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Late Summer Sun, by Nik Harron

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

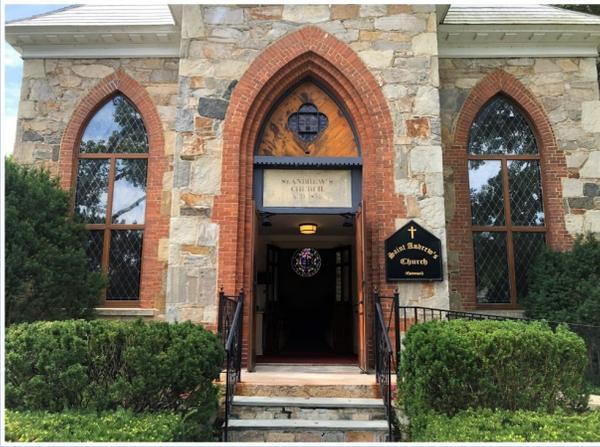
THE PARISH IS OPEN. At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the May guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship. In light of revised guidance from the CDC and the current surge being caused by the Delta variant, our worship protocols have now been slightly updated as follows:

- **We are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.*** The variant is highly transmissible, even by people who are fully vaccinated, and according to the CDC, Litchfield County's level of community transmission is now **Substantial** (or higher)
- **Congregational singing has now resumed**, at the 10:30 service only

In addition, it is no longer necessary to sign-up in advance to attend worship, but we will record the names of those who attend, in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services, as there are parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

**THIS SUNDAY, 19 September:
Welcome Home Sunday**



Vacations have been taken...visitors have come and gone...minds and bodies have been renewed and refreshed. As the air crisps and the leaves turn, it is always good for us to re-gather after a summer season that's taken many of us in so many different directions and at different times. And this year, that celebration will be greater than ever, as we continue learn how to be together safely...and live together, in community...despite the constraints of COVID.

This Sunday is our **wonderful homecoming celebration: Welcome Home Sunday**. This week only, we will have **one service, at 10:30**. Katherine Almquist and her merry makers have planned a **wonderful, extra-special Coffee Hour to follow**, with plenty of time for catching up and getting reacquainted. (Coffee Hour will be outdoors, assuming the weather cooperates.)

Whether you have been here every Sunday...have been thinking about coming back...or have missed the warmth and love that we share, please join us as we begin a new year...and give thanks for all the blessings God has given us in one another.

Fr Douglas on Vacation

Father Douglas will be away on vacation from Friday, 27 August, through Friday, 17 September. He will be checking email only infrequently while he's gone. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please call the rectory line (860-592-0171) and leave him a message. If there is something KC Compton, our parish administrator, can help you with, she will be keeping her regular hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 2:00. KC's email address is office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

Weekly Calendar

Friday, 17 September	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Saturday, 18 September	Choir Rehearsal (for fall music) (Choir Room)	9:30 am
Saturday, 18 September	Officers Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	4:00 pm

Sunday, 19 September	Welcome Home Sunday - Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 17 (with music) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am ONLY
Sunday, 19 September	Special All-Parish Coffee Hour <i>(outdoors)</i>	11:35 am
Monday, 20 September	Bible Study: Genesis <i>(Parish House)</i>	11:00 am
Tuesday, 21 September	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St Matthew <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 22 September	Racial Reconciliation Study Group <i>(Parish House)</i>	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 22 September	Mid-week Holy Eucharist <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 22 September		
Thursday, 23 September	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 23 September		
	A.A. meeting <i>(Parish House)</i>	7:30 am
	Al-Anon <i>(Old Vestry Room)</i>	7:00 pm

ECCT Bishop Transition Committee Announces Many Listening Sessions

As you may be aware, Bp Ian Douglas has announced his plans to retire in October 2022. A diocesan Bishop Transition Committee (BTC) has been appointed and begun its work. They recently announced a series of listening sessions where people from across the diocese can provide their perspectives to the Committee:

The process of discerning who God is calling to be our next Bishop Diocesan begins with each of us. Our bishop will be part of our community, and their role grows out of the distinctive qualities which make up the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

The Discernment Subcommittee will be holding [sixteen listening sessions via Zoom from August 30—September 23](#). These sessions are designed to encourage us to share from our own unique context and experiences. We will gather together to pray, share, and discern together our current strengths and areas of growth as ECCT, as well as where we sense God inviting us next. These holy conversations will then form the backbone of our Bishop Profile, which will be developed in partnership with the Profile Subcommittee.

