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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
www.ctepiscopal.org

Service Schedule

-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
for 25 people with masks at
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(Also available live on
YouTube)

-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.
Resumed (25 people with
masks)

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.
Resumed (25 people with

Friday, 28 August

Prayer and Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

**In person for 25 people (with masks)*

**Sign up with Irene Connors*

collageconnors@gmail.com

860.592.0030

Sunday, 30 August

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m.

**In person services for 25 people (with masks)*

**Sign up to attend with Irene Connors*

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**The 10.30 a.m. Service is also available*
live on YouTube

which you can access
through our website

www.standrewskentct.org

or

the Saturday Epistle link

Monday, 31 August

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.

**In person services for 25 people (with masks)*

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Wednesday, 2 September

Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m.

**In person for 25 people (with masks)*

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AA for Women meeting at 7 p.m.

(Zoom)

**email us for info.*

**Holy Days as
announced.**

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.

A.A. for Women

*Zoom meeting
email for info.*

Thursdays

A.A. at 7:30 a.m.

(Great Room)

Resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.

(Vestry Room)

Suspended

Parish Staff

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**Bill McLaren,
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,
Verger**

From The Reverend Douglas Worthington

Dear people of St Andrew's Parish,

It's hard to believe that I am writing this column (on Wednesday afternoon) while wearing a cotton sweater. The weather this day is bright, dry and cool ... a fitting reminder that fall is nosing its way toward us: the season when activities would get back into 'full swing' in a normal parish program year.

As we're all too painfully aware, 2020 is the year of no-normal, and things will continue to feel different for quite a while, I think. Nevertheless, we have three exciting new program offerings-all virtual (either via Zoom or telephone)-planned to begin in September. Please read about them, below, and be in touch with me or Heather if you are interested or if you have any questions. These groups will be a great way for us to continue together in community even in these socially distanced times ... as well as a time for me to get to know you all better. I do hope everyone will consider participating in at least one!

May God continue to bless this parish.

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas

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860-592-0171 (rectory, and also rings on mobile)

New Book Study to Begin on Monday, 14-September

We will begin a Monday evening book discussion group, via Zoom (or telephone, if you prefer), on **14-September, from 7:15 - 8:30** (we'll start with 15 minutes of social time, since we don't get to see one another very much). Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has written a series of three books that explore our existence as creatures of God (*Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Persons* (2018)); as Christians (*Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer* (2014)); and as spiritual followers of Jesus (*Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life* (2016)). Each book is under 100 pages and very easy to read, while also giving us a lot to think and talk about. I think our conversations will be stimulating and perhaps thought-provoking.

The books are widely available on Amazon and other outlets. (If you cannot afford them or if you are having trouble obtaining them, just let me know-we will get them for you.)

If you would like to participate ... or just try it out for a week or two ... call or email the office and let us know. We will send out the Zoom / dial-in information a couple of days before we start on the 14th.

New Bible Study to Begin on Wednesday, 16-September

We will begin a new Bible study group, also via Zoom (or telephone, if you prefer), on **Wednesday, 16-September, from 4:30 - 5:30** (also with a little social time). We could start this journey practically anywhere, but I've chosen the Gospel according to St Mark, which is the earliest gospel and also the 'parent' of the gospels written by Matthew and Luke. Mark is succinct-often in a hurry, in fact!-and essential. As an added bonus, the gospel he wrote is the one that most of our Sunday lessons will be drawn from for the year that begins this coming Advent: You'll have an inside track!

We won't use any formal curriculum but will proceed through chapter-by-chapter. I'll provide some background and commentary, but the group will decide where and how (and how quickly) it wishes to go. Using a study Bible (like the New Oxford Annotated Bible or the Harper-Collins Study Bible) will be a help, but whatever Bible you own will suffice. (We will use the NRSV translation.)

Again, if you would like to participate ... or just try it out for a week or two ... call or email the office and let us know. We will send out the Zoom / dial-in information a couple of days before we start on the 16th.

Anti-Racism Study Group Is Forming

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has, very trenchantly, been speaking of the twin pandemics we have been confronting in the U.S. this year: COVID-19 and structural racism. There is little, beyond, prayer, that we can do as a body of believers to affect the former, but there is a lot in scripture, our tradition and our culture that we can and should explore concerning the latter.

I'd like to bring an informal group together to start doing some of that exploration, again via Zoom (and/or telephone). I do not have a set plan for how we will proceed: Maybe we will read some books ... or watch a film or two ... or hear from experts or eyewitnesses or organizers or our neighbors ... or some of each ... or none of the above. The hardest, and most productive, step is simply to begin engaging with a topic very few of us know much about and very many of us feel quite uncomfortable with.

If you would like to ponder, discern, learn and reflect about this often unspoken but nevertheless pervasive aspect of American culture, please be in touch with me. I won't set a date for us to begin until we have a group assembled and know what time will work best for the greatest number. I do hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in

St John's Church Outreach

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OUTREACH

GEAR TO START THE YEAR!
SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION 2020

COVID SUPPLIES:

HAND SANITIZER, FACE MASKS/COVERINGS, BLUE LIGHT GLASSES,
HEADPHONES, LUNCH BOXES, TISSUES, REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

CLASSROOM BASICS:

NOTEBOOKS, SHEET PROTECTORS, PAPER,
INDEX CARDS, NOTEPADS, BINDERS, PENCIL
POUCHES, BOXES OF PENCILS, CRAYONS,
PERMANENT MARKERS, CRAYOLA MARKERS,
RULERS, ERASERS, SCISSORS, GLUE, PENS



The Outreach Committee at St. John's has teamed up with a social worker from Kent. She has identified 24 families from the area in need of assistance as school begins. The students range in grade from kindergarten to high school sophomores. They are all in need of back-to-school supplies - classroom basics and COVID safety items.

