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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, 17 March

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 13 March Holy Eucharist for the Lent Embertide at 6.00 p.m. Kent Singers Rehearsal (7.30 p.m.) A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 14 March 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, 15 March Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 16 March Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room) Kent Singers Rehearsal, 1.00 - 5.00 p.m. (Nave)

Sunday, 17 March Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave) Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. Coffee & ... at 11.30 a.m. Vestry Meeting at Noon (LIbrary) Kent Singers Concert at 4.00 p.m. (Nave)

Tuesday, 19 March Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. Strong Women, Stong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

Wednesday, 20 March Holy Eucharist for Wednesday in Lent II at 6.00 p.m. A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library) Music in the Nave at 4.00 p.m. (Kent Singers)

Sunday, 24 March Dwelling in the Word at Noon (Library)

Sunday, 31 March Dwelling in the Word at Noon (Library)

Sunday, 7 April Book Discussion at 9.30 a.m. (Library) Dwelling in the Word at Noon (Library) Music in the Nave at 4.00 p.m.

Saturday, 13 April Vestry Retreat (White Hart Inn)

Sunday, 14 April PALM SUNDAY Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist at 8.30 & 10.30 a.m.

Thursday, 18 April MAUNDY THURSDAY Potluck Supper at 6.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Day & Stripping of the Altar at 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 19 April GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy of the Day at Noon Sr Mary Lanning, Preacher Tenebrae at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, 21 April EASTER Holy Eucharist with Hymns at 8.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Choirs at 10.30 a.m.

Reception in Parish House at 11.30 a.m.

Twelve Step Groups

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

Thursdays A.A. at 7.30 a.m. On the first Sunday in Lent we always hear one of the three versions --Matthew's, Mark's, or Luke's-- of Jesus' Temptation in the wilderness, and on Sunday we heard Luke's.

It is in some ways the fullest, and contains examples of many of Luke's emphases, including the role of the Spirit (after his baptism, Jesus is 'full of the Holy Spirit ... and led by the spirit into the wilderness'); as well as the significance of the city of Jerusalem in the narrative (the final temptation is to hurl himself from the pinnacle of the Temple).

In Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, the Temptation story is clearly an assertion of the Incarnation, of Jesus' dual nature, being fully God and also fully human. Jesus can be truly tempted (the word conveys a sense of being tried, of one's mettle being tested) and Jesus refuses to deny who he in fact is --a human being subject to human weaknesses. He resists --as the Prayer Book puts it in the Lenten preface to the Eucharistic prayer, he was 'in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin'-- and does not summon super human powers to comfort himself and to do the devil's will. He will live nourished not only by bread but by the will of God; he will worship only God and nothing or no one else; he will not test (tempt!) God to do as he, a human being, wants.

And this is so much of what temptations are -- trials of our willingness to be who we are, to be as we are created to be. And we hear the story of Jesus' Temptation at the beginning of each Lent as part of an invitation again to reconsider who God made us to be and how we are sometimes, often, given to missing that mark --which is what the word hamartano, 'to sin' means in Greek, 'to miss the target'.

Lent is an invitation to correct our aim, to aim again to be as we have been created, to be the hands and tongues through which God wants to bless the world --to be human as Jesus was, alive to the purposes of God, to the movements of the Spirit.

Faithfully, Roger+

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Once again this year we are inviting people to keep a mite box on a counter or a table and to use it for depositing loose change --quarters only, pennies only, all of the change at the end of the day: the decision is up to you! And on Easter morning we ask you to return the mite boxes so that we can count the contents of all the boxes and then divide the proceeds equally between the Kent Community Fund and Bethania Kids, the Lutheran charity in southern India that takes in orphaned, abandoned, or unwanted children and cares for them, educates them, and prepares them to live on their own.

