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Many Hands Helped Unload the Christmas Trees Thank You!

#### From the Wardens

Advent begins next week! The Christmas tree sale is underway each weekend until the trees run out. Many thanks go to all those who helped unload the trees very early Monday morning. Please do stop by and buy a tree either for yourself or as a donation to the food bank.

As we near the end of our church year, we ask that you help us prepare for the new calendar year by reviewing the status of your <u>2023</u> pledge. If you can honor your pledge for this year, we would be grateful.

As you can see below, the season is filled with music. Don't miss the Messiah Sing-In on December 8th - even if you choose not to sing, it is a glorious way to mark the beginning of Advent.

The Christmas Tree Sale is Back: Trees on Sale Starting Today!



After a hiatus last year due to a tree shortage, St. Andrew's has managed to successfully procure 200 Christmas trees for this year's sale.

We are looking for volunteers to help with tree sales, beginning **this weekend**, and continuing through mid-December (or until all trees are sold).

Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church and are ready for your name!

# Music in the Nave Presents: The Annual Messiah Sing-In!



St Andrew's Parish 1 N Main St, Kent, CT Presents

Our Annual Sing-In!

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sherman Chamber Ensemble
James Sinclair - Conductor



# Friday, Dec 8 at 8 PM

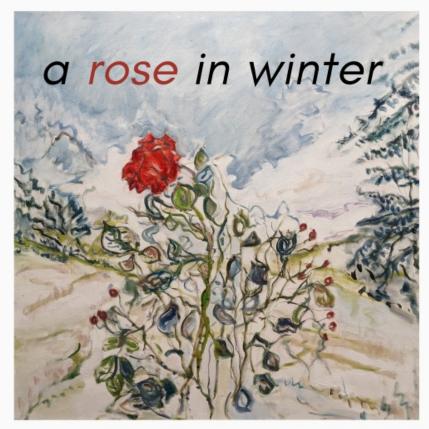
\$20 - Students FREE

Tickets at https://bit.ly/messiah12 or at the door www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html ~ 860-927-3486



Kent Singers at St. Andrew's: A Rose in Winter



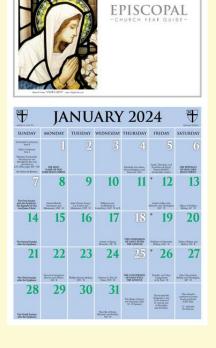


Saturday , Dec. 9, 3pm Sunday, Dec. 10, 3pm St. Andrew's Church | Kent CT Tickets: \$20 @ kentsingers.org or at the door

> with the support of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts



## 2024 Calendars Available!



2024 Episcopal Calendars are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Office. Please feel free to take one home.

## From the Nominating Committee



It is, once again, the season to think about who would like to serve St. Andrew's by standing for election at our annual meeting in early February. At that meeting, we will elect new vestry members; two delegates to the diocesan annual convention; and two alternates to convention. Vestry members serve three-year terms. The vestry meets monthly, and vestry members are also expected to chair or serve on one commission or head up a project for the parish. Convention delegates represent the parish at the two-day diocesan convention, which usually takes place in Hartford in October.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charmian Place, is seeking suggestions for people it may nominate to fill all of these positions. These should be active members of St. Andrew's who attend worship regularly and contribute both time and money to the parish.

The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions that are submitted, as it forms the slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting. If you'd like to suggest

someone—and you may definitely toss your own hat into the ring—please complete a Suggestion Form (available in the Narthex and the parish office; or we can email you one) and give it to Charmian or KC. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charmian directly.

# Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



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 approaching, 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

Friday, 24 - Sunday, 26 November Christmas Tree Sale Begins

Friday, 01 - Sunday, 03 December
Christmas Tree Sale

Friday, o8 December
Music in the Nave Presents: The Messiah Sing-In

#### Friday, 08 - Sunday, 10 December

Christmas Tree Sale

#### Sunday, 17 December

Blue Christmas Service with First Congregational Church Held at St. Andrew's

#### This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 26 November :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, 26 November:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: The Last Sunday after Pentecost (with music) (in-

person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 26 November:: 10:30 am

**Church School** 

Monday, 27 November :: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Monday, 27 November :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 29 November :: 6:00 pm

**Midweek Holy Eucharist** 

Wednesday, 29 November :: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 30 November: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 30 November: 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.

#### Lections for this Week

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46



## 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)



## Parish Staff

**Susan Guse** Organist & Director of Choirs

Ron Marasco, Ph.D. Director of Education

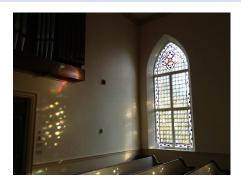
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**Joan I Cassel** Financial Secretary

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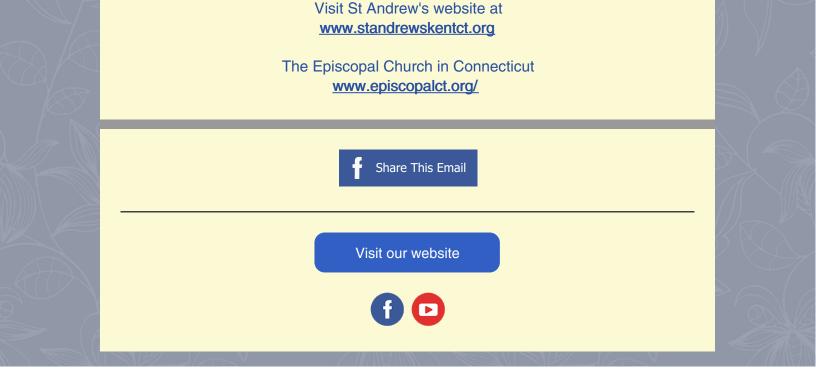
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