Lucy, with the canning machines roaring in the background. My clothes stank of fish oil, and nothing ever dried out because, as we were camping, it seemed to be raining most of the time. I was scheduled to return to the Lower 48 sometime in August, and every minute dragged on until that plane ride. My last act, before leaving the bluff where I had been camping with my friends, was to bury the clothes I had worn at work. I remember thinking to myself, as I was getting on that plane, "It's over. It's over. It's over. Thank God-it's over."

Nothing worked out on that adventure as planned. I did not build up a nice nest egg to live on while finding my big job that fall. Indeed, with the expenses that went into the trip, I barely broke even. In addition, I certainly was never commended by anyone for extraordinary fish-gutting skills, and it took me several years before I was willing to eat salmon again. And yet - and yet - now, as I look back upon that summer, I think of it as one of the best experiences of my life. I had an adventure, and I endured. No one came to rescue me or my friends, and perhaps I learned over time that the rewards I got from that trip were something far greater than a lump of cash. I saw a small corner of a beautiful part of this country. I met and worked with a curious range of people, from southern California surfers to Vietnam vets, all of whom had wandered up there for the same reason. I learned something about the church, and the hospitality and welcome it should offer to strangers, and I certainly learned that I'm not suited to factory work. I learned I could endure such hardships, and, perhaps most importantly, I learned all of these lessons not despite the hardship but because of it

That summer came to mind because it helped me to understand what Jesus is saying in this morning's Gospel. It's a difficult Gospel:

In the first part of this passage, after his disciples ask him to increase their faith, he tells them that, if their faith were the size of a mustard seed, they could easily perform wondrous things-his example being the ability to order a mulberry tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea. With this passage, I'm left wondering what he is saying about faith. After all, I'd like to think I have faith, but I rarely feel as if I can do something wondrous because of my faith.

I'm left wondering if, in responding to his disciples' request to increase their faith, Jesus is commenting-not on their lack of faith-but on the nature of faith. The disciples are asking Jesus to increase their faith because they are beginning to understand that the road ahead of them is a difficult one. Jesus has told them they must give away all that they have to be his disciples; he has said they must take up their cross daily to follow him; he's even given them a warning that the Son of Man will suffer and be killed. Who wouldn't want more faith in those circumstances-a faith that can work overt and obvious miracles? But, for Jesus, faith is not a magic wand that you wave to make problems go away. Faith is trusting that God is with you even in the midst of the challenges and problems of life-that God is there helping you to endure, to do whatever He calls you to do-that faith is about perseverance in love. In that summer in Alaska, yes, it would have been nice to have some magic wand that would have made the experience easier, but that wasn't possible-and our faith should not be about the possibility that God will make all of our problems go away. We are called to persevere in the midst of the hardships of life-to say, in the end, "Thy will be done," trusting that in God's love for us, when we do what we can in faith, all will be well.

In the second part of the passage, Jesus tells a parable of sorts about work-and the notion that we should not expect some sort of reward for doing what we're supposed to do. I have to admit there is one side to me that can easily relate to what Jesus is saying. For instance, I can't tell you how many times over the years at school that I've had a student come up to me to brag about some basic accomplishment. "I've cleaned my room!" he might say, and I'll perhaps think to myself something along the lines of, "So what do you want-a trophy? Maybe just a cookie??" He did what he was supposed to do! But I do usually give in and commend the boy, because I want him to know he's done the right thing. But Jesus says, "So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" We should not expect a reward, and his language about slaves makes me uncomfortable too.

But in this it seems to me that Jesus is teaching that faith is its own reward. I'm thinking back now once again to that summer in Alaska. In no way did my compensation for that summer meet my expectations. As I said, I might have starved without the help of the local parish and their amazing coffee hour, and I did not make much money. Certainly no one offered me a trophy or a cookie or a verbal commendation for doing what I had to do to make it through the summer. Yet in hindsight, as I said, I had an experience which shaped me for the rest of my life and, in some way, is undoubtedly part of the reason I am standing before you today. In hindsight, I know that God was with me in that journey-in the people I met, in the people who were kind to me, in the beautiful places I got to experience. I endured. I grew. I became richer as a person in ways that went far beyond my bank account.

Our life as people of faith—as people who trust in God and Jesus and His way of love—does not promise us a magic wand that will rid us of all hardship, nor does it promise us a reward for persevering through that hardship other than the blessings of faith itself. It calls upon us simply to ask each day, "Good Lord, what would you have us do today?" It calls upon all of us to end our prayers with the simplest of prayers, "Thy will be done," trusting that God's plans for us are more beautiful than we can ask or imagine. It calls upon us to say, when we've done our best, and when we've persevered through the challenges of life, that "we have done only what we ought to have done." And it enables us to see, sometimes only in hindsight, how God was with us all along.

All of this seems particularly relevant right now to St. Andrew's Church. As a parish, we're walking forward in faith into uncharted territories, trying to do what we're supposed to do and trying to be who we're supposed to be, with no certain sense of the future. Through this Gospel, I believe Jesus is simply saying to have faith. To keep doing what we're supposed to do. To persevere. Yes, this means still coming to church, and singing in the choir, and reading the lessons, and praying for the nation and the world and our loved ones, and asking for forgiveness, and passing the peace, and helping out at parish events. Yes, this means anticipating the future—being ready for next week's meeting with Canon Tolzman and supporting the vestry in its search for a new rector. Most of all this means leaving this place of blessing each week and going out into the world to be a blessing to others. If we can all do that, here in the midst of these times that are challenging in so many ways, I think we will find how God was, is, and will be with us always—indeed that nothing can separate us from the love of God for us in Christ Jesus our Lord—and that is its own reward. Amen.

