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Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

## St Andrew's Current COVID Status

**THE PARISH IS OPEN.** At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship, as follows:

- If you **are** fully vaccinated, you may attend worship without wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing, but you may do so if you choose to
- If you **are not** fully vaccinated, we request that you *either* wear a mask and maintain social distancing *or* attend our outdoor worship (Sundays at 12:30)
- 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.

## From Randy DiPentima, Junior Warden

*Our wardens are now writing monthly columns for the E-pistle. This week we hear from Randy DiPentima, our Junior Warden.*

At the end of May, beginning on the Feast of Pentecost, we uncovered our faces, joined in receiving Holy Communion (the bread only), passed the offering plate, more freely exchanged the peace, began coffee hour after the 10:30 service, and then, this past Sunday, singing in the nave resumed. Saint

Andrew's is indeed open. As is the town of Kent. Our Memorial Day parade brought many in the community together to cheer the impressive and indefatigable Kent Center School band, to applaud our veterans and first responders, to hear eloquent prayers from the three church ministers in town (Fr Douglas' prayers at the cemetery and civil war monument included).

We held our annual choir picnic at the rectory on June 13. (For those of you who worship online, from September through June 13, every Saturday morning, the choir prerecorded the music you heard each Sunday.) Another annual event missed last year was a vestry retreat which was held this past Saturday.

At the vestry retreat, amid our reflections on the pandemic, its aftermath and what lies ahead for our church, we reviewed the various parish commissions: Mission & Outreach; Altar Guild; Properties; Fellowship; Music; Stewardship; Education; Pastoral care. These commissions form the core ministry of St Andrew's.

Please get in touch with Fr Douglas, our senior warden, Chris Rehkow, me or any vestry member to join one of these commissions. Your involvement will enhance not only the life of our parish but your own life. I know the latter from personal experience.

## Weekly Calendar

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Friday, 25 June	Prayer & Meditation ( <i>Nave</i> )	5:30 pm
Friday, 25 June	A.A. meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	8:00 pm
Saturday, 26 June	Choir rehearsal (for fall music)	9:30 am
Saturday, 26 June	Altar Guild Celebration ( <i>Parish House</i> )	4:30 pm
Sunday, 27 June	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 5 (spoken) ( <i>in person only</i> )	8:30 am
Sunday, 27 June	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 5 (with music) ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	10:30 am
Sunday, 27 June	Coffee Hour ( <i>outdoors</i> )	11:35 am
Sunday, 27 June	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 5 ( <i>outdoors</i> )	12:30 pm
Tuesday, 29 June	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St Peter and St Paul ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm

Wednesday, 30 June	Racial Reconciliation Study Group ( <i>Library</i> )	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 30 June	Mid-week Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 30 June	Visioning Team ( <i>Great Room</i> )	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 30 June	A.A. for Women ( <i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i> )	7:00 pm
Thursday, 01 July	A.A. meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	7:30 am
Thursday, 01 July	AI-Anon ( <i>Great Room</i> )	7:00 pm
Friday, 02 July	Prayer and Meditation ( <i>Nave</i> )	5:30 pm

## IT'S BACK: COFFEE HOUR



We have revived a cherished St Andrew's tradition: coffee hour after the 10:30 liturgy. It is wonderful to be out on the lawn, enjoying a cup of something and sharing a time of fellowship. It is not for nothing that the earliest Christian churches not only worshipped together but also ate together!

Going forward, we will ask for a couple volunteers to take each Sunday. *Please note: The tables and chairs will be set up for you – we just need folks to handle the beverages and the goodies.* There will be a sign-up sheet available for the summer months, as well as some pointers on how to 'do' coffee hour. Please consider signing up!!

## THE FINAL WEEKEND: Shakespeare in Sharon



It promises to be a wonderful run: William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* performed outdoors, under the beautiful June skies of Sharon. And St

Andrew's parishioners feature prominently in this much-anticipated offering. Jane Farnol has directed and choreographed this production, and it features Katherine Almquist as Titania, Lyra DiCostanzo (parish administrator KC Compton's daughter) as Cobweb (one of the fairies) and David Almquist as Robin Starveling.

Performances are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings, from 11 June through 26 June. Gates open one hour beforehand, so you can bring in a picnic or simply enjoy the beauty and the fresh air. Full information, including pricing, is available [here](#). Break a leg Jane, Katherine, Lyra and David!

