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The Night Sky

From Ned Reade, Senior Warden

Maria and I agree on a great many things. She loves the full moon and delights in the last walk of the night with our dog, Ellie, under the spotlight rays of the moon. However, I love to look at the circling constellations, Orion, Castor and Pollux, and the planets, and I prefer midnight blue without the moon which makes for great star gazing. This week the moon is dark, but the tiny crescent sliver will kick off next week. Happily, the waxing and waning of the moon continues throughout the year and helps mark time.

Next week will also mark the moment when we hit 10 hours of daylight. Farmers know that this is the moment they can start seeds and plants that have spent the winter in the greenhouse under cover begin to emerge from hibernation. Another anticipated moment that marks the changes in the year.

Another way of marking the passage of time is that in the church calendar we have moved to using Lectionary Year C, and Prayers of the People Form 3.

This is also the weekend of Annual Meeting for St. Andrew's when we receive reports from the various commissions in the parish on the year just past, present a slate of three new vestry members, say good-bye and thank you to those who have served their 3-year terms, and we pass a budget for the year

2025. Passing these resolutions can seem as routine as the phases of the moon.

However, we only have to look back to remember that for the last two years, we did not have a rector. Indeed, we are in a good place- “God’s in His heaven, All’s right with the world!” – Robert Browning. Rev. Richard Clark and his family have been embraced by the parish and the wider Kent community. The parish will move forward deliberately and prayerfully to do God’s work from this little corner of Connecticut. And - God willing - the moon and stars will continue to shine over us all.

The Annual Meeting is on Sunday!



Our Annual Meeting will take place immediately following the 10:30 Service on Sunday, February 2nd. *This is the ONLY service happening on Sunday.*

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a lavish potluck lunch will be served! Please feel free to bring sweet and savory dishes for all to enjoy.

For those Parish Members unable to attend in person, please use the Zoom link below to log in and participate in the meeting virtually.

Topic: St. Andrew's Annual Meeting 2025

Time: Feb 2, 2025 11:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76816292888?>

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Meeting ID: 768 1629 2888

Passcode: 6uc59z

Pledge Envelopes for 2025 are in the Narthex



A friendly reminder that 2025 pledge envelopes are now available for pickup in the narthex.

If you made a pledge for 2025, an envelope has already been prepared for you. Feel free to stop by and pick yours up at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support!

Prayer List Updates Coming Soon



St. Andrew's has begun the new Liturgical Year with a new Prayer List and a new way of remembering all on the Prayer List while reading aloud less names.

First: if you would like an individual to be prayed for, please call the office or email KC with their name. Unless requested, each name will be read aloud at our Sunday and Wednesday services for three weeks, and then stay on the complete Prayer List that will be in each week's bulletin.

If the person being prayed for has a specific time when prayers are needed (e.g. surgery) please indicate in your request how long prayers are needed. If that person needs prayers for an indefinite period please indicate that prayers are needed until notice is given.

The hope is that this new Prayer List will keep all in need of prayers on a list that is easy to bring home, and also to hear in church. Give us your thoughts!

Regarding Church Announcements



We're rolling out a new way to keep everyone in the loop! If you have an announcement that you'd like to share with the Parish at the end of the service, simply drop an **email to KC** to add your announcement to our master list. We want to make sure your voices are heard.

2025 Flower Offerings



If you're looking to brighten the altar and honor a beloved memory or joyous event with the beauty of flowers, you're in luck! Our 2025 Flower List is blooming with options and can be found in the narthex. And if you prefer to browse from the comfort of your home, you can also **download it right here!**

St. Andrew's is now on Instagram!



We're on the 'Gram!

St. Andrew's has joined the ranks of Instagram, and will regularly post photos of not only our many events and gatherings, but also the beauty around our church and community.

To follow St. Andrew's on Instagram, search for [@standrewskentct](https://www.instagram.com/standrewskentct), or scan the QR code below.



