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The Second Sunday in Lent

From Ned Reade, Senior Warden

When I am being good, I try to get in a workout a couple of times per week. The first part starts on the treadmill. My machine has a red button to push to get it started, and it gives me a 5 second countdown before the belt starts to move very slowly. Once I am acclimated, I can increase the speed to what is comfortable, yet still a bit challenging.

My first two weeks as your Senior Warden has sometimes felt like leaping onto a treadmill belt that is already speeding along! I have been asked legal questions, liturgical questions, and personnel questions. Who is coming to preach in three weeks? Did anyone respond to the email to cover the Sunday after Easter? Who picked up the food for the food bank this week, and where are the new vacuum cleaner bags we ordered for the church?

The great strengths of this parish are the wonderful people who know the tasks that need to get done. I walked into the quiet sanctuary one evening at about 5 pm as the sun was going down, and a figure came in after me with a vase full of flowers! (This was before Lent started.) I wondered how does this beautification of the altar just “happen” each week? Who picks the hymns each week; who writes the check for the visiting clergy that include mileage? We sit in our pews each Sunday with that morning’s bulletin, yet I had no idea of the meetings and conversations that took place mid-week to ensure that it is not only ready for Sunday, but that a copy has been sent to the readers, the priest,

the choir director (and I may be leaving out some recipient!). And a digital copy has been made available to our online participants.

I have so much more to learn about the workings of each of the parish commissions, and the weekly decisions that I am happy to weigh in on. My point is that we have a parish that is running like a well-oiled machine because of the efforts of so many different people. If you see an area where you could lend a hand, please step forward. It will NOT be like jumping onto a moving train or treadmill! You will have others ready to guide you.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

From Susan Guse, Music Director Bell Choir Request for Easter Sunday



St Andrew's is blessed with a three octave set of handbells ranging from the C below middle C, all the way up to the C two octaves above middle C for a total of 37 bells. These bells were donated to our church late in the 1980's and, to my knowledge, have not been played with a group of ringers making up a bell choir. Since I arrived at St Andrew's, individual bells and small groups of bells have been used to accompany psalm singing and Christmas anthems sung by our choir.

Wouldn't it be great if we could play our bells on Easter morning this year?! To that end, we are offering rehearsals on Sunday during the month of March to prepare for Easter on March 31st. The rehearsals will be 30 minutes, held following our 10:30 am service during coffee hour; approximately 11:40 – 12:10 pm. Dates are March 3, 10, 17 and 24. You do not need to be an experienced ringer, nor do you need to read music with great proficiency (although some knowledge of quarter notes and half notes is helpful to start). We need eight ringers to put together an Easter offering. Won't you join our group?

For more information, contact Susan Guse, Music Director,
sjbguse@gmail.com, 845-242-1478.

St. Andrew's Church School and South Kent School Feed the Need!



This **Saturday, February 24**, children from our Sunday school will be working with students from South Kent School in a food drive to benefit the Kent Food Bank. Our children will be collecting non-perishables in front of the IGA from 9-10 am on Saturday morning, with South Kent students manning the table from 10 am to 12 noon. In addition, South Kent School will be collecting non-perishables and cash donations for the Kent Food Bank at its on-campus athletic contests that day. (The prep basketball team--which plays that day at 5 pm against Northfield-Mount Hermon--typically draws a big crowd.) Feel free to contact the Rev. Steve Klots (klotss@southkentschool.org) if you have any questions about this event or the game schedule at South Kent School.

Kent Singers Presents: The Peace of Wild Things



The Kent Singers

James Knox Sutterfield, Music Director



The Peace of Wild Things

**Music of
Benjamin Britten, Randall Thompson,
and Jake Runestad**

**Sunday, March 10, 3 pm
St. Andrew's Church, Kent CT**

Tickets: \$20 @ kentsingers.org or at the door



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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.

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**

On the fourth Sunday of each month, **Steve Klots** takes a group of South Kent School students to Church Street Eats, the Sunday soup kitchen at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. As part of that, he and his crew distribute clothing, and he reports that, with winter well underway, there is a desperate need for men's coats (but not dress coats), blankets, gloves, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and pants. (Some women's clothing is welcome, but about 90% of the guests at Church Street Eats are men.) He would greatly appreciate the support of the parish in this. He will leave a collection box in the narthex of the church, and he will stop by at least every couple of weeks to collect any donations. Feel free to contact him at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, 28 March
Maundy Thursday & Potluck

Friday, 29 March
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, 25 February :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Second Sunday in Lent* (spoken)

Sunday, 25 February:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Second Sunday in Lent* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 25 February:: 10:30 am

Church school

Sunday, 25 February:: 12:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Monday, 26 February:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 28 February :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 28 February:: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 29 February: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 29 February: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting

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.

Lectons for this Week

The Second Sunday in Lent *Year B*

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Psalm 22:22-30
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



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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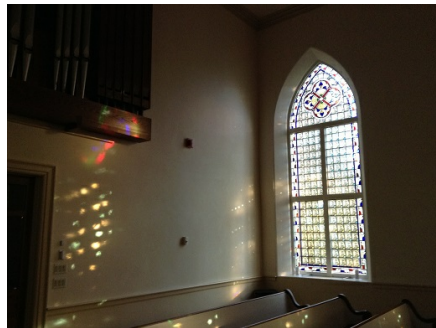
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