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St Andrew's Church

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www.standrewskentct.org

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

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

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 26 February

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent Madness at 5.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)
A.A. for Women at 7 p.m. (Parish House)

Thursday, 27 February

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tai Chi at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 28 February

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 29 February

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)

Sunday, 1 March

The First Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, 3 March

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 March

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

Lent Madness at 5.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Parish House)

Become a Greeter

Greetings!!

Wed., 26 February
ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 4 March
March 4-April 8
Lent Madness at 5 pm

Sunday, 8 March
Daylight Savings Time
Clocks Spring Ahead
1 Hour at 2 a.m.

Saturday, 14 March
Music in the Nave
Manhattan String
Quartet
7.00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22
Music in the Nave
Songs of the
British Isles
3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 5 April
PALM SUNDAY

Friday, 10 April
GOOD FRIDAY
Sister Mary Lanning
Preacher at Noon
Also at 7 p.m.

Sunday, 12 April
EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, 3 May
Wykeham Consort
Concert
4.00 p.m.

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,

One of the most frequent compliments given about Saint Andrew's Church is that we are a welcoming place. People visiting, and people who attend regularly, consistently express this feeling of being welcomed to our worship.

Our Teams of Greeters are often the first contact that members and visitors have upon arrival. An important adage says that "...you only get one chance to make a first impression." At Saint Andrews the Greeters at the door often are that one chance.

Greeters are also an integral part of our Worship Services at Saint Andrew's. We greet at the door. We deliver the Sacraments. We collect the Offering. We help guide at Communion. We offer assistance, (perhaps a parent with a young child, or one of our members who needs a little extra help getting to the Communion Rail). We check the heat, the lights, and we help neaten up after the Services.

At Saint Andrews we use teams of two to greet and serve. Typically teams will greet one Sunday per month; sometimes it is only one Sunday every other month. The commitment to greet easily fits into regular attendance at Church. And we make assignments to fit your schedule! Our greeter teams share the privilege of service, and we enjoy a special perspective on the Service each time we greet. Our greeters are consistently making Saint Andrews a welcoming place.

And we get to ring the Bell!

We are in the process of building up our ranks of greeting teams. We ask that you consider joining our ranks to greet people to Saint Andrews, for either the 8:30 Service and the 10:30 Service. You may sign up as a team (Janet and I signed up as a Team). Families are encouraged to sign up - that could be entertaining. You can join as an individual and we will pair you with another greeter. We are also inviting members to join as substitutes or part-time (occasional or seasonal) greeters, available to be called upon when regular greeters have family or other commitments.

Please consider joining the cadre of greeters at Saint Andrews. Help us continue to be that welcoming place - even more important during this time of transition. Greeting is a convenient and simple way to be of big service.

To participate, simply call Heather Scofield our administrator at 860-927-3486, or Nick Downes at 860-488-4298, or Charmian Place at 917-566-8541. We will welcome you.

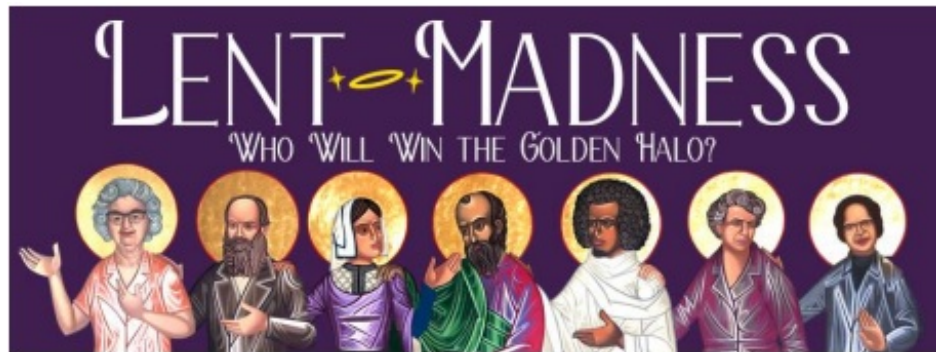
Yours in Service,
Nick Downes
Heather Scofield
Charmian Place Cooper

Lent Madness

Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

Randy Osolin,
Vergers



Lent Madness Begins February 27!

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness. With its unique blend of competition, education, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saints over the generations.

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits 32 saints against one another in a single elimination bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout Lent. Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints.

Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year, Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. This year's saints include heavyweights such as Patrick, Harriet Tubman, Clare of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Joseph, and Jude, along with many lesser known yet equally inspiring people of faith.

St. Andrew's participants will meet on **Wednesdays at 5 pm beginning March 4th**. Votes will have been cast online by then and our meetings will discuss the saints we voted for or passed over. Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer will follow at 6 pm. We could all have dinner after the service if there's more to talk about!

Those who signed up last week have their Sainly Scorecards but we'll be happy to share with anyone who wants to attend. If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?



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 our latest episode below!