The Prayer List During the Time of Transition

During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- you would like the prayers offered. If possible, please indicate for how she should keep the name(s) on the List. And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).

You may also write to Heather at st.andrew.kent@snet.net Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.

We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

Memorial Service

**The Memorial Service for
Nancy Conard Smith,**

*Candace Conard's mother,
22 January 1922 - 23 October 2019
will be on*

**Saturday, 19 October
at 11.00 a.m.**

Remember your servant, Nancy, O Lord, according to the favor that you bear unto your people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**From Our Web Master,
George Potts**

Photos/Videos from September 13th Celebration

Many parishioners have inquired as to how they might be able to see photos and videos from the 13 September celebration in honor of our Rector, Roger White. Thanks to the efforts of Karen Chase, Dan Campbell and Michael Ward, we have been able to upload their files using the online storage service Dropbox.

If you would like access to the video and photo files from that evening, which can then be viewed at your convenience, please send an email request to Vestry member George Potts at gpotts@snet.net. He will arrange for you to receive an email invitation from Dropbox that will provide access to the folder containing the files; you will simply need to provide a User Name and password for security purposes.

EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT

St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshiping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.

Please RSVP if possible, as it helps us to plan...

For Love Heart's Bakery, please RSVP to Fr. Brett: bfiglewski@yahoo.com,

For Good Company Coffee House, please RSVP to Fr. Nik: combsnm0@sewanee.edu

Wednesday, September 18th ~

12pm - 1:30pm: Good Company Coffee House, 33 Franklin St., Torrington
(*Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28*)

Monday, September 23rd ~

12pm - 1:30pm: Love Heart's Bakery, 583 Bantam Rd., Bantam
(*Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1*)

1st Wed. 8 - 9am: St. Michael's, 25 South St., Litchfield
2nd Mon. 12 - 1:30pm: Love Heart's Bakery, 583 Bantam Rd.
3rd Wed. 12 - 1:30pm: Good Company Coffee House, 33 Franklin St., Torrington
4th Mon. 12 - 1:30pm: Love Heart's Bakery, 583 Bantam Rd.

For information and to RSVP, please contact:
Fr. Brett - bfiglewski@yahoo.com
Fr. Nik - combsnm0@sewanee.edu

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**Coffee & Weekly Bible Study
in the Neighborhood...**

EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

A new group of Education for Ministry will be starting up at St. Michael's, Litchfield, at the beginning of October. The time has not been set yet. It is not too late to sign up for this very enriching program. It combines significant study of Scripture and the Christian tradition with disciplined discussions of how we experience and live our faith in everyday life. For more information visit efm@sewanee.edu. Please let Bevan Stanley know as soon as possible if you are interested or have any questions. (rector@stmichaels-litchfield.org or 860-91-5024).

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

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep
local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
The sudden death of Jim Lovelett has left
FISH very short-handed***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

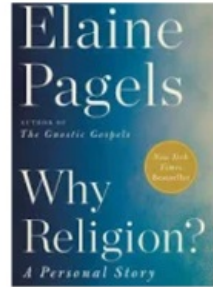
Camp Washington

Bishop's Book Discussion at Camp Washington

Friday, October 18, 2019, at 9:00 am



This October
we will be
discussing
**Why
Religion? A
Personal
Story** by
Elaine Pagels



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, October 18 beginning with "coffee and" at
9:00 a.m. followed by conversation at 9:30 a.m.

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 registration is requested.

To register please visit campwashington.org
or call 860.567.9623.

We look forward to reading with you!

Camp Washington

ECCT's Place for Discipleship



campwashington.org 860.567.9623 camp@campwashington.org

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.*

Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy

*After the various events on Sundays in September,
we will be returning to the usual Coffee hours on
6 October. There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-
through into the kitchen for volunteers to be
responsible for both brewing the coffee and
bringing light refreshments.*

*During the time of transition between rectors,
Coffee Hour is an especially important time for
members of the parish to be together: please help
by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &c., to
make the social time more enjoyable!*

*This week's Coffee Hour is in need of savory &
sweets following the Presentation of
Canon Tolzmann. Please help by contributing
what you can!*

The Homily

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
the Reverend Stephen B. Klots
[HOMILY](#) for 6 October*

The Lections this Week

**The Eighteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
13 October 2019
Proper 23, Year C**

II Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
II Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19

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

Monday, 4 November
in the Parish House

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

Announcements

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!

Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17th century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,¹ from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,² and occasionally overseas.³
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: austinm@kent-school.edu.



¹ Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

² There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

³ There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

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!

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](#)

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. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed.

Further information is available at campwashington.org

The Pawling Concert Series

Tapestry

a Boston-based women's vocal ensemble, performing
'Starry Night'

Medieval compositions and medieval texts set to modern compositions

Friday,

11 October

7.00 p.m.

in All Saints' Chapel

Trinity-Pawling School

700 Route 22 in Pawling, New York

WINDSYNC

in a multi-media performance

'A Trip to the Moon'

using visuals from the 1902 silent film and contemporary film footage from NASA

Friday,

22 November

7.00 p.m.

in the Gardiner Theater

Trinity-Pawling School