The mite boxes are available in the narthex, and please remember that they are a bit flimsy: it is best to re-enforce the bottoms with tape ...! (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, Verger Also with the mite boxes there are booklets of daily meditations for each of the days of Lent and Passiontide, Ash Wednesday through Easter Eve. They are published by ERD --Episcopal Relief & Development-- and are fine companions on one's journey through Lent!

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.

Lay Preachers Class

The Lay Preachers class concluded on last Sunday, the 3rd, and this Lent we will begin to hear homilies from those who were enrolled --Randy DiPentima, Janet Downes Nick Downes, and David Lindley!

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 24 February

Please click on the link below in order to hear or read the Rector's homily from 3 March

HOMILY for 3 March

The Lections this Week & Next



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, 1 April 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, 7 April, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 14 & 15 ('The Impact of Reform: Parishes' & 'The Impact of Reform: Wills') in Eamonn Duffy's remarable 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!

Norfolk Library Art Show by Heather Scofield 'enLIGHTenment'

April 5-30 Opening with refreshments on Sunday, 7 April 4-6 p.m 9 Geenwoods Rd. E. Norfolk, CT 06058 (860) 542-5075

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

On 10 February, the Reverend Nik Combs will present 'A Practical Intrduction to Anglican Chant.

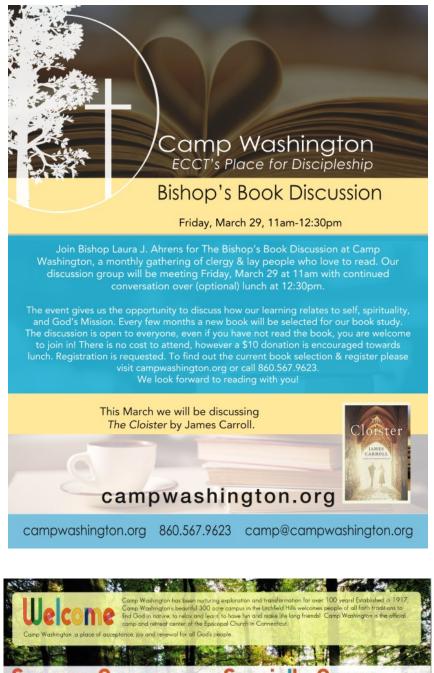
BISHOP'S BOOK DISCUSSION with Bishop Laura Ahrens with lunch to follow at 12.30 p.m

\$10 donation, registration requested via the Camp website. ALL WELCOME!!

You are invited to consult the Camp website for more information about the following events:

1 - 2 March Women's Yoga Retreat

8 - 10 March Spritual Retreat for High Schoolers





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

Sunday, 7 April 4.00 p.m.

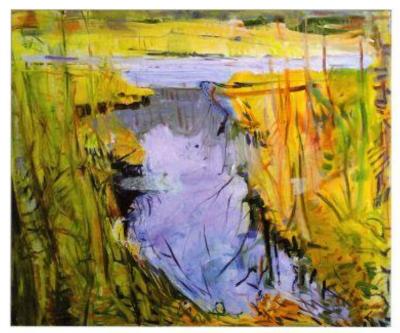
The Rosewood Ensemble

Barbara Hopkins, *flute*, Judy Handler, *guitar* in

'Melodies of Mark Twain'

\$15 at the doors, students admitted without charge.

The Kent Singers in the Nave



Ash Swamp, New Preston

THE KENT SINGERS

Seek Out Light

Sunday, March 17th, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. St. Andrew's Church, Kent, CT

Pawling Concert Series

Friday, 12 April 8.00 p.m. Gardiner Theater Trinity-Pawling School 700 Route 22, Pawling, New York

Camerata RCO The Chamber Ensemble of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam

Friday, 26 April

8.00 p.m. Hubbard Court in the Smith Field House **Trinity-Pawling School** 700 Route 22, Pawling, New York

Davina & The Vagabonds

A Coffee House-Style Concert of New Orleans charm, Memphis soul, tender Gospel moments, and Kurt Weill-like theatricality

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