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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

Sunday, 13 January

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 9 January

**Holy Eucharist for the Eve of William Laud
at 6.00 p.m.**

Kent Singers Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 10 January

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 11 January

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 12 January

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

Sunday, 13 January

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)

Lay Preachers Class at 12.30 p.m. (Great Room)

Tuesday, 15 January

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

Wednesday, 16 January

**Holy Eucharist for the Confession of St Peter
(transf.) at 6.00 p.m.**

Kent Singers Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Sunday, 21 January

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING
of St Andrew's Parish**

Book Discussion
at 9.30 a.m. (Library)
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)
Lay Preachers Class at
12.30 p.m. (Great Room)

Sunday, 20 January
ANNUAL MEETING
at NOON

Sunday, 27 January
Lay Preachers Class
at 12.30 p.m. (Library)

Sunday, 10 February
Vestry Meeting at Noon
Lay Preachers Class
at 12.30 p.m. (Library)

Saturday, 16 February
Regional Vestry Meeting
(Location TBA)

Sunday, 17 February
Music in the Nave
at 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 6 March
ASH WEDNESDAY
Liturgy of the Day
at Noon & 6.00 p.m.

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women
(Great Room)

Thursdays

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

Parish Staff

The Revd Roger B. White,
Rector

Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of
Choirs

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

Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

Randy Osolin,

at 11.30 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING 2019

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of

ST ANDREW'S PARISH

will be on

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY at 11.30 A.M.

The purpose of the Meeting is to receive reports, to receive the Budget for 2019, to elect Officers and the members of the Vestry Class of 2022, and to transact any other such business as may properly come before the Meeting.

There will be light refreshments in the Parish House at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Snow date: 28 January at the same hour.

From the Rector

THE FEAST of the EPIPHANY

6 January 2019

A Homily preached by the Reverend Roger B. White

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

The Feast of the Epiphany -6 January, the 13th day after Christmas-falls on a Sunday only every few years, and so the birth narrative (the Christmas Story) in Matthew's Gospel can go a bit ignored. Matthew's is the only Gospel to tell us the story of the visitors to Bethlehem whom King Herod is so unhappy to greet, and although we probably remember the outlines of the story, reflecting a bit on how traditions have filled in these outlines may tell us something

In Matthew's Gospel, the three kings are, in fact, not kings at all but rather magi -astrologers, probably from Babylon whom we know scanned the skies and traveled to the west to visit important kings. Nor are these three persons necessarily three in number: later commentators deduced from the number of gifts -gold, frankincense, and myrrh-that there were three gift-givers, but still more enthusiastic early commentators suggested that the number of gifts was in fact twelve. This number is the same number as the Tribes of Israel and so of the original disciples.

And the Hebrew prophets and the Psalms interpreted the meaning of the gifts: the extravagant gold was about kingship in this world; the costly frankincense was about Divinity beyond this world; and the equally costly myrrh was about embalming, a

By the 8th century -1300 years ago-the magi/kings had even acquired names. Melchior is an elderly white man with a white beard; Gaspar is a beardless young white man with a ruddy complexion reminiscent of the young King David; and Balthazar is a bearded, dark-skinned man.

And what the traditions that grew up around the story tell us is something that Matthew's, Luke's, and John's Gospels (Mark's Gospel has no birth narrative) want to emphasise. Each insists that the first people to notice the world-changing arrival of the Messiah -the Anointed One-in apparently unassuming circumstances are not the people whom the Hebrew Scriptures have instructed to be on the look-out In Luke's Gospel they are shepherds, low-lives with despicable reputations; in Matthew's Gospel they are magi, who may be important elsewhere but ... not around here. And John's Gospel puts it succinctly: 'He came to his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed ... he gave power to become children of God'.

You see, the Feast of the Epiphany is about the power of revelation, of suddenly seeing, knowing, feeling something ... important, beyond important. It is about people -whatever their number or names-from outside the learning of the Hebrew tradition responding to a star, a light, and looking to see where it might lead them, looking to see if it might bring them to where they need to be.

And although this story is about revelation coming to people other than the obvious ones, it is perhaps still more importantly a story about light, the light that shines in the darkness and that the darkness does not overcome, the light that God shines into the world and that we often choose to ignore or to resist.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells those who have sought him out that, 'You are the salt [the enlivening agent] of the earth You are the light of the world No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to the whole house Let your light shine before others so that they see your good works and give glory to' God.

