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## St Andrew's Church

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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, 24 February

## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

**Wednesday, 20 February**

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

*Kent Singers rehearsal postponed to Thursday*  
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

**Thursday, 21 February**

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)  
Kent Singers Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)

**Friday, 22 February**

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

**Saturday, 23 February**

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

**Sunday, 24 February**

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

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

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

**Evensong at 7.30 p.m.**  
**(Trinity Church, Torrington)**

**Monday, 25 February**

Kent Singers Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)

**Tuesday, 26 February**

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

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

**Wednesday, 27 February**

**Holy Eucharist for the George Herbert at 6.00 p.m.**

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

**From the Rector**

Evensong at  
Trinity Church,  
Torrington, at 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday, 3 March**  
Book Discussion  
at 9.30 a.m. (Library)  
M&O Commission Meeting  
at Noon (Library)  
Lay Preachers Class  
at 12.30 (Great Room)

**Monday, 4 March**  
St Andrew's Crafters  
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.  
(Parish House)

**Wednesday, 6 March**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Liturgy of the Day  
at Noon & 6.00 p.m.

## Twelve Step Groups

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

**Thursdays**  
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(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*

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, seven members of our vestry spent the day at Camp Washington at a retreat with about 90 other vestry representatives from most of the congregations in the NW Region of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut. (Ours may have been the largest delegation ...!) The retreat was called 'Vestry Membership as a Spiritual Discipline', and was well-led by two priests from Connecticut and a third from just across the line in New York State.

The invitation to everyone present, most of whom were members of fairly small congregations, was to be less concerned about attracting new members than encouraging the current membership to seek out new ways to have impact on --to bless-- the lives of their near neighbors in the name of the Risen Christ. And at our own vestry meeting on the following afternoon, we began to explore ways of doing just that. We donate quite a bit to the Kent Food Bank, but we do not help to staff it as we help to staff the soup kitchen at Trinity Church, Torrington. We help to support Kent Village Housing for the elderly, but we do not know much about the serving of meals at the nutrition site in the 'barn' there, or about the card games that often take place before or after the lunches ....

It was a wonderfully stimulating retreat and sparked a great deal of conversation about how we might begin to live in new ways. Therefore, to be continued ....

Later on Sunday, we had a concert in the nave to benefit Bethania Kids, the Lutheran charity in South India that takes in abandoned, unwanted, or desperately poor children and educates them. (It also helps developmentally challenged children to learn a skill so that they can help to support their families, and helps poor women, single mothers to do the same.) Our pianist friend, Margarita Nuller, and the 'cellist Adam Grabois, performed glorious Russian and French duets for a large and enthusiastic audience; and, we raised \$955 which we will be sending to Bethania Kids.

It was, all in all, a very fine and stimulating weekend, indeed ...!

Faithfully,  
Roger+

## Lay Preachers Class

Beginning on the Sunday, 21 January, and running for four Sundays into March, St Andrew's is privileged to be able to host a Lay Preaching Class organised by Eliza Marth, the ECCT Missioner for the Northwest Region. The training will begin to equip members of three congregations --St Andrew's; St John's, New Milford; and Trinity, Lime Rock-- to speak theologically 'from the pulpit' on occasional Sundays.

The meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons, 12.30 -

2.30, and Alexis Dorf, the Reverend Jack Gilpin, and I have helped Eliza to put the program together.

Randy DiPentima, Nick and Janet Downes, and David Lindley were pleased to agree to take the classes, and we look forward to hearing from them!

## 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 17 February

*Please click on the link below in order  
to hear or read  
the Rector's homily from 17 February*

[HOMILY for 17 February](#)

## The Lectons this Week & Next

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER

### THE EPIPHANY

**24 February 2019**

*Epiphany VII, Year C*

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

Psalms 37. 1-12, 41-42

I Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50

Luke 6.27-38

*The Altar flowers last Sunday, given in memory of John Geyer, were delivered to Gladys MacRitchie and Katie Reed. There is, as yet, no flower memorial for 24 February.*

## **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](#)**

## **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*

## **St Andrew's Crafters**

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

**Monday, 4 March  
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,  
dish washing liquids, laundry detergents  
paper towels, and toilet paper**

***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, 3 February, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 12 & 13 ('The Attack on Traditional Religion II: To the Death of Henry VIII' & 'Attack on Traditional Religion III: The Reign of Edward VI') 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](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.*

*Further information is available at [campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org)*

On 10 February, the Reverend Nik Combs will present  
'A Practical Introduction 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.*

### **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](http://www.pawlingconcertseries.org)**