The Discernment Subcommittee is committed to ensuring these Listening

Sessions are safe spaces where you will feel free to share openly about your experiences in ECCT, the wider Episcopal Church, and our world. Any information from these sessions utilized in the final Profile or other BTC communications will remain anonymous.

We look forward to our time together as we pray, listen, share, and discern God's calling as we search for our XVI Bishop Diocesan. [Learn more and register.](#)

Note: St Andrew's is in the Northwest Region, but parishioners have been invited to attend any regional listening session that is convenient.

HOSPITALITY AT ST ANDREW'S: Looking for Volunteers

Following an outstanding run by Bernadette Ellegard and her crew (thank you, one and all!), we are pleased to announce that Katherine Almquist has agreed to become the new chair of the Hospitality Commission. We are so grateful for Katherine's willingness to take on this work, and we know St Andrew's tradition of wonderful parish events will continue.

Katherine is looking for volunteers to help her, beginning with our first event of the new church year: an all-parish reception following the 10:30 service on Welcome Home Sunday, 19 September. You do not need to be a chef! There are jobs available for all skill levels and interests. If you are willing to help, please contact Katherine at kt_almquist@hotmail.com.

THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services



Perhaps you would like to know more about the charities and agencies that St Andrew's helps fund? Perhaps you might even want to get involved with one of them? Well, we will be highlighting some of the charities and agencies that our parish supports via the Mission & Outreach Commission. This week, we feature Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services of Connecticut, a New Haven-based agency whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities. Here is more from their website:

"Refugee families who arrive from overseas come to the U.S. with virtually no material possessions. They have lost homes, friends, family, country, culture, and jobs. Most do not speak any English. They have no income, and many are victims of trauma, with physical or mental health needs. As great as their initial needs are, their potential to enrich our community is even greater.

"Asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance stabilizing their family situation often have many of the same needs as refugees coming from overseas. However, since they are already in the U.S., it is often the case that they have some limited resources or extended support network that can be built upon with the help of IRIS.

"IRIS provides targeted wrap-around services for all clients, using a strength-based assessment model, that offers long-term support for successful integration."

The services IRIS provides include basic needs (shelter and furnishings); case management (integration into the local community); health and wellness support; employment assistance; additional education; immigration legal services; education and youth services; English-language instruction; and services for undocumented neighbors.

To learn more about IRIS, you can [visit their website](#).

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or KC know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want

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.*

Lections for this Week

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Year B

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37



Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order
to view
past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays located
on our website.

[Homilies and Past Services](#)

Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;

Healing Service at 8.30,

Third Sunday

In person

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

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



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.

**-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation**

5.30 p.m.

**-Holy Days-
Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays

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

*Zoom meeting
email us for info.*

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Parish House)

resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)

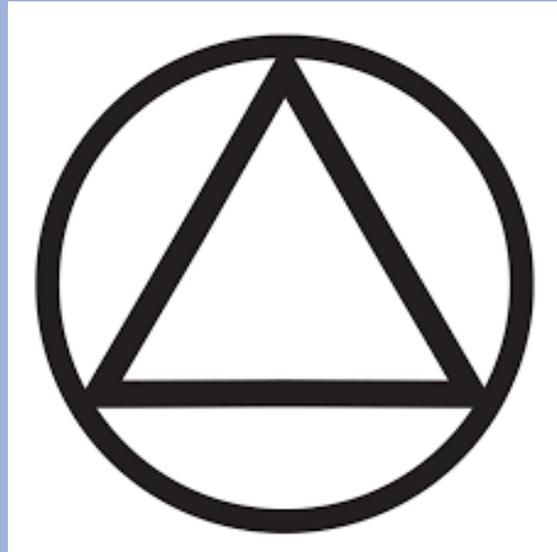
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Fridays

A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

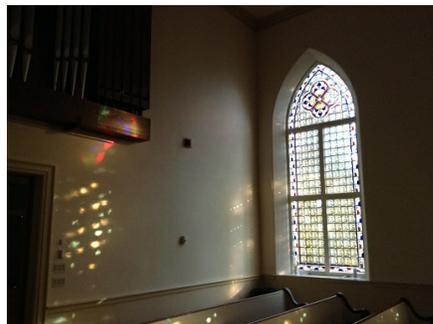
temporarily until First Church opens

resumed



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