The Cathedral Clothing Drive
is Back in Full Swing



Cathedral Clothing Drive Resumes for the Fall

From Steve Klots: With South Kent School back in session, I am resuming the clothing drive in support of the Church Street Eats soup kitchen at our cathedral in Hartford. I am happy to collect and take over with SKS students anything you can donate--sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, casual shirts, t-shirts, pants, new socks, blankets, and even shoes. (The collection box will be in the narthex.)Larger sizes (L, XL, and 2XL) are particularly needed.

Keep in mind that 90% of the guests at the soup kitchen are men. More formal clothes such as suits really would be better for the thrift shop at the Congregational church.

Please reach out to me at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions. Many thanks!

Mark Your Calendars

THIS Sunday, 2 February :: 11:30 am
Parish-wide Annual Meeting
(following the 10:30 Service)
NO 8:30 am Service

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 02 February:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ* (with music) *(in-person and live-streamed)*

Sunday, 02 February :: 11:45 am
Annual Meeting - Potluck to Follow

Monday, 03 February :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 05 February :: 6:00 pm
Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 05 February :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women

Thursday, 06 February :: 7:00 pm
A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 06 February :: 7:00 pm
Al-Anon Meeting

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P O Box 262
Kent, CT 06757
memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Samantha's office in Town Hall, or placing it in the offering plate, marked for the food bank.

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna.** Make certain

that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

Lections for this Week

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ *Year C*

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



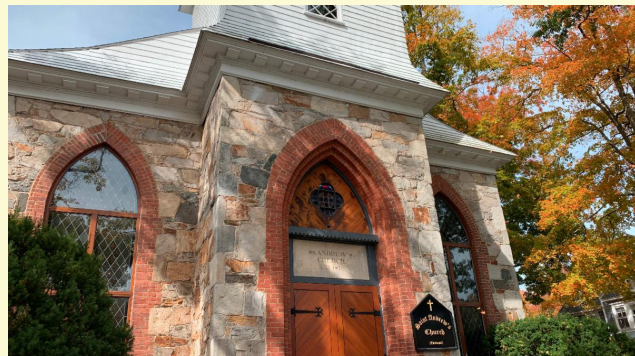
Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

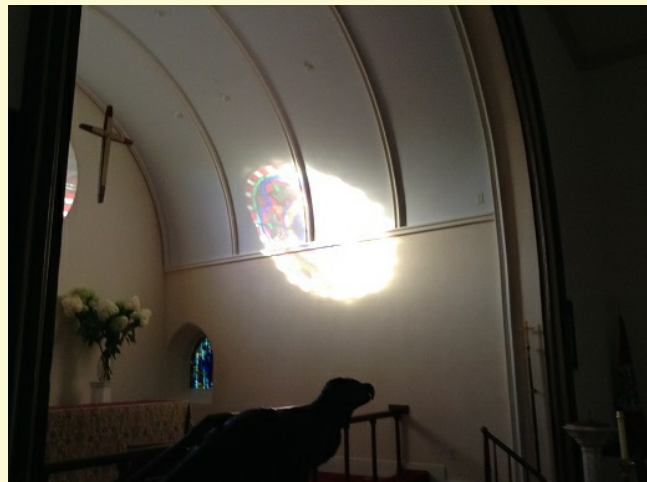
In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

Mondays

LGBTQ+ A.A.
(Parish House)

Wednesdays

A.A. for Women
(Parish House)

Thursdays

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm
(Parish House)



Parish Staff

**The Reverend
Richard J. Clark**
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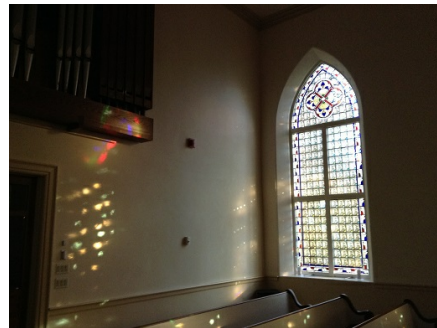
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