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## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

### St Andrew's Church

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Visit St Andrew's website at

[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

[www.ctepiscopal.org](http://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

Thursday, 9 April

***Maundy Thursday\****

*\*Service available on YouTube and through our website*

[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)  
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

***Call or email only***

Friday, 10 April

***Good Friday\****

*\*Service available on YouTube and through our website*

[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)

Sunday, 12 April

***Easter Sunday\****

***\*Easter Sunday***

***with Rev. Paul Christopherson  
will be available on YouTube and through our website***

[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)

Tuesday, 14 April

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

***Call or email only***

**Letter from the Wardens**

Dear Friends,

**Wednesday, 4 March**  
**March 4-April 8**  
**Lent Madness**  
**Online only**

**Sunday, March 22**  
**The Kent Singers**  
**Songs of the**  
**British Isles**  
**3.00 p.m.**  
**\*\*Rescheduled for**  
**June 14 at 3 p.m.**  
**St John's Episcopal**  
**Church in New Milford**

**Sunday, 5 April**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

**Thursday, 9 April**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Friday, 10 April**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Sunday, 12 April**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

## 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**

As we continue with Social Distancing in these unprecedented times, our faith brings us comfort. Much has been posted on social media from the Governor's Office and of course from our Bishops through the ECCT Media. With the directive to continue with Social Distancing through April 30, we will not resume with services in the church until at least the beginning of May. If any important additional information should be communicated, we will send out a special E-pistle as needed.

Now is also a good time to go to our website for updated information...George always keeps it current. Please know you can go online to the Washington National Cathedral and attend services that are being broadcast online from there. The website is: <https://cathedral.org> And our YouTube posting of last week's morning prayer and weekly recordings, with accompanying bulletin, will be on the website and also distributed by a Special E-pistle. Also included on the site are links to NWCT Regional Church News.

In an effort to reach out particularly to those at risk and are unable to get out, the Vestry has each taken a page from our directory and telephoned our local parishioners to touch base and make sure they are not in need of anything. Frankly, it was as much for our sense of well-being as for the folks we contacted. Don't be shy about calling friends if you need anything or just need hearing a friendly voice. That's what our Parish Community is all about.

As we are keeping so many in our prayers during these uncertain times, please make note of how to add names to the Prayer List. Our celebrant for video services will add those names during the service.

Lastly, if you are in need of fresh air at 8:00 every evening, a stroll by the church to hear the bell-ringing with the interior softly lit, is quite inspirational. Our thanks to Ron Marasco and his merry band for making this happen.

Stay safe,  
The Wardens

## From Webmaster George Potts

**Parish member Kristin Phelps has a great idea!**

**We would like the members of our worldwide St Andrew's Parish to share stories of how we each have been spending our time during the current pandemic:**

***Where are you spending your quarantine?***

***How are you keeping busy?***

***What are you reading?***

*What is the biggest change you are experiencing?*

*Are you attending any online services, both here and worldwide?*

Please email your stories to George Potts at [gpotts@snet.net](mailto:gpotts@snet.net) and he will upload them to the parish website so that we can all see them. All of them will be viewable once the page is published at <https://www.standrewskentct.org/membersblog.html>

## Letter from the Treasurer

### St. Andrew's Financial Condition During the Coronavirus Shutdown

Fortunately, our parish is in solid financial condition. We need, however, to remind everyone that funds from our congregation's weekly donations and yearly pledges have declined due to our Church's closure.

I and the entire vestry are grateful, as always, for your continued financial support of St. Andrew's. At this moment, your contributions are more crucial than ever if we are to continue to operate and provide social outreach during this difficult time and into the future.

During the closure of St. Andrew's, we are encouraging people to mail their contributions because it is the safest way to maintain social distancing. If you want to have your donation go towards a specific purpose, please label it as such. St. Andrew's mailing address is:

St. Andrew's Parish  
P.O. Box 309  
Kent, CT 06757  
(860.927.3486)

Again, we so appreciate any offerings you are able to give.

Stephen Morocco,  
Treasurer

## The Prayer List

*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, that you would like the prayers offered. And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).*

*Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.*

*You may also write to Heather at  
[st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto: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.*

**From the ECCT**

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH YOUR BISHOPS AND ECCT COMPANIONS**

As we journey towards the events of Holy Week and Easter, our thoughts and prayers are with you as we live into the reality that COVID-19 has completely altered our lives and the ways we have always known to gather and worship. And we also give thanks for all who are practicing new ways of being physically distant even as we seek social and spiritual deepening.

While following physical distancing guidelines has left many of us feeling alone and uncertain about the future, we know that the most pastoral and faithful act we can all do is to keep our communities safe and healthy, and protect the vulnerable.

