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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, 7 December

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 5 December

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St Nicholas 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)

Thursday, 6 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, 7 December

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.
suspended for this week
8th Annual Messiah Sing-In
7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8 December

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)

Sunday, 9 December

Sr Mary Lanning preaching at both liturgies.
Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 (Nave)
Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.
Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, Noon - 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 11 December

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

Wednesday, 12 December

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St Lucy at 6.00 p.m.
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Christmas Tree Sale
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Prayer & Meditation
at 5.30 p.m.
suspended this week
Annual
Messiah Sing-In
at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8 December
Christmas Tree Sale
10.00 - 6.00 p.m.

Sunday, 9 December
Sr Mary Lanning
preaching at both
morning liturgies
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)
Christmas Tree Sale
Noon - 5.00 p.m.

Friday, 14 December
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.

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 Presiding Bishop

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry released this
statement on 1 December honoring
President George H.W. Bush.

With a grateful nation, and many around the world, we of the Episcopal Church give thanks to God, the source of life and love, for the life, the public and private witness of President George Herbert Walker Bush.

Through his enduring commitment to public service and his steadfast devotion to his family, he lived the way of Jesus through a life shaped by faith, hope and, above all, love. Through his unswerving service to our country and to the human community around the globe, he embodied the noblest ideals of his faith and his country.

President Bush will be an enduring reminder that virtues like kindness, gentleness and goodness are among the things that truly endure, and that chart the way to our living as the human family of God.

In him we have beheld a great soul, and been reminded of the hope that, by God's grace, we can live likewise.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

From the Rector

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.
(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

Dear Friends,

On most Tuesday and Thursday mornings, an increasingly numerous group of women meet in the Parish House for an exercise program --'Strong Women, Strong Bones'-- that New Milford Hospital sponsors. Several of them are members of the parish, and several of them are not; all of them, however, seem to be touchingly grateful for the availability of our handsome Great Room, and a number of them have made generous contributions to St Andrew's as a way of saying Thank You.

Last week, the day after I had sent out an invitation in The E-pistle to all of us to renew our attentions, as the weather grows colder, to those who depend for groceries on what is donated in the narthex for what is donated to the Kent Food Bank, the women from 'Strong Women, Strong Bones' announced that they would like to help with our collection of non-perishable food stuffs and so would weekly be adding to the donations to the Food Bank gathered in the basket in the narthex.

This is a wonderful gift to many of our near neighbors through the parish, and we need to rejoice in it!

And then, on the following day, I received the newsletter from a nearby parish --Christ Church, Bethlehem, where Fr David now serves-- advertising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar', which is a superb invitation. In the days between Advent Sunday and Christmas, each of us can make a surprise donation to our local food bank instead of discovering a surprise when we open a little flap on an Advent Calendar: there is a suggestion of a donation for each day on the Reverse Advent Calendar, but ... please do take each as a suggestion and feel free to substitute something else --a box of dishwashing detergent or a bag of pet food-- as you see fit ...!

Each day, add an item to a carton: on Christmas Eve, bring the carton to the Food Bank:

- 1 December: a box of cereal*
- 2 December: a jar of peanut butter*
- 3 December: a box of crackers*
- 4 December: a box of dried potatoes*
- 5 December: a box of macaroni & cheese*
- 6 December: a can of fruit*
- 7 December: a can of tomatoes*
- 8 December: a can of tuna fish*
- 9 December: a package of cookies*
- 10 December: a jar of applesauce*
- 11 December: a can of sweet potatoes*
- 12 December: a can of cranberry sauce*
- 13 December: a can of beans*
- 14 December: a can of ham*
- 15 December: a package of rice*
- 16 December: a box of oatmeal*
- 17 December: a box of dried pasta*
- 18 December: a jar of pasta sauce*
- 20 December: a can of soup*
- 21 December: a can of corn*
- 22 December: a can of sausages*

*23 December: a can of carrots
24 December: a can of stew*

And please know that a number of people have kindly donated Christmas trees from those on sale on our North Lawn for distribution through the Kent Food Bank, and so your contributions to the basket in the narthex will wonderfully augment what we and the women of 'Strong Women, Strong Bones' can do for those who rely heavily on the Food Bank for what they need. A box of tea bags, a can of tuna fish, some kibble for a pet, a bar of soap --each of these are things that can make a difference to those who struggle to make ends meet

As the winter season arrives and outdoor work lessens, please allow the chill to remind you of the gift of the infant in the stable and the need for everyone to know the warmth of Blessing. Of your charities, please do 'Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive'.

Faithfully,
Roger+

Music in the Nave

The Annual
Messiah Sing-In
with the Sherman Chamber Ensemble
on Friday,
7 December, at 7.30 p.m.
\$20 at the doors
(students admitted without charge)

***You may purchase your tickets
in advance, by credit card, at
<https://MITNKENTCT.EVENTBRITE.COM>***

THE SHERMAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
ANNUAL BAROQUE CONCERT

6 January 2019
4.00 p.m.

Sr MARY LANNING, O.P.
*will be our preacher
at both liturgies on*
Advent II, 9 December

The loose offering will be given to her for the remarkable ministry of Yes! Solutions among the homeless and the poor throughout New York City.

Mary will also happily receive donations of warm and gently-used hats, gloves, and scarves.

If bulky coats, leggings, etc., come in, we shall do our best to get these down to her in the Bronx, and hope that the donors will understand if we need to donate them to the Quality Thrift Shop here in Kent.

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!!

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 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
the Rector's homily on Advent Sunday,
2 December***

[HOMILY for 2 December](#)

The Lectons this Week

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Sunday of St John the Baptist

9 December

Year C

Malachi 3.1-4

Canticle 16 (Luke 1.68-79)

Philippians 1.13-11

Luke 3.1-6

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 \$6,838.17, 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