

E-pistle



Saint Andrew's Parish
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The First Sunday after Christmas

From the Wardens

Christmas at St. Andrew's was indeed glorious: From the church school's Christmas pageant and procession to the creche on Advent III to a lovely Advent IV service on December 24 to the family service at St. Joseph's Chapel, Kent School that afternoon to a musical (choral and instrumental) liturgical celebration Christmas Eve night. Our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful worship leaders-Fr. McIntosh's faithful celebration every week at an intimate and meditative Wednesday evening Eucharist, Fr. Woodrooffe for leading our Advent III children's service, the Rev. Kate Kelderman for presiding at the Advent IV service Christmas Eve morning and for opening the poignant family service at the Kent School chapel to all of St. Andrew's, and Fr. Klots for capturing the spirit of Christmas from the opening sentences to the concluding "Thanks be to God," at the Christmas Eve service that night. And to Susan Guse, our music director, accolades and thanks for bringing together some remarkable musical talent to welcome the newborn Christ. The Altar Guild did a wonderful job transforming the nave and the chancel from Advent IV to Christmas. We are most grateful to them and to the valiant band of pew torch installers.

Best wishes to all for a peaceful joyful New Year!

Next week: A report on the rector search!

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.

2024 Calendars Available!



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

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

Sunday, 04 February
Parish-wide Annual Meeting

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 31 December :: 8:30 am

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

Sunday, 31 December:: 10:30 am

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

Sunday, 31 December:: 10:30 am

Church school

Monday, 01 January :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 03 January :: 6:00 pm
Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 03 January :: 6:00 pm
Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 04 January: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 04 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.

Lectons for this Week

The First Sunday after Christmas *Year B*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 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
(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

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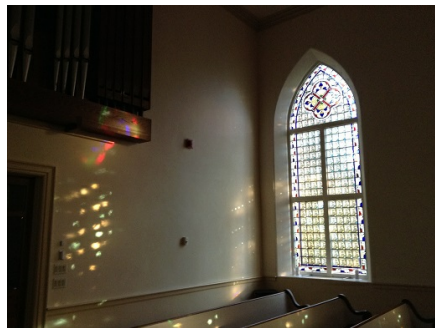
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