Coffee Hour at the Commons: Ash Wednesday and Lenten Practices

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

In this episode Alli and Jasree discuss the biblical context behind Lent and Ash Wednesday, and various spiritual practices people take on during Lent -including their own!

Church & Parish House Schedule

To avoid any conflict with events in the Parish House, it is imperative that you contact Heather Scofield, our Administrator . She will check the master calendar to see if the Hall and Church are free and inquire if there is any set up, take down and clean up for your event. Even if you leave a message on the answering machine, you still need to speak with Heather (Office: 860-927-3486 Cell: 860-921-8272 or Email: st.andrew.kent@snet.net) to confirm. Thank you for your consideration.

Charmian Place



St. Andrew's Church
1 North Main Street
Kent, CT

Presents....The Manhattan String Quartet
Works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Beethoven



Saturday, March 14, 2020

7 o'clock pm

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St. Andrew's Church

Corner of Routes 7 & 341 Kent, CT

Admission: discounted tickets in advance through
<https://manhattanstringquartet.eventbrite.com>

\$20 at the door/Students Free

https://mitn_kentct.eventbrite.com

860-927-3486

www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html

SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES



Folk Songs,
Ballads, and
Madrigals
from England,
Scotland,
Ireland,
and Wales

Sunday, March 22, 3PM
St. Andrew's Church | Kent CT

Tai Chi

EASY TAICHI

a simplified Taichi exercise class in Kent

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10:00-11:00am

Tuesdays at the **Kent Community House**

Thursdays at the **St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall**

classes run in 6-week sessions

new students may join at the beginning of the sessions only

session start dates: 2/18, 3/31, 5/12, 6/23, 8/4

\$60 for one class a week

or \$100 for both



Tai Chi is a traditional Chinese fitness system based on the natural integration of mind, body and spirit. It has been proven over and over again to have a profoundly beneficial effect upon a wide range of health issues, both through the experiential claims of countless practitioners worldwide who swear by its usefulness and now also by an ever increasing collection of medical studies saying basically the same thing. The only catch to being able to utilize the full potential of Tai Chi practice is the difficulty of learning it. This class was developed as a collaboration between the Town of Kent Park and Rec Department and Christopher Kiely of the Falling Water Tai Chi School with the sole intention of providing a simple-as-possible path to learning. No experience at all is necessary. The only prerequisite is the ability to comfortably remain on one's feet for at least an hour at a time.

For more information or to register for the class please contact Christopher Kiely at 802-349-2725/cloudhandy@yahoo.com or Lesly Ferris at parkandrec@townofkentct.org/860-927-1003.

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](#)

The Prayer List During the Time of Transition

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, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- 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
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.***

Altar Flower Memorials for 2020

***Please click the link below if you would like to make
requests for Altar Flowers Memorials in 2020.
The Altar Guild requests a \$50 donation for each Sunday,
but any amount greater or less is gratefully received.***

[Altar Flower Memorial 2020](#)

Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy

There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-through into the kitchen for volunteers to be responsible for both brewing the coffee and bringing light refreshments.

Included with the sign-up sheet are Instructions on "How to do Coffee Hour" with where to find supplies and instructions for coffee brewing...makes it really easy!!

During the time of transition between rectors, Coffee Hour is an especially important time for members of the parish to be together: please help by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &..., to make the social time more enjoyable!

EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT

St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshiping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.

**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 or read***

Reverend Stephen Klots's Homily for 23 February

click on [Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

**The First Sunday of
Lent
1 March
Year A**

***Genesis 2.15-17;
Psalm 32;
Romans 5.12-19;
Matthew 4.1-11***

At nearby Camp Washington
190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org
860.567.9623



**Bishop's Book Discussion at Camp Washington
Camp Washington
Camp and Retreat Center**

**Join us at 9 AM for "Coffee and" followed by a book discussion at 9:30 AM, led by Bishop Laura J. Ahrens. The discussion is open to everyone, even if you have not read the book, you are welcome to join in!
There is no cost to attend, however, registration is requested.**

Suggested donation of \$5.00 for "Coffee and."

**When: Thursday, February 27, 2020
Where: Camp Washington**

**Book: The Art of Pilgrimage: The Seeker's Guide to Making
Travel Sacred
by Phil Cousineau**

Date And Time
Thu, February 27, 2020
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Location
Camp Washington
(860) 567-9623
190 Kenyon Rd
Lakeside/Morris, CT 06758

SECOND SUNDAYS
at Camp Washington
at 4.30 p.m.

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed. Further information is available at campwashington.org

Announcements

A request from those who count the collection monies:

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17th century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,¹ from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,² and occasionally overseas.³
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: austinm@kent-school.edu.



¹ Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

² There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

³ There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of
coffee, tea, sugar, nuts,
hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups,
canned or bottled fruit juices.
Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!

Also: the Bank is interested its selections for personal care including supplies for adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes, feminine products, etc.

Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex, to the left of the

doors. And please: do try to make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!