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## The First Sunday after Christmas Day

### From the Reverend Rich Clark

Dear People of God,

Merry Christmas! May the Lord bless you and keep you these twelve days of Christmas. May our Savior and Redeemer make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

In Christ,  
Rich+

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- **Matthew 2:11**

“What can I give Him, poor as I am? / If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; / If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; / Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.”

- **Christina Rossetti, “A Christmas Carol” 1872**

God, help us to offer our hearts to you with the same devotion and humility as the Wise Men, giving you the best of what we have, regardless of how humble it may be.

## Prayer List Updates Coming Soon



St. Andrew's has begun the new Liturgical Year with a new Prayer List and a new way of remembering all on the Prayer List while reading aloud less names.

First: if you would like an individual to be prayed for, please call the office or email KC with their name. Unless requested, each name will be read aloud at our Sunday and Wednesday services for three weeks, and then stay on the complete Prayer List that will be in each week's bulletin.

If the person being prayed for has a specific time when prayers are needed (e.g. surgery) please indicate in your request how long prayers are needed. If that person needs prayers for an indefinite period please indicate that prayers are needed until notice is given.

The hope is that this new Prayer List will keep all in need of prayers on a list that is easy to bring home, and also to hear in church. Give us your thoughts!

## Regarding Church Announcements



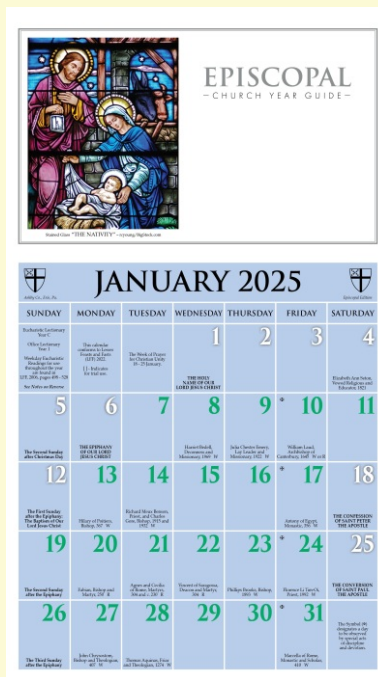
We're rolling out a new way to keep everyone in the loop! If you have an announcement that you'd like to share with the Parish at the end of the service, simply drop an **email to KC** to add your announcement to our master list. We want to make sure your voices are heard.

## 2025 Flower Offerings



If you're looking to brighten the altar and honor a beloved memory or joyous event with the beauty of flowers, you're in luck! Our 2025 Flower List is blooming with options and can be found in the narthex. And if you prefer to browse from the comfort of your home, you can also **download it right here!**

## 2025 Episcopal Calendars Available



2025 Episcopal Calendars are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Office. Please feel free to take one home!

St. Andrew's is now on Instagram!



We're on the 'Gram!

St. Andrew's has joined the ranks of Instagram, and will regularly post photos of not only our many events and gatherings, but also the beauty around our church and community.

To follow St. Andrew's on Instagram, search for [@standrewskentct](https://www.instagram.com/standrewskentct), or scan the QR code below.



The Cathedral Clothing Drive  
is Back in Full Swing



## Cathedral Clothing Drive Resumes for the Fall

From Steve Klots: With South Kent School back in session, I am resuming the clothing drive in support of the Church Street Eats soup kitchen at our cathedral in Hartford. I am happy to collect and take over with SKS students anything you can donate--sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, casual shirts, t-shirts, pants, new socks, blankets, and even shoes. (The collection box will be in the narthex.)Larger sizes (L, XL, and 2XL) are particularly needed.

Keep in mind that 90% of the guests at the soup kitchen are men. More formal clothes such as suits really would be better for the thrift shop at the Congregational church.

Please reach out to me at [klotss@southkentschool.org](mailto:klotss@southkentschool.org) if you have any questions. Many thanks!

## Mark Your Calendars

**2025 Events Coming Soon!**

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Sunday, 29 December:: 8:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday after Christmas Day*** (spoken)

Sunday, 29 December:: 10:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday after Christmas Day*** (with music) (in-person and live-streamed)

Monday, 30 December :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 01 January :: 6:00 pm

## Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 01 January :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. for Women

Thursday, 02 January :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 02 January :: 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 First Sunday after Christmas Day** *Year C*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 147:13-21

Galatians 3:23-25:4:4-7

John 1:1-18



## Worship Services

### **-Sunday-**

#### **Holy Eucharist**

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person

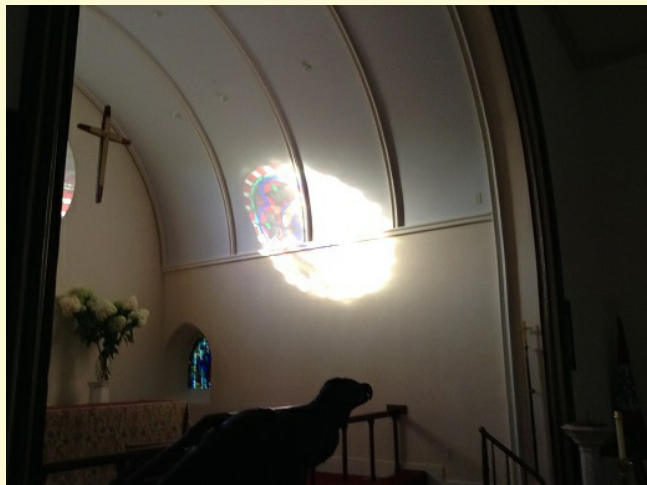
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stream on YouTube)



### **-Wednesday-**

#### **Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.



## 12 Step Meetings

**Mondays**  
LGBTQ+ A.A.  
(Parish House)

**Wednesdays**  
A.A. for Women  
(Parish House)

**Thursdays**  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Old Vestry Room)  
A.A. at 7:00 pm  
(Parish House)



## Parish Staff

**The Reverend  
Richard J. Clark**  
Rector

**Susan Guse**  
Organist & Director of Choirs

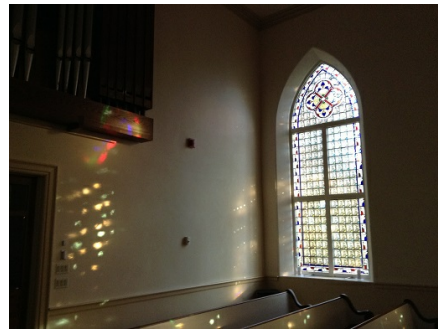
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