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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

Thursday, 20

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

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

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

Ordination to the Priesthood of Brett Figlewski

Trinity Church, Milton, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Friday, 21 December

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 22 December

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

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

Sunday, 23 December

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, Noon - 5.00 p.m.

Monday, 24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Eucharist with Hymns at 6.00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Choir at 10.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Eucharist without Music at 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 26 December

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.
suspended for this week

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

Friday, 28 December

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

Tuesday, 1 January
Holy Eucharist for the
Feast of the Holy Name
at 9.30 a.m.

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

Sunday, 13 January
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)

Sunday, 20 January
ANNUAL MEETING
at NOON

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

The Revd Roger B. White,
Rector

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.
suspended for this week

Sunday, 30 December
Holy Eucharist for Christmas I at 8.30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.
suspended this week
Holy Eucharist for Christmas I at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, 1 January
The Feast of the Holy Name
Holy Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 2 January
Holy Eucharist for ix Christmas at 6.00 p.m.

20 December

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 presening him with a
white stole that he has chosen, and all of us are
warmly invited to be present on this joyous
occasion.

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

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,
Vergers

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,

The Annual Children's Christmas Service on this past Sunday was wonderful and fun --we have fabulous young lectors!-- and to all of the children and their parents I extend our grateful thanks for such an affecting liturgy!

There are a very few Christmas trees (some 24) remaining to be sold on the North Lawn of the rectory, and to date the sales have grossed \$7586.00. Several parishioners generously paid for ten trees to be distributed to those in need, and seven of these were delivered to the Kent Food Bank for last Friday; the others were given away on the North Lawn.

Also monies continue to come in for the Christmas Bazaar, and at the moment some \$6927.17 has been received for the Mission & Outreach efforts of the parish.

Please remember that in order for names to be printed in the Christmas bulletins we need to receive Christmas Flower Memorial by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday morning, 20 December -- fewer than 48 hours away ...!

And, most importantly, I am able to report that our faithful Treasurer, James Vick, is in Denver and recovering *well* from a serious skiing accident in Vail on last Friday, the 14th. He hopes to be back in Kent soon, and I hope that each of us will keep him in our prayers.

This comes with all good wishes for a gentle conclusion of Advent and for a joyous and blessed Christmastide,
Roger+

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
the Rector's homily on last Sunday*

[HOMILY](#) for 16 December

The Lectons this Week & Next

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Sunday of St Mary the Virgin

23 December

Year C

Micah 5.2-5a

Psalm 80.1-7

Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.39-55

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

30 December

Year C

Isaiah 61.1 - 62.3

Psalm 147.13-21

Galatians 3.23-25

John 1.1-18

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**

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 Book Discussion Group

... will next meet on Sunday, 13 January, 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

**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, 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

in

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

\$30/\$15 students

www.pawlingconcertseries.org