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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 Sundays

-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.

Holy Days as announced.

Calendar

Thursday, 13 February

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 14 February

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 15 February

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)

Sunday, 16 February

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Lent Madness at 9.30 a.m. (Library)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)

Tuesday, 18 February

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 19 February

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

Letter from Sister Mary Lanning

My dear, generous, compassionate, loving community at St. Andrew's in Kent,

YOU MAKE MY HEART SING. Your love and encouragement bless me and all my street friends. So many spend Winter nights and as much of each day as they can, trying to pick up a little warmth in doorways and by sitting on top of ventilation grates on the sidewalks outside luxury buildings and banks. We're all looking forward to Saturday's picnic.

We all grin and hug every time we remind each other that THIS SATURDAY - so close! -- we'll have our colorful, quirky, chilly winter picnic, with hardboiled eggs (our

Sunday, 16 February
Lent Madness
at 9.30 a.m.
Vestry Meeting at Noon

Thursday, 20 February
Tai Chi at 10.00 a.m.

Wed., 26 February
ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday, 14 March
Music in the Nave
Manhattan String
Quartet
7.00 p.m.

Sunday, 5 April
PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, 12 April
EASTER SUNDAY

Edible Valentines, colored and messaged), watermelon on toothpicks (can't have a picnic without watermelon), warm hats and gloves and scarves and earmuffs for all, bags of homemade sweets for each, personal comfort packs of small toiletries (bring on the chapstick!) and a freshly cooked hot meal that you can smell cooking all day from 6 blocks away. Companionship and conversation, too, will change glumness into cheer as Belonging becomes real for a while.

When I opened this week's E-pistle in the wee hours of this morning, I was astounded to see the support, coverage, planning, and commitment you've given to the Valentines Winter Picnic-On-The-Street that YES!Solutions and The StreetCorner Gourmets will bring to the streets again this February.

THANK YOU, with all my heart.

On Friday this week, I will spend the day with a dozen classes of kindergarten and 1st grade children in a public school. We will color and decorate and write messages on over 60 dozen freshly cooked eggs. More eggs will come from Girls Scouts Groups on Long Island, high school teens in Harlem and NJ, and as many business colleagues as I can round up, from all around the metro area of NYC. We usually have over 120 dozen quirky, cheerful, even tearful Valentines Eggs. Everyone on the street gets to fill a pocket or two with edible Valentines from the kids.

The children understand. They love the idea of making a sad, lonely person smile; of making a hungry person feel relaxed for a change because there's something to eat a few hours from now, as close as a coat pocket.

Thank you for your love. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for the lifetime that we have shared. I bow to you all with utmost appreciation.

Sister Mary Lanning

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women

Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)

Parish Staff

Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of
Choirs

Margie O'Brien,
Director of the Children's
Choir

Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator

Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

Randy Osolin,
Verger

Church & Parish Hour Schedule

To avoid any conflict with events in the Parish House, it is imperative that you contact Heather Scofield, our Administrator. She will check the master calendar to see if the Hall and Church are free and inquire if there is any set up, take down and clean up for your event. Even if you leave a message on the answering machine, you still need to speak with Heather (Office: 860-927-3486 Cell: 860-921-8272 or Email: st.andrew.kent@snet.net) to confirm. Thank you for your consideration.

Charmian Place

Memorial Service and Reception for Dayle Elsesser

Funeral services for

Dayle Elsesser

will be held
at

Sacred Heart Church in Kent

on

Friday, February 14th

at 10:00 a.m.

followed by a Grave Side Service

&

Reception around noon

at

St. Andrew's Parish House.

For many years our Mission and Outreach Commission worked closely with Dayle in support of her ministry in sending books and school supplies to communities in the Republic of Philippines.

Lent Madness

A New Program for Lent

Many of you are familiar with the organization Forward Day by Day and have used their booklet for your readings during Lent or at any other time of the year. You have undoubtedly heard of March Madness. But did you know there is Lent Madness? Visit www.lentmadness.org and/or read on!

If your new to this wacky online devotion, here's how Lent Madness works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. Unlike professional and collegiate sporting events, there is no admission cost for Lent Madness, but souvenirs and study aids are available in the Lentorium. The Saintly Scorecard: The Official Guide to Lent Madness 2020 is now available as are Bracket posters.

Lent Madness officially kick s off **Ash Thursday, February 27**. There will be 10 copies of The Saintly Scorecard available at our first meeting, and we can get more if more people want to join!

That first meeting will be **Sunday February 16th at 9:30**. Yes, before Ash Thursday but this is to figure out when everyone can meet conveniently. If you are interested but can't make that meeting, email **Marel Rogers** (marelrogers@yahoo.com) for online negotiation. From Tim and Scott's postings all voting is done online, so our meetings during Lent will discuss the

saints posted that week and our impressions of them. Voting is up to you.

