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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

Friday, 14 December

Wednesday, 12 December

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St Lucy
at 6.00 p.m.

Kent Singers Rhearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 13 December

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 14 December

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 16 December

PANCAKES with SANTA, 8.30 - 10.30 a.m.
to benefit the Kent Education Center & Nursery School
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)
Kent Singers' Rehearsal 1.00 - 5.00 p.m. (Nave)

Sunday, 16 December

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.
with Healing

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, Noon - 5.00 p.m.
Kent Singers' Concert at 3.00 p.m. (Nave)

Tuesday, 18 December

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 19 December

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St Thomas
at 6.00 p.m.

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

Thursday, 20 December

Ordination to the Priesthood of Brett Figlewski

Christmas Tree Sale
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Prayer & Meditation
at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 15 December
Pancakes with Santa
8.30 - 10.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Christmas Tree Sale
10.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Kent Singers Rehearsal
1.00 - 5.00 p.m. (Nave)

Sunday, 16 December
Healing Service
at 8.30 a.m.
Christmas Tree Sale
Noon - 5.00 p.m.
Kent Singers in Concert
at 3.00 p.m. (Nave)

Thursday, 20
December
Ordination to the
Priesthood of the
Reverend Brett
Figlewski
at 6.00 p.m.
(Trinity Church,
Milton)

Monday, 24 December
Christmas Eve
Liturgies
at 6.00 & 10.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 25 December
Holy Eucharist
at 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 26
December
Holy Eucharist
at 6.00 p.m.
suspended for this
week

Friday, 28 December
Prayer & Meditation
at 5.30 p.m.
suspended for this
week

Sunday, 6 January
Music in the Nave
at 4.00 p.m.

Twelve Step Groups

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

Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.

Trinity Church, Milton, at 6.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Selling hours for the *Christmas Trees*

Fridays 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Saturdays 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Sundays Noon - 5.00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to staff the sale,
and Christopher Rehkow would be glad to
hear from you (917.544.1763)!

To date, we have taken in some \$3,251.00 in
payments for the trees, and seven trees have been
purchased for those who might not otherwise be
able to have one.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful and wonderfully busy weekend here a couple of days ago, and it was a joy to welcome Sr Mary Lanning for her annual Advent visit. She preached movingly on God's presence amongst us and urged us to find ways to be similarly present to one another, to be with one another as blessings. The response to her was quick and gratifying, and we will be sending to her some \$1292.00 --the loose offering gathered on Sunday morning-- for the work of *Yes! Solutions* among the poor and homeless in New York City. Those who could not be in church on yesterday morning and would like to support Mary's remarkable ministry may write to her at 549 West 123rd Street, Suite MF (the suite is important!), NYC 10027.

Our cheerful volunteers selling Christmas trees on the north lawn were also wonderfully productive and their efforts yielded \$2705.00 for the Operating Fund, bringing the total thus taken over the three weekends of sales in to \$5956.00. We have more than covered our expenses, which we have only partially paid, and so once again the sales will be a great help to our budget! Moreover, members of the parish have now paid for 10 trees that we may give to those who might not otherwise afford one, and most of these will be brought to the Kent Food Bank on next Friday morning (a couple have already been given to those who came to shop).

(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

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

Randy Osolin,
Verger

And the 8th Annual *Messiah* Sing-In on last Friday evening was also a rousing success, with the largest attendance we have ever had --folding chairs from the undercroft were brought upstairs! The volunteers on the Music Commission were superbly hospitable both at the doors, in the nave, and in the parish house, and the bounty displayed at the reception following the concert helped to make for an especially magnificent Coffee Hour on Sunday morning.

Many thanks to all to assisted in making the weekend of Advent II such a generous and spirited time!

At the vestry meeting at Noon on that Sunday, it became clear that several people in the parish have not received the Every Member Canvass letter and a pledge card for making a commitment to the operating budget for 2019. These *did* go out to everyone on the mailing list some six weeks ago, and if yours have not yet arrived please do call Heather in the Parish Office. Additional letters and cards will also be available in the narthex beginning on next Sunday.

Finally, you should also have received invitations to make a Christmas Flower memorial to defray the costs of the flowers at the Christmas liturgies and also a special Christmas Offering to the parish. The special Christmas and Easter Offerings are important source of income for St Andrew's, and we need to ask for your generousities. We also need by Thursday, 20 December, to have received the names of those in whose memories you want the Christmas flowers to be given: we cannot include them in the Christmas bulletins if we do not have them by the 20th

Faithfully,
Roger+

15 December

PANCAKES with SANTA

to benefit the

*Kent Education Center and Nursery School
(KECNS)*

Saturday, 15 December

8.30 - 10.30 a.m.

St Andrew's Parish House

\$5 per person (age 1 & higher)

\$20 per Family

ALL WELCOME!!

The Reverend Brett Figlewski
our Seminarian Intern 2015 - 2017
will be ordained to the
Sacred Order of Priests
on Thursday,
20 December
at 6.00 p.m.
at
Trinity Church
on the Green in Milton, Connecticut

St Andrew's Parish will be presenting him with a white stole that he has chosen, and all of us are warmly invited to be present on this joyous occasion.

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 Last Sunday

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
Sr Mary's homily on Advent Sunday,*

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

16 December

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Zephaniah 3.14-20

Canticle 9 (Isaiah 12.2-6)

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

The Annual Reports for 2017

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 2017](#)

[Treasurers Report 2017\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Emendations to the Parish Email & Telephone Directory 2018

*Carol Hoffman Matzke's telephone number has changed to
206.295.4128*

*Bob McDowell's email address is rnmcd30@yahoo.com
{r n m c d}*

Charlie Milligan's email address is chasmil@gmail.com

*Charmian Place & Ken Cooper have closed P.O. Box 72 in
South Kent and are receiving mail at their new street address,
47 Upper Kent Hollow Road in Kent.
Their telephone number is now 860.592.0003.*

*Georgianne Kent's new email address is
georgiannekent@gmail.com*

*George & Elissa Potts have a new home telephone number:
860.592.0013*

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,
and dish washing liquids and laundry detergents**
*Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!*

*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 proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar

... now stand at some \$6,853.17, and the Mission & Outreach Commission will distribute the monies in the New Year.

The Book Discussion Group

... will next meet on Sunday, 9 December, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 10 ('The Pains of Purgatory') 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!

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

with Bishop Laura Ahrens

every 3rd Tuesday at 11.00 a.m.

with lunch to follow at 12.30 p.m

\$10 donation appreciated

ALL WELCOME!!

*On FRIDAY, 7 December, & Tuesday, 18 December
the book under discussion will be Barbara Brown Taylor's
Learning to Walk in the Dark.*

FAMILY ADVENT DAY

**Advent wreath & candle-making, &c.,
ending with worship and supper**

Sunday, 2 December, 2.00 - 6.00 p.m.

\$50 per family of 4+

WINTER REST & RENEWAL

***Making space in your life and
soul to receive the gift of Jesus***

Thursday - Sunday, 6-9 December

Registration & costs available on the website for the Camp.

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!

Pawling Concert Series

Friday, 14 December
8.00 p.m.
The Gardiner Theater, Trinity-Pawling
School

THE BALTIMORE CONSORT

in

A Holiday Concert

of traditional songs and dance tunes from
England, Scotland, Nova Scotia, and the
Appalachians

\$30/\$15 students

Series subscription at www.pawlingconcertseries.org