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The Feast of All Saints

From the Wardens

The holiday season is upon us. Once we celebrate All Saints Day the days fly by, and in a month the season of Advent begins; you will note a change in the liturgy and the colors at the altar. In the meantime, the vestry has been working faithfully, diligently and prayerfully in seeking our new rector. The interview process is well underway.

Our Thanksgiving week begins on Saturday, November 18, when the parish holds its annual Christmas bazaar. It is a joy filled day - please come with friends and family, and if you can, lend a hand by baking and donating as detailed below.

On Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm, we will join our friends at First Congregational Church in their lovely church building for the Kent Community Thanksgiving Service led by the Reverend John David Heeckt. Last year we hosted the community service here at St. Andrew's. If your schedule permits, please do consider pausing to give thanks with our Kent community for our many blessings in this service of prayer, readings and music.

In addition, our own Thanksgiving Eucharist service will take place on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 pm.

And this year we once again are selling Christmas trees!! Please help out. Look below for details.

Reminder: Time Change This Weekend!



Don't forget to **turn your clocks back one hour** this Saturday evening! While we love having you at St. Andrew's, we wouldn't want you to be an hour ahead of schedule.

The Christmas Tree Sale is Back!



After a hiatus last year due to a tree shortage, St. Andrew's has managed to successfully procure 200 Christmas trees for this year's sale.

We are looking for volunteers to help with tree sales, beginning on **Friday, 24 November**, and continuing through mid-December (or until all trees are sold).

Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church and will be ready for your name this Sunday!

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year: Christmas Bazaar 2023



Donations for the Christmas Bazaar can be dropped off in the Parish Hall beginning Wednesday, November 1st. Think “Bazaar” as you chose your donations—treasures that you would give as a gift, Christmas decorations and ornaments. Bakers and cooks, your donations will be welcome on Friday November 17th.

Because we honor all veterans on November 11th, we hope that you can box up your donations so that they can rest neatly in the corner of the Parish Hall nearest the rectory.

Anyone interested in setting up for the Bazaar, we’ll begin on Sunday November 12th after coffee hour. See you then!

Marel Rogers and Sue Edgerly

Halloween in Kent: A Community Tradition - Thank You!



George-Ann Gowan in the middle of Muppet Mayhem

It was a wildly successful Halloween in Kent, with several hundred kids descending in costume. St. Andrew's was able to be part of it all, and we couldn't have done it without your generous candy donations.

A special thank you to **Michael Ward, Judy Perkins** and **Randy DiPentima** who handed out candy to the trick-or-treaters!

Community Thanksgiving Service at First Congregational Church



Many parishioners have fond memories of the joint services we used to have with First Congregational Church, and we are so pleased to continue this tradition.

Please join us at First Congregational Church on **Tuesday, 21 November** at 7:00 PM, for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service. There will be readings, hymns and prayers, but no sermon or Holy Communion, as we come together to thank God for the bounty of creation and all God has bestowed upon us.

Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor ... or bringing along your Thanksgiving houseguests! For we *all* have so very much to be thankful for.

From the Nominating Committee



It is, once again, the season to think about who would like to serve St. Andrew's by standing for election at our annual meeting in early February. At that meeting, we will elect new vestry members; two delegates to the diocesan annual convention; and two alternates to convention. Vestry members serve three-year terms. The vestry meets monthly, and vestry members are also expected to chair or serve on one commission or head up a project for the parish. Convention delegates represent the parish at the two-day diocesan convention, which usually takes place in Hartford in October.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charmian Place, is seeking suggestions for people it may nominate to fill all of these positions. These should be active members of St. Andrew's who attend worship regularly and contribute both time and money to the parish.

The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions that are submitted, as it forms the slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting. If you'd like to suggest someone—and you may definitely toss your own hat into the ring—please complete a Suggestion Form (available in the Narthex and the parish office; or we can email you one) and give it to Charmian or KC. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charmian directly.

Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



On the fourth Sunday of each month, **Steve Klots** takes a group of South Kent School students to Church Street Eats, the Sunday soup kitchen at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. As part of that, he and his crew distribute clothing, and he reports that, with winter approaching, there is a desperate need for men's coats (but not dress coats), blankets, gloves, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and pants. (Some women's clothing is welcome, but about 90% of the guests at Church Street Eats are men.) He would greatly appreciate the support of the parish in this. He will leave a collection box in the narthex of the church, and he will stop by at least every couple of weeks to collect any donations. Feel free to contact him at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions.

Coffee Hour Has Returned!



Coffee Hour, a chance to catch up with fellow parishioners and welcome new ones, happens weekly after the 10:30 service. Please consider hosting one

Sunday, either on your own or ask a friend or parishioner to cohost with you - it's a delicious way to celebrate fellowship and enjoy our parish family!

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, 18 November

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, 21 November :: 7:00 PM

Community Thanksgiving Service at FCC

Friday, 24 November

Christmas Tree Sale Begins

**Sacred & Secular Concert, 12 November
at Christ Church Episcopal, Sharon**

Benefit Concert
A PROGRAM OF SACRED AND SECULAR SOLOS AND DUETS

featuring

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 12
AT 3:00 P.M.**

MARTHE RYERSON
SOPRANO

DONNA MARIE CASTANER
SOPRANO AND HARPER

JON LAFLEUR
ORGANIST

TICKETS \$20 \$50 PER FAMILY

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This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 05 November :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of All Saints*

Sunday, 05 November:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of All Saints* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 05 November:: 10:30 am

Church School

Monday, 06 November :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 08 November :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 08 November :: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 09 November: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 09 November: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

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 new 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.

Lectons for this Week

The Feast of All Saints

Year A

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10,22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12



Worship Services

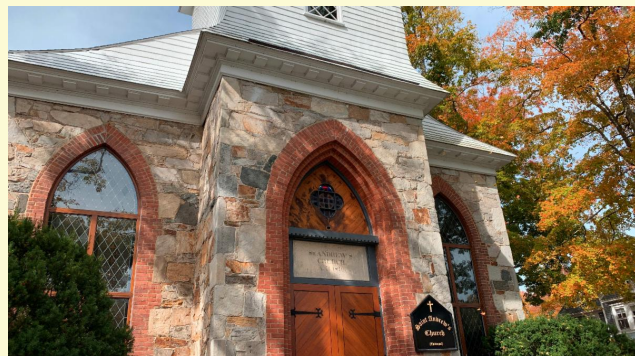
-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

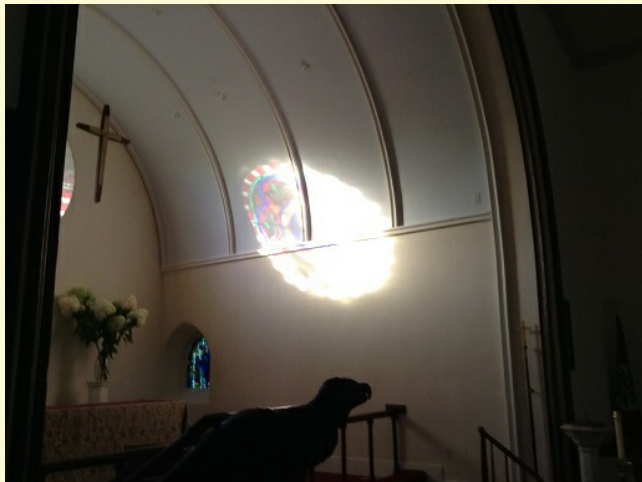
In person

(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)

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



Parish Staff

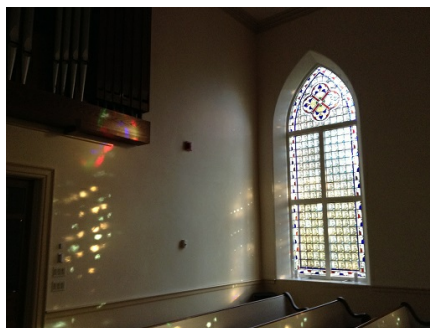
Susan Guse
Organist & Director of Choirs

Ron Marasco, Ph.D.
Director of Education

KC Compton
Parish Administrator

Jane Farnol
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Financial Secretary

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