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## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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[www.ctepiscopal.org](http://www.ctepiscopal.org)

### 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

**Thursday, 3 October**

Vestry Meeting with Canon

#### Wednesday, 2 October

**Holy Eucharist for Wednesday Proper 20 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

#### Thursday, 3 October

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

**Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - Noon**

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

#### Friday, 4 October

**Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.**

#### Saturday, 5 October

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

**Memorial Service for Bruce Williams Whipple at 11.00 a.m.**

#### Sunday, 6 October

**Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.**

Coffee Hour at 11.30 a.m.

#### Monday, 7 October

**St Andrew's Crafters at 4.00 - 6.00 p.m. (Parish House)**

#### Tuesday, 8 October

**Parish Office Open 10.00 - Noon**

#### Wednesday, 9 October

**Holy Eucharist for the Wednesday in Proper 21 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Last Wednesday, only six or so hours after I had had the heart-

Tolzmann at 6.00 p.m.  
(Library)

**Monday, 7 October**  
St Andrew's Crafters  
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.  
(Parish House)

**Sunday, 13 October**  
**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 - 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

**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,**

breaking news of Bruce Whipple's sudden death, I went over to the church building in order to check on something. The word had rocketed through the town, and people were stunned and aching. And as I walked up the ramp, I realised that, propped against the front doors, was a spray of small yellow roses --the sort of tribute that we have come to see all too often at the sites of various wrenching events.

It was clear that the roses were a response to Bruce having so unexpectedly slipped on from us, and I was moved beyond measure that someone had thought that the doors of St Andrew's Church were the obvious place to leave a memorial, a kiss goodbye .... It says a great deal about this parish, and about the lives that you live here, touch here ....

*The E-pistle* this week is coming to you a bit earlier than usual so that, on my last evening as the Rector, I may once again thank you for so many things, this evening in particular for a Sunday morning, yesterday, that moved me beyond tears because it reminded me of so many other occasions when you reached out to touch and to bless.

When I was a young teenager, my parents and I had a custom: on most Friday nights, I could stay up for the first half hour of 'The Johnny Carson Show', and we would share a small pizza as we watched the opening monologue and the appearance of the first guest or two. Occasionally the first guest was Buddy Hackett; and I remember vividly his speaking, one night, about his adherence to Judaism and about how that shaped him as a comedian. He cited a maxim of the rabbis' that, 'Whoever makes the Scriptures laugh is twice blessed'. I have never forgotten that.

The Scriptures indeed can laugh with humor, with compassion, with frustration, with infuriation, and with resignation; and St Andrew's Parish seem to have always somehow caught on .... Thank you for that, too .... It is a blessing .... It brings flowers to the doors ....

Faithfully & most affectionately,  
Roger+

***On Sunday, 13 October, there will be only one  
morning liturgy, at 10.30.  
The 8.30 liturgy will be suspended on that day.***

## From the Rector

THE FEAST of ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 29 September 2019

A Homily preached by the Reverend Roger B. White, Rector of St Andrew's Parish, Kent, Connecticut

Genesis 28.10-17; Psalm 103; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1.47-51

Over the past ... several decades ... we here at St Andrew's have regularly ignored the rubrics in The Book of Common Prayer on three Sundays each year. We have always given the Sunday nearest to All Saints' Day on 1 November over to the readings appointed for All Saints' Day and have ignored the readings intended for that Sunday whatever number of Sundays after Pentecost. And pretty much every other parish does this as well, because All Saints' Day is an important reminder that we are in this business of living, in this world and into other worlds, with a lot of other people, some of whom we can see and know, most of whom we cannot see and have never known.

We have also observed, on the Sunday closest to 2 February -forty days after Christmas-the Feast of the Presentation. Most other places do not transfer the appointed readings for this major feast to a Sunday, but I have thought that it is important to have its reminder that the temples in this world that God most wants to inhabit are not like the one that Solomon built out of stone and bronze, but are like us, our bodies. God seeks always to dwell in human hearts, in human minds, in human tongues, and human hands.

And we have regularly observed on the Sunday nearest to 29 September the Feast of St Michael and All Angels -Michaelmas.

Happily, this year Michaelmas falls on a Sunday -today. And I think that it is one of the most comforting feasts of the year, for, it is about angels -God's messengers-who are active in this world even when human are not proving especially responsive to God's invitations to action. Angels are the reminders that although God prefers to work, to bless in this world through us, God does have other options.