See you on the 16th!

Music in the Nave



St. Andrew's Church

1 North Main Street

Kent, CT

Presents....The Manhattan String Quartet

Works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Beethoven



Saturday, March 14, 2020

7 o'clock pm

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St. Andrew's Church

Corner of Routes 7 & 341 Kent, CT

Admission: discounted tickets in advance through
<https://manhattanstringquartet.eventbrite.com>

\$20 at the door/Students Free

https://mitn_kentct.eventbrite.com

860-927-3486

www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html

Tai Chi

EASY TAICHI

a simplified Taichi exercise class in Kent

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10:00-11:00am

Tuesdays at the **Kent Community House**

Thursdays at the **St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall**

classes run in 6-week sessions

new students may join at the beginning of the sessions only

session start dates: 2/18, 3/31, 5/12, 6/23, 8/4

\$60 for one class a week

or \$100 for both



Tai Chi is a traditional Chinese fitness system based on the natural integration of mind, body and spirit. It has been proven over and over again to have a profoundly beneficial effect upon a wide range of health issues, both through the experiential claims of countless practitioners worldwide who swear by its usefulness and now also by an ever increasing collection of medical studies saying basically the same thing. The only catch to being able to utilize the full potential of Tai Chi practice is the difficulty of learning it. This class was developed as a collaboration between the Town of Kent Park and Rec Department and Christopher Kiely of the Falling Water Tai Chi School with the sole intention of providing a simple-as-possible path to learning. No experience at all is necessary. The only prerequisite is the ability to comfortably remain on one's feet for at least an hour at a time.

For more information or to register for the class please contact Christopher Kiely at 802-349-2725/cloudhandy@yahoo.com or Lesly Ferris at parkandrec@townofkentct.org/860-927-1003.

The Annual Reports for 2019

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2019](#)

The Prayer List During the Time of Transition

*During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- you would like the prayers offered. **And please remember to let her know when she 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.

***You may also write to Heather at
st.andrew.kent@snet.net
Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she
may be able to ask if she has any questions.***

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

[Altar Flower Memorials for 2020](#)

***Please click the link below if you would like to make
requests for Altar Flowers Memorials in 2020.
The Altar Guild requests a \$50 donation for each Sunday,
but any amount greater or less is gratefully received.***

[Altar Flower Memorial 2020](#)

[Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy](#)

There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-through into the kitchen for volunteers to be responsible for both brewing the coffee and bringing light refreshments.

Included with the sign-up sheet are Instructions on "How to do Coffee Hour" with where to find supplies and instructions for coffee brewing...makes it really easy!!

During the time of transition between rectors, Coffee Hour is an especially important time for members of the parish to be together: please help by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &..., to make the social time more enjoyable!

EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT

[St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshipping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.](#)

***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!***

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

*Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,
it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,
to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness can never
overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

Homily

***Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read***

Reverend Mark Nordskog's Homily for 2 February

[click on Homily](#)

The Lectons this Week

**The Sixth Sunday after
the Epiphany
16 February
Year A**

***Sirach 15.15-20
Psalm 119.1-8;
I Corinthians 3.1-9;
Matthew 5.21-37***



Camp Washington **Winter Wonderland Weekend**
February 14-16, 2020

Welcoming ages 7 - 12

What do you do when last summer seems far away, and the cold weather makes it seem like next summer will never get here? Come to Camp Washington where the snow is cold, but the cabins and hot cocoa are warm! Our annual Winter Wonderland Weekend is a gathering unlike any other.

There's sledding, snowshoeing, arts and crafts, winter hiking, S'mores, and so much more. Join us for a mid-year reunion with some of your best friends and play in the snow! Spend your President's Day weekend with us. What do you say? Do you wanna build a snowman? Cost: \$175.

Register now at campwashington.org

campwashington.org 603.647.8623 camp@campwashington.org

The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes and a circular logo on the left containing a white cross and a tree. Below the title is a green section with white text. A blue banner with white snowflakes contains the registration information. The bottom half of the poster shows a group of children in winter gear playing in the snow. The footer is a dark grey bar with white text and social media icons.

At nearby Camp Washington

SECOND SUNDAYS at Camp Washington at 4.30 p.m.

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed.

Further information is available at campwashington.org

Announcements

A request from those who count the collection monies:

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17th century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,¹ from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,² and occasionally overseas.³
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: austinm@kent-school.edu.



¹ Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

² There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

³ There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of
coffee, tea, sugar, nuts,
hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups,
canned or bottled fruit juices.
Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!

Also: the Bank is interested its selections for personal care including supplies for adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes, feminine products, etc.

Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex, to the left of the

doors. And please: do try to make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!