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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Thursday, 23 January

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Knitting group (KML) at Noon to 3.00 p.m. (Great Room)
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 24 January

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 25 January

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

Sunday, 26 January

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

**Annual Meeting at 11.30 a.m. (Church)
followed by light refreshments**

Tuesday, 28 January

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 29 January

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

Altar Flower Memorials for 2020

Please click the link below if you would like to make requests for Altar Flowers Memorials in 2020. The Altar Guild requests a \$50 donation for each Sunday, but any amount greater or less is gratefully received.

[Altar Flower Memorial 2020](#)

[Annual Meeting](#)

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Visit St Andrew's
website at

www.standrewskentct.org

The Episcopal Church
in Connecticut

www.ctepiscopal.org

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, 26 January
Annual Meeting

**11.30 a.m.
(Nave)
Snow day: 2 Feb.**

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women

Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)

Parish Staff

**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**

This Sunday, 26 January at 11.30 a.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of ST ANDREW'S PARISH is THIS SUNDAY at 11.30 a.m.

The purpose of the Meeting is to receive reports, to receive the Budget for 2020, to elect Officers and the members of the Vestry Class of 2023, and to transact any other such business as may properly come before the Meeting.

There will be light refreshments in the Parish House at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Snow date: 2 February at the same hour.

Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy

There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-through into the kitchen for volunteers to be responsible for both brewing the coffee and bringing light refreshments.

Included with the sign-up sheet are Instructions on "How to do Coffee Hour" with where to find supplies and instructions for coffee brewing...makes it really easy!!

During the time of transition between rectors, Coffee Hour is an especially important time for members of the parish to be together: please help by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &..., to make the social time more enjoyable!

The Prayer List During the Time of Transition

During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- you would like the prayers offered. If possible, please indicate for how she should keep the name(s) on the List. And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).

***You may also write to Heather at
st.andrew.kent@snet.net***

Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.

We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT

St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshipping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.

A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
FISH is very short-handed***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

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.*

Homily

***Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read***

***Reverend John Carter's Homily for 19 January
(10.30 a.m. Service)***

click on [Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

***The Third Sunday
after the Epiphany
26 January
Year A***

***Isaiah 9.1-4;
Psalm 27.1, 5-13;
I Corinthians 1.10-18;
Matthew 4.12-23***

Holy Cross Monastery

A Message from Trinity Episcopal Church in Torrington, CT



Your humble Messenger editor recently spent two wonderful nights at [Holy Cross Monastery](#) and while he feels it is one of the best kept secrets, he also feels compelled to share this place with you, the faithful reader.

Located in West Park NY, on the western bank of the Hudson River, and only 90 minutes from Torrington CT, Holy Cross Monastery is home to about 20 Episcopal Benedictine monks who seriously practice hospitality - they run a guesthouse where all are invited to worship with them (or not), break bread with them, and find God in the peace of their surroundings.

People are invited stay at the guesthouse - single rooms are available for about \$85 on weeknights and \$100 on weekends - these are suggested donations, and you can make arrangements for payment assistance. They also have a full list of retreat options, too. This summer, I attended a poets retreat that was great.

With all these retreats, there is time to gather with others, but also time to reflect, to rest, and to do what the Spirit calls you to do.

You can worship with them, or not - there is no obligation. In their beautiful yet simple chapel, they chant during 7am Matins, 9am Eucharist, noon Diurnum, 5pm Vespers, and 8pm Compline.

Three meals are served each day by a chef who attended the Culinary Institute of America - the food is divine! While you eat breakfast or dinner, you might see deer through the windows that overlook their backyard.

The monks observe Great Silence after Compline and until 8:30 in the morning, so it is a truly peaceful place.

You can hike some beautiful trails along the Hudson, or visit nearby towns such as New Paltz and Kingston. You can read, pray, nap, knit, puzzle, visit their gift shop, or do what you desire, so long as you are respectful of the peace. During

our most recent visit, I enjoyed reading and hiking, my wife also read and napped, and my teenage daughter listened to music with her ear buds while sketching. We also took in a movie in Kingston and shopped in New Paltz.

Here at the monastery, there is a delightful quiet. It is restful and rejuvenating. It is an easy place, where you can do as you wish.

If you would like more information about Holy Cross Monastery, please contact me, and I would be happy to share more with you.

I'm wondering, too, if there is interest in going on a guided retreat together as a group - I know that about ten years ago, some folks from Trinity Torrington used to go on retreat there, but then the numbers dwindled. Please see email me if you might be interested in this, too.

And feel free to share this email with anyone who might be interested in visiting [Holy Cross Monastery](#)! Just click this button.

Peace,

Conrad Sienkiewicz
conradsank@gmail.com

At nearby Camp Washington
190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org
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JOIN ME: SECOND SUNDAY @ CAMP
WASHINGTON

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: RETELLING SCRIPTURE

Cracking open Scripture together and reliving
the holy mystery of Communion.

**sunday, february 9, 4PM - camp
washington, 190 kenyon road, lakeside**

Join Maggie Breen, NE Region Missionary & Fr.
Brett Figlewski, St. Paul's, Bantam: come and see,
come and experiment, come and experience
together a new way to read, hear & inwardly digest
Holy Scripture.

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. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed.
Further information is available at campwashington.org*

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!

Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17th century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,¹ from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,² and occasionally overseas.³
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: austinm@kent-school.edu.



¹ Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

² There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

³ There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

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!

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](#)