And angels are not without flaws: they are not gods or God. The passage from the Book of Revelation that we have just heard tells us that in other realms the (Arch)angel Michael and his angels do battle with the angels of rebellious dragon Satan -sometimes known as 'Lucifer', the brightest and so the most arrogant and presumptuous-who has rebelled against God, who seeks to supplant, to be God.

But angels, when they are in fact God's messengers instead of serving their own purposes, surprise and try to move human beings to notice, to acknowledge that God is always looking to poke, is always poking, into human lives. That bit of Jacob's story that we have also just heard is about his vision of angels ascending and descending on a ladder that stretches from the place where he sleeps to heaven itself. The angels get his attention and so, since he is about in the morning to face the brother whom he has badly wronged and can only assume that Esau is about to kill him, he is able to hear God assure him that he will live to receive the inheritance promised to his grandfather Abraham.

In other words, although distracted by terror, Jacob is able to hear God tell him that in ways that he cannot anticipate, it will work out. 'All will be well, all shall be well, and all manner of thing will be well.'

And Jesus, when he calls Nathanael to follow him, after astonishing Nathanael with how much he already knows about him, Jesus assures Nathanael that he will see what Joseph saw -angels ascending and descending, angels breaking into his world so that God can reach out and move him.

God prefers to dwell in and to work through us flawed human beings,

through our corruptible flesh, and when we and our flesh are resistant, then there are the angels, the messengers, who are also flawed but who can burst into our worlds, distract us from our own purposes often enough to allow God --God's voice, God's presence--to attract our notice.

The stories that we hear on this Feast of the Angels are stories that we need always to bear in mind, to treasure. They tell us that it is not all up to us. Yes, do try to build Jerusalem, a new Jerusalem here in earth; and also know that, when we stumble and drop the bricks or lay the foundations crooked, there are messengers, angels, seeking to turn our attentions to God's redirecting of our purposes.

You see, the (Arch)angel St Michael and his angels drive Lucifer from heaven, and he sets up shop here in earth in order to tempt us to do things his way; and it is the (Arch)angel St Gabriel who finds the human being, Mary, who is willing to bring God into the earth in human flesh in order to show us just how very much human flesh can do to bless this earth instead of cursing it. Together, all the stories that we hear today describe with vivid images of angels and dragons a lot about us and about the world that we inhabit.

If you follow me and listen to me, Jesus tells Nathanael, you will see what Jacob saw -a Creation alive with God's movements through creatures seen and not always seen, known and unknown, obvious and less so, yet all of them astonishing.

And ... we have got to be willing to notice. None of us will ever be able to see what we insist cannot be in front of us. The Feast of St Michael and All Angels invites us just to open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts to what could be, what might be, what is -a world filled with messengers and messages, holy invitations to each of us to make a difference, great or small, to be ... blessings.

You have blessed; you can bless; therefore let us, each of us, look, listen for the promptings, and ... simply be blessings, for Christ's sake. 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](mailto: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 worshipping 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](mailto:bfiglewski@yahoo.com),

For Good Company Coffee House, please RSVP to Fr. Nik: [combsnm0@sewanee.edu](mailto: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](mailto:bfiglewski@yahoo.com)  
Fr. Nik - [combsnm0@sewanee.edu](mailto: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](mailto:efm@sewanee.edu). Please let Bevan Stanley know as soon as possible if you are interested or have any questions.

## **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!***

## **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!*

## The Homily from Michaelmas

*Please click on the link below in order to hear or read the Rector's Homily for 29 September*  
[HOMILY](#) for 29 September

## The Lections this Week

**The Seventeenth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
6 October 2019**  
*Proper 22, Year C*

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4  
Psalm 37.1-10  
II Timothy 1.1-14  
Luke 17.5-10

## St Andrew's Crafters

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

**Monday, 7 October**  
**in the Parish House**

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



**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!

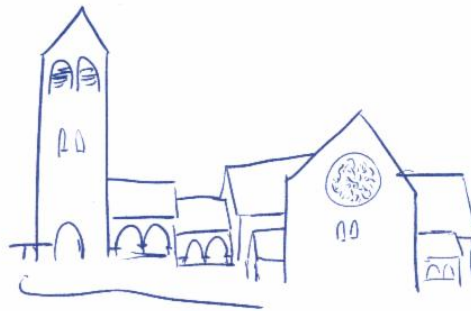
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# Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



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 17<sup>th</sup> century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,<sup>1</sup> from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,<sup>2</sup> and occasionally overseas.<sup>3</sup>
- 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](mailto:austinm@kent-school.edu).



<sup>1</sup> Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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](http://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**

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**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**  
**700 Route 22 in Pawling, New York**