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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

From the Wardens

As we mentioned previously, we are gathering as a parish on <u>June 4th</u>, immediately after the 10:30 service to discuss and discern who this parish seeks as our next rector. The meeting will be facilitated by Gail Lebert, a lay minister retained by the ECCT who has aided at least a dozen Connecticut parishes through transition. In her words, her role is to "help us hear each other" as we discern who we are and who could best serve as our rector. Thus, this meeting is a crucial part of our search; we urge you to attend. The vestry will be hosting the coffee hour. In the meantime, please do share your thoughts with the wardens or any vestry member. In addition, the suggestion box remains in the narthex.

In preparation for that meeting, the vestry will hold a special meeting with Gail Lebert this coming week.

Please plan on welcoming Bishop Laura Ahrens to Kent and St. Andrew's on May 21.

Spring is returning! The grounds are looking good-thank you property commission.

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For those wishing to donate:

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning Friday, June 306h. Donation hours are 9am-2 pm M-F and Saturday 9 am noon.
- No mattresses, upholstered furniture, books, clothing, toys or computers can be accepted.
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken.
- Instructions for pick-up of large items will be available soon.

The Tag Sale offers an opportunity to experience what a marvelous community St. Andrew's fosters. We look forward to working with you, as a donor or as a volunteer. Please contact Marel Rogers, Sue Edgerly or Kathy Fricker for more information on how you can participate.

Bishop Laura visits St. Andrew's Next Month



Bishop Laura Ahrens will be joining us to worship on May 21. Please keep in mind that this is not pertaining to our rector search; rather, Bishop Laura would love to spend some time with the people of our parish and see all of the wonderful things St. Andrew's is doing. A special Coffee Hour where people can talk to Bishop Laura and ask questions will follow the 10:30 service.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 07 May :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 07 May :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 07 May :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: The Fifth Sunday of Easter (with music) (in-person and

live-streamed)

Sunday, 07 May :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 07 May:: 11:30 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 08 May :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 10 May :: 6:00 pm **Midweek Holy Eucharist**

Thursday, 11 May :: 5:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Thursday, 11 May :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 11 May :: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

Sunday, 21 May

Bishop Laura Ahrens Visits

Sunday, 04 June

Gail Lebert, Transition Consultant, Meets with Parish

Gas Cards Needed for Kent Social Services

Our town Social Worker, Samantha Hasenflue, asked whether St. Andrew's members might like to purchase prepaid gas cards at the Mobil station, which she would give to needy Kent residents who have to drive to medical appointments outside of Kent. Some people are really feeling the impact of rising food and fuel costs, and an extended drive to seek medical care puts strain on already tight budgets.

If you would like to help in this way, please place the gas card in an envelope, labelled "Kent Social Services" and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

We have now resumed all of our usual pre-COVID practices except the sharing of the Common Cup; we distribute the Wine in individual portions.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays.

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'a 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14



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)



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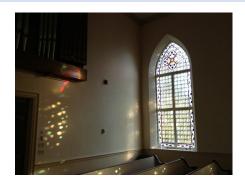
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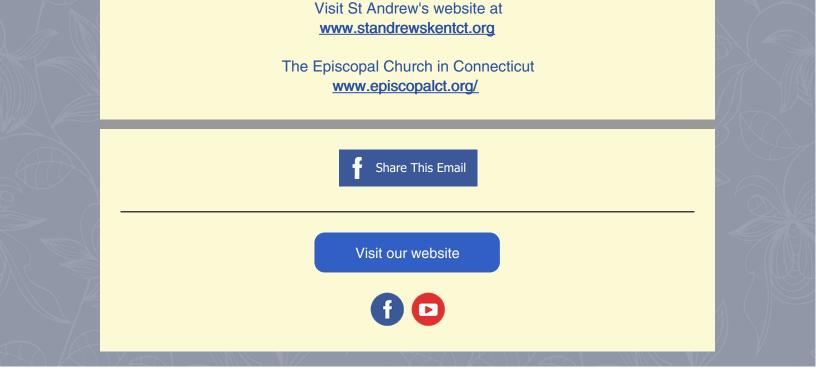
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