The light that is not overcome shines, and it can inspire, empower all of us if we allow it: it is ours to share, to shine into other lives. And so, I wish each of us a blessed Epiphany season of shining ... and sharing. Share what you have: let your light shine into the lives of others so that they may give thanks to God. Amen.

Lay Preachers Class

Beginning on the Sunday, 21 January, and running for four Sundays in March, St Andrew's is privileged to be able to host a Lay Preaching Class organised by Eliza Marth, the ECCT Missioner for the Northwest Region. The training will begin to equip members of three congregations --St Andrew's; St John's, New Milford; and Trinity, Lime Rock-- to speak theologically 'from the pulpit' on occasional Sundays.

The meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons, 12.30 - 2.30, and Alexis Dorf, the Reverend Jack Gilpin, and I have helped Eliza to put the program together.

I am delighted to report that Randy DiPentima, Nick and Janet Downes, and David Lindley were pleased to agree to take the classes, and we look forward to hearing from them!

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.*

The Homily from Christmas Eve

***Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
the Rector's homily from Christmas Eve***

[HOMILY for 24 December](#)

From the Reverend Brett Figlewski

To my St. Andrew's family:

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for the love which palpably enveloped me during my time as your seminarian assistant and most recently at my ordination to the priesthood a few days before Christmas. The Apostles' Stole you gave me as an

ordination gift is positively sumptuous and laden with meaning for this our own apostolic age. St. Andrew, the First-Called, will forever have pride of place for me, and shall now on the stole be carried, quite literally, upon my heart. Until we meet again, I remain yours,

In Christ,
Brett





The Lections this Week & Next

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE

EPIPHANY

The Baptism of Christ

13 January 2019

Epiphany I, Year C

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

The Annual Reports for 2017

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on

Sunday, 21 January, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2017](#) [Treasurers Report 2017\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Emendations to the Parish Email & Telephone Directory 2018

Carol Hoffman Matzke's telephone number has changed to 206.295.4128

*Bob McDowell's email address is rnmcd30@yahoo.com
{r n m c d}*

Charlie Milligan's email address is chasmil@gmail.com

*Charmian Place & Ken Cooper have closed P.O. Box 72 in South Kent and are receiving mail at their new street address, 47 Upper Kent Hollow Road in Kent.
Their telephone number is now 860.592.0003.*

Georgianne Kent's new email address is georgiannekent@gmail.com

George & Elissa Potts have a new home telephone number: 860.592.0013

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, and dish washing liquids and laundry detergents**
Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

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!

Announcements

The Book Discussion Group

... will next meet on Sunday, 13 January, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 10 ('The Pains of Purgatory') in Eamonn Duffy's remarkable study of the Pre-Reformation Church in England, *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, 1400 - 1580*. All are welcome!

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!

At nearby Camp Washington

190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org
860.567.9623

**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.

Further information is available at campwashington.org

On 13 January, the Rev. Brett Figlewski, Missional Curate of Trinity, Milton, and St. Paul's, Bantam, will lead a conversation about cultivating our theological imagination. As our imaginations grow, we grow in awareness of God's many manifestations in our lives and of the Light of Christ which illumines all things.

**BISHOP'S BOOK STUDY
with Bishop Laura Ahrens
every 3rd Tuesday at 11.00 a.m.
with lunch to follow at 12.30 p.m**

\$10 donation registration

ALL WELCOME!!

On 15 January, the book under discussion will be Leadership, by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

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

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, local hair appointments, and to do local grocery shopping, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(860.248.0316)
if you can help!***

Music in the Nave

**Sunday, 17 February
4.00 p.m.**

**Margarita Nuller, *piano*
Adam Grabois, *'cello*
in**

**A Recital to Benefit Bethania Kids
*music of Franck, Glazunov,
Miaskovsky, & Debussy***

Reception in the Parish House to follow.

\$15 at the doors

***Bethania Kids is a Lutheran charity in South India that
houses, feeds, and educates abandoned, unwanted and
impoverished children.***

***The Mission & Outreach Commission of the parish have been
assisting them for several years.***

Pawling Concert Series

Friday, 26 April

8.00 p.m.

**Hubbard Court in the Smith Field House
Trinity-Pawling School
700 Route 22, Pawling, New York**

Davina & The Vagabonds
in
A Coffee House-Style Concert
*of New Orleans charm, Memphis soul, tender Gospel
moments, and Kurt Weill-like theatricality*

\$30/\$15 students

www.pawlingconcertseries.org