Please consider helping out by donating what you can!

September 8th deadline (first day of school for the Kent Public

Schools). Before dropping off donated materials to St. John's, please email stjohnschurch@snet.net and the Parish Administrator will contact you to make arrangements.

Thank you!

Adding to the Prayer List

Now that he has joined us, our new provisional clergy-in-charge will be administering our prayer list. Phone or email Douglas and ask him to add names to the list, so we can offer our prayers. And please remember to let Douglas know when he may remove the name(s). Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.

We remember the faithful departed during the two weeks after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

St Andrew's Histories

Reprints are now available for the two histories of St Andrew's:

"A Brief History of St Andrew's Church" published in 1957 which begins with the inception of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in 1760 and documents the development of St. Andrew's through 1956.

"Half a Century: 1957 to 2009, an Anecdotal Account of St Andrew's Episcopal Church" which picks up the story of St. Andrew's through the voices of parishioners.

Copies of each of these histories are available in the narthex or by contacting Heather in the parish office. We ask that you consider a donation of \$8 for each history in order to help to defray the cost of printing.

St Andrew's Garden

St. Andrew's garden maintained by Jake and Marel, has started to produce vegetables. All are welcomed to help tend the garden, get out and get some air. All produce has been given to Mariam Jones who has given it to people who normally would not get fresh veggies. Compost donated by Kent Falls Brewery.

Wednesday & Friday Evening Services

At a time when parishioners are wisely cautious about social distancing, we're reminding folks of other worship opportunities at St Andrew's.

On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, we offer Holy Eucharist, often led by Steve Klots, who always does a homily worth showing up for. There's usually only a small number of people who attend and no group singing (or even humming!). It's just a quiet gathering of people for reflective, end-of-the-day prayer and the chance to spend a half an hour inside the church we love.

On Fridays at 5:30 pm, we offer a Meditation Service at which, usually, just a few folks gather to quietly recite three small prayers, then sit together in reflective silence for 20 minutes. It is a nice meditative way to end the week. And, at a time of separation, it's a blessing just to sit in the sacred space of the church and absorb the spirit of the place.

"We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries...."

--The Book of Common Prayer ("Prayer for Consecration a Church")

"For when two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them. "

--Matthew 18:20

Find Your Joy



Crafting As Spiritual Practice Event: Find Your Joy

Join the NE Region for a Crafting As Spiritual Practice day focused on Joy!

We will meet on
Saturday, 12 September,
10:30 am to 12:30 pm via zoom.
More information can be found [HERE](#)

Northwest Region Weekly Events

COME JOIN US!

NORTHWEST REGION WEEKLY EVENTS



**EACH DAY:
7:30AM: MORNING PRAYER
8:30PM: COMPLINE**

**TUESDAY: NW REGION GOSPEL OF
JOHN BIBLE STUDY AT 4PM**

**WEDNESDAY: NW REGION MEDITATION
AT 6PM**

**THURSDAY: NW REGION DWELLING IN
THE WORD AT 10:30AM**

Please email Dylan Mello at dmello@episcopalct.org for
login and password information

Racial Healing Resources

Racial Healing, Justice, Reconciliation, and Education Resources

A digital library, network of information, and educational resources to help introduce foundational concepts, language, and tools to help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening their hearts and minds about the sin of racism are available.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/ecct-events/season-of-racial-healing-justice-and-reconciliation/resources/>

PDF list of Resources

https://www.episcopalct.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/BLM_resources_donate_1.pdf

Black Lives Matter Resources & Organizations to Support

<https://www.episcopalct.org/blm/>

ECCT's Racial Justice Resource Coordinator:

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Racial Ministry Network

Racial Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Ministry Network

This is a network comprised of lay and clergy persons who are passionate about and strive for racial healing, justice, reconciliation and restoring all human beings to each other, the church, and God.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/ministry-networks/racialhealingjusticereconciliation/>

Zoom Bible Study



Northwest Region Zoom Bible Study

Rev. Martha Tucker is leading a NW Region Bible Study on Tuesdays at 4PM! We are looking at the Gospel of John! All are welcome to join!! The zoom link is below.

<https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/786414686>

Please contact Dylan Mello with any questions at dmello@episcopalct.org

PraiseMoves!



Looking for a way to stretch, exercise and hear the Word of God?
Then try

PraiseMoves!

Now, easy to do right in the comfort of your own home. Mary Perry, Certified PraiseMoves Instructor from St. Paul's Brookfield will be holding Zoom classes

Saturdays at 10:00

Message her at maryperry2@me.com
for the link. Come, try it out! Appropriate for all Fitness Levels!

PraiseMoves for Kids!

New!



VIA ZOOM - SUNDAYS AT 1:30

Kids of all ages will gain strength, improve flexibility and balance, relieve anxiety and get more of God's Word into their hearts! Join Mary and Emily Perry and Grady and have fun!

QUESTIONS? MARYPERRY2@ME.COM



Message her at maryperry2@me.com
for the link.

The 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.

ECCT COVID-19 Resources

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has put together many resources for us to utilize. There are financial resources for parishes, self-care information, and livestream information as well. Please see

HERE

or the link below to explore current news, events, and offerings.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>

Coffee in the Commons Podcast



COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

Listen to the latest episode below!

<http://www.coffeehour.org/>

A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
FISH is very short-handed ...***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

Past Services and Sermons

***Please click on the link below in order
to view
past services on YouTube and to read sermons from***

previous Sundays located on our website.

click on [Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

**The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
Proper 17; Year A

**Jeremiah 15.15-21;
Psalm 148, 149 & 150;
Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28**