*If we shadows have offended,  
Think but this, and all is mended,  
That you have but slumbered here  
While these visions did appear.  
(Act V, Scene 1)*

## READY...SET...: Tag Sale 2021

It's back!! Things to remember:

- The Sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 6,7, and 8
  - 8 am - 4 pm Friday
  - 10 am - 4 pm Saturday
  - Noon - 2 pm Sunday
- Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage.
- Masks and social distancing are requested

For those wishing to donate:

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, July 5th. Donation hours are 9am-2 pm M-F and Saturday 9 am - noon.
- No mattresses, books, clothing, toys or computers can be accepted.
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken.
- Those wishing to have larger items picked up should call Bob McDowell (860-488-1635) to arrange a time for pick up.
  - All items must be outside for the volunteers to pick up.
  - Items must be of a size and weight that can be lifted by not- so-young volunteers.
  - No upholstered items can be accepted.
- Those who went to help with pricing, cashiering, wrapping and all the other things that happen before and during the Tag Sale should call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635). Pricing will begin on July 5th, hours are flexible.

- The POD will be unloaded and furniture placed under the tent on Wednesday evening, August 4th, starting at 4:30 pm.

## Meet the Episcopal Church's Religious Communities: The Community of St Mary, Southern Province, in Sewanee, Tennessee

### **What do Sisters do all day? What are your ministries?**

Our mission statement is “We endeavor to say a fervent ‘yes’ to God by responding to the temporal and spiritual needs of our society through daily worship and prayer, the nurture of spiritual growth and the practice of responsible stewardship.”

Our rhythm of life is guided by the Daily Office, the Episcopal services of Morning Prayer, Noon Office (Midday Prayer), Evening Prayer, and Compline (Night Prayer), all of which can be found within the Book of Common Prayer. From that grounding rhythm, we have a variety of ministries. We preach, teach, and lead adult forums at Episcopal churches both in state and out of state (and, since the pandemic started, online). We also lead retreats both here at the convent as well as at other parishes. Some of the Sisters are spiritual directors. We work in our Organic Prayer garden and make jams and jellies from the fruit of our harvest. We have Organic Prayer Program interns, college students and recent college graduates who either live alongside us for a summer or a year learning about Benedictine monasticism in our intentional community. We instruct them in the Rule of St Benedict, teach them chant, train them to work in chapel, instruct them in organic gardening, and guide them in their garden work and appreciation of the sacramentality of nature. We work with them to develop contemplative prayer services on a topic of nature to encourage them to dive deeper and see the connection between caring for the body, the soul, and the earth. We offer a regular *Ora et Labora* [Pray and Work] program series that involve topics ranging from quiet days to lectures on such wide topics including spirituality, yoga, nutrition, gardening, and herbs.

### **Do you take vows?**

We take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The vow of obedience means committing ourselves to live in accordance with our rule, constitution, and customary and to listen for God’s voice in all of life. The vow of poverty involves setting aside personal property, holding all Community possessions in common, placing all our trust and hope in God’s care for us as well as making space for others, their opinions, and their ways of being. This involves living a life of simplicity and frugality. The vow of chastity encompasses living a life of celibacy together in Community and striving to live in right relationship with God and others. Our governing documents guide us in applying Benedictine values to our life and ministry. One lives in Community and tests her vocation for a minimum of five years before making a lifetime commitment.

### **How can I get involved with the Community of St Mary, Southern Province?**

There are a variety of ways to get involved with us. You can join us for worship, stay with us in our guest accommodations for a retreat and get to know us, come to volunteer in our garden, or join us in more formal ways as an Organic Prayer Program intern, an Associate, an Oblate, or explore if you have a vocation to Religious Life. Associates are men and women, lay and ordained, who wish to commit themselves to a Rule of Life and friendship with the Community. Oblates are also men and women, lay and ordained, who also commit themselves to a Rule of Life but also commit to keeping the Daily Office and have a two year formation program with our prioress. Oblates live as lay extensions of the Community and live in the world, following an interpretation of the Benedictine Rule and the values it expresses that is consistent with their life situation.

Those interested in exploring a call to Religious Life need to reach out to our prioress. Many people of faith do not know that The Episcopal Church has men and women monastics, so please share this information! Contact us if you want a Sister to come preach, teach, or lead a retreat at your church. Check us out online at <https://www.communityofstmarysouth.org/> or on Facebook at Community of St. Mary, Southern Province and on Instagram at @stmarsyconvent.



## 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 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

*Year B*

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27;  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15;  
Mark 5:21-43



## 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)

12:30 p.m. Outdoors



**-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.  
(Great Room)

*resumed*

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Great Room)

*resumed*

### Fridays

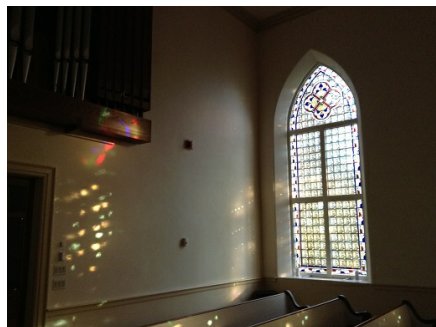
A.A. at 8 p.m.  
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens  
resumed*



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