Therefore, in an effort to allow us to participate in the transformational experiences of Holy Week and Easter, despite the restrictions on gathering in our communities, we would like to share with you some opportunities for us to be together during Holy Week and on Easter Day. We pray that you will join us online and look forward to sharing this most holy time with you.

Faithfully,

Episcopal Church in Connecticut  
Virtual Holy Week and Easter Offerings

**Maundy Thursday: Reflections with your Bishops,  
April 9, 12 - 12:30 p.m.**

Join our Bishops Ian T. Douglas and Laura J. Ahrens as they share prayer and reflections.

**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross Video,  
April 10, 12:00 p.m.**

Pray the stations along with us as we take a final journey through all 14 Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday: Sharing of the Easter Light,  
April 11, 8:00 p.m.**

We asked our ECCT community to submit videos of themselves "kindling a flame". Join us to watch the final compilation of all the contributions.

**Easter Sunday: Celebration of our Lord's  
Resurrection, April 12, 10:00 a.m.**

You are invited to join the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens Bishop Suffragan and, the The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean of our Cathedral and other special guests around Connecticut for a virtual Easter morning celebration.

All events will premiere on ECCT's Facebook and YouTube accounts on the designated days and times. In the meantime, you may use the following links to subscribe and follow our channels:

[ECCT Youtube Page](#) | [ECCT Facebook Page](#)

You can also visit our ECCT Holy Week and Easter webpage for more details.

Please share the image below with your family and friends!

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Holy Saturday April 11: Sharing of the Easter Light  
Video Compilation 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 12: Easter Celebration  
10:00 a.m.

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[episcopalct.org/ecct-events/holy-week-2020/](http://episcopalct.org/ecct-events/holy-week-2020/)*



[Visit our website](#)

**The Kent Food Bank**

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

**Kent Community Fund  
P.O. Box 262  
Kent, CT 06757**

*\*Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of  
your check.*

**These funds will be used to purchase vouchers  
for local families in need, under the direction of  
our town's Social Services Director, Leah  
Pullaro.**

**The Kent Food Bank is also taking food  
donations  
during this difficult time.**

**The Kent Food Bank is**



especially in need of:  
*Staples such as beans, rice, tea,  
coffee, sugar, nuts,  
hot & cold breakfast cereals,  
peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna*

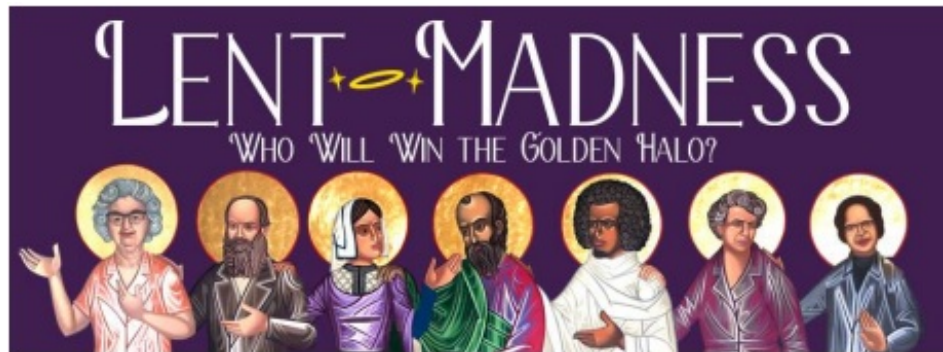
*Please remember that the Food Bank accepts  
pet foods as well!*

*Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not  
past!*

*You may drop off food items on Thursdays  
from 9.00 to Noon  
in the back of the Community House  
on Main Street.*

*Please **DO NOT** come into the Food Bank, but  
leave outside the door.*

**Lent Madness**



Lent Madness ends on the Wednesday of Holy Week (8 April ) with the winner awarded the Golden Halo. Thanks to all who added their presence, thoughts and votes to our first venture into this Lenten journey.

Marel Rogers

[www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)

**Coffee in the Commons Podcast**



### **COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS**

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

**Listen to the latest episode below!**

<http://www.coffeehour.org/>

### **The Annual Reports for 2019**

**The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2019](#)**

### **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  
Reverend Steve Klot's Homily for 5 April  
Palm Sunday***

**[click on Homily](#)**

## **The Lections this Week**

**Maundy Thursday  
Year A  
Isaiah 50.4-9a;**

***Psalm 31.9-16;  
Philippians 2.5-11;  
Matthew 21.1-11***

**Good Friday**

*Year A*

***Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12;  
Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10.16-25;  
John 18.1 - 19.42***

**Easter Sunday**

*Year A*

***Acts 10.34-43;  
Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3.1-4;  
Matthew 28.1-10***