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Palm Sunday

From Ned Reade, Senior Warden

St. Andrew's has been blessed with such a terrific group of supply clergy leading us in worship during these interim months, that one could almost forget the Vestry is engaged in an active search process! Let me try to describe what has happened over the winter months and what lies ahead.

In the last week of January, the diocese of Connecticut re-posted the opening for a full-time rector's position at St. Andrew's. (If you recall, the search in 2023 ended when our first choice candidate declined our offer in the second week of January, feeling that a move to Kent would cause too much upheaval for his family.) The post was "open" for seven weeks, and St. Andrew's took out paid ads in three national clergy newsletters. The post was closed last week, and our bishops have collected the names and done background checks on all the applicants. By the time you read, this the Search Committee (which is the whole vestry) will have received cover letters and resumes of candidates interested in becoming the next rector at St. Andrew's.

These applicants are putting their lives and careers in our hands, and confidentiality is paramount. Each step of the way we seek God's guidance through prayer. In the days after Easter we will conduct one hour Zoom interviews with every candidate where we ask each candidate a set of questions that we have drawn up. After all the candidates have been interviewed, we will invite our top applicants to come to Kent for an in-person visit over a couple of days and another round of interviews. This is also a time for the candidates to get to know the area and connect in person with vestry members. In time, with a great deal of thought, conversation and prayer, we will call someone to be our full-time rector. The timeline is inexact due to many variables. While we work through this process, we have scheduled visiting clergy through the first months of the summer. Our vestry appreciates your patience as we all embark in this next chapter in our parish's history.

Music Notes with Susan Guse, Music Director



Be sure to listen for our bells - they will be ringing joyfully on Easter Sunday!

A lovely article was written about our handbell group and was just published in the Kent Good Times Dispatch. **Click here** to read the article!

Easter Egg Coloring Party & Pizza, Saturday, 30 March

JOIN US FOR EASTER EGG COLORING



SATURDAY, MARCH 30 11:00 AM St. Andrew's Parish House

Open to Children of All Ages

~ Pizza Lunch Afterward ~

PLEASE RSVP: office.sa.kent@gmail.com

Easter Flower Envelopes Now Available in the Narthex



As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter, we also take a moment to cherish the lives and memories of those who have left an indelible mark on our hearts. The flowers that appear on Easter Sunday create a serene and uplifting atmosphere —a symbol of renewal and everlasting love.

To participate in this meaningful tradition, you can pick up an Easter flower

envelope in the narthex and leave it in the offering plate, with an usher or bring it to the Parish House during office hours. You can also email KC at **office.sa.kent@gmail.com** with your flower request. Every donation, regardless of size, is a cherished gesture that helps us create an altar of remembrance and joy.

You are invited to share the names of those you wish to remember or celebrate, to be included in our Easter bulletin.

Maundy Thursday Potluck at 6:00 pm and Service at 7:30 pm, Thursday, 28 March



Join us for a special evening of fellowship as we gather to remember the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. On 28 March at 6:00 pm, feel free to bring a dish to share at the Parish Hall. The traditional Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:30 pm.

It's a special evening of reflection and a harmonious way to join other parishioners for a meal before Easter Sunday.

Be Part of the Grand Coffee Hour After the 10:30 Easter Service!



Join the Easter Coffee Hour festivities by bringing a sweet or savory dish to

share at the conclusion of the 10:30 am Easter Sunday service! Please bring your favorite Easter brunch recipe or a delightful dessert to round out the celebration. Let's fill the table with deliciousness as we share the joy of the season.

The Pawling Concert Series Presents: Canellakis-Brown Duo on piano and cello



On March 22, 2024 at 8:00 pm the Pawling Concert Series will present the Canallekis-Brown Duo. Cellist Nicholas Canellakis and pianist-composer Michael Brown, colleagues at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, have been playing duo concerts together throughout the world for more than a decade. In addition, Michael Brown is a critically acclaimed composer and Nick Canellakis a filmmaker and actor. They have been described as "a pair of adventurous young talents who play with their antennae tuned to each other."

The program will include works by Edvard Greig, Clara Schumann, Camille Saint-Saens and Claude Debussy, as well as other works by other classical composers and contemporary composers.

This PCS concert will take place in the Gardiner Theater on the Trinity Pawling School campus. Tickets and directions to the school are available online at **www.pawlingconcertseries.org**. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert.

The Pawling Concert Series is generously underwritten by Andron Construction, Joseph Meunier & Sons and the Pawling Community Foundation. PCS concerts are made possible with public funds from Dutchess Tourism as administered by Arts Mid-Hudson, and with public funds made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

For further information on the Pawling Concert Series, including directions and future concerts, visit our website at **<u>www.pawlingconcertseries.org</u>**.

A New Parish Directory is Now Available!



A newly updated Parish Directory is now available! With new parishioners and many changes since the last directory was published, it's a fresh format in a smaller-sized booklet.

A few directories will be available to take home after Sunday's services. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office or contact KC (**office.sa.kent@gmail.com**) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

UPDATE: Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



Four South Kent School boys on Sunday, January 28, with a happy Hartford resident at cathedral soup kitchen and clothing boutique. Photo courtesy of Steve Klots

Cathedral Clothing Drive - UPDATE

From Steve Klots: With South Kent School back in session this weekend, I am resuming the clothing drive in support of the Church Street Eats soup kitchen at our cathedral in Hartford. With warmer weather coming, I will now also be taking over casual shirts, t-shirts, pants, sweatshirts, sweatpants, new socks, and shoes. Larger sizes (L, XL, and 2X) are particularly needed. Keep in mind that 90% of the guests at the soup kitchen are men. Please reach out to me at **klotss@southkentschool.org** if you have any questions. Many thanks!

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, 28 March: 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:30 pm Eucharist *Maundy Thursday & Potluck*

> Friday, 29 March, 6:00 pm Good Friday

Sunday, 31 March :: 8:30 and 10:30 am Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist with Bishop Laura Ahrens

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 24 March :: 8:30 am Holy Eucharist: *Palm Sunday* (spoken)

Sunday, 24 March:: 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: *Palm Sunday* (with music) *(in-person and live-streamed)*

Sunday, 24 March:: 10:30 am Church school

Monday, 25 March:: 8:00 pm LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 27 March :: 6:00 pm Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 27 March:: 7:00 pm Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 28 March: 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Potluck

Thursday, 28 March: 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist: *Maundy Thursday*

Friday, 29 March: 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist: *Good Friday*

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 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.

Lections for this Week

Palm Sunday *Year B*

Mark 11:1-11a Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 15:1-39



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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