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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.

announced.

Holy Days as

Calendar

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 15 May Holy Eucharist for the Wednesday in Easter IV at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 16 May

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, 17 May

Memorial Service for Harry Hall, II at 2.00 p.m. (Common Room, Noble Horizons) Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 18 May

Garden Club Sale (North Lawn) 8.30 a.m. - Noon Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Sunday, 19 May

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee & ... at 11.30 a.m. (Parish House) Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)

Tuesday, 21 May

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

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

Wednesday, 22 May

Holy Eucharist for Wedneesday in Easter V at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

From the Rector

Friday, 17 May

Memorial Service for Harry Hall, II at 2.00 p.m. (Noble Horizons)

Sunday, 19 May
Holy Eucharist with
Prayers for Healing
at 8.30 a.m.
Bible Study at 9.30 a.m.
(Library)
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)

Sunday, 2 June
Holy Eucharist Rite I
at 8.30 a.m.
Book Discussion
at 9.30 a.m.
(Library)

Monday, 3 June St Andrew's Crafters 4.00 - 6.00 p.m. (Parish House)

Saturday, 8 June Memorial Service for Jim Perkins at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 9 June
The Day of Pentecost
If possible, please plan to
pray the Lord's Prayer in a
language that you know
other than English.
M&O Commision Meeting
at Noon (Library)

Sunday, 16 June Bible Study at 9.30 a.m. (Library)

Saturday, 22 June NW Region Convocation (Trinity Conference Center, West Cornwall)

Sunday, 23 June Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)

Sunday, 30 June
Setting-Up of the
Tag Sale
at Noon

Monday, 1 July
Donations to the Tag Sale
begin to be received.

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

Dear Friends,

Wednesday of last week, 8 May, was the Feast of St (Dame) Julian of Norwich, and we commemorated it at the celebration of the Eucharist that evening. Dame Julian was a late medieval mystic who died in about 1417, pretty much exactly a century before the Lutheran reformation movement began. She lived in a cell attached to the Church of St Julian in the city of Norwich, was supported by the alms of others, and was widely renowned and respected as what we would now call a 'spiritual director'. Her writings --The Revelations [Shewings] of Divine Love, the earliest work written in English and known to be by a womanhas become a classic example of a kind of Christian mysticism.

Although best known for her gentle assertion that the Lord in a vision had assured her that 'all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well', a worshipper on last Wednesday evening also reminded me of Julian's wonderful powers of observation and delight in the most ordinary and most modest of things, such as a hazelnut.

[Our Lord] showed a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed to me, and it was round as a ball. I looked at it with my mind's eye and thought, 'What can this be?' And the answer came, 'It is all that is made.'.... [And] in this little thing I saw three properties: the first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; the third is that God cares for it. Truly, the maker, the carer, and the lover.

It is remarkable that *The Revelations of Divine Love* survived to become well-known, for Norwich was a center for dissenters from the English Church, known as 'Lollards', who were followers of the Oxford theologian John Wycliffe. Among other things, Wycliffe questioned the need for priests and bishops and also translated the Scriptures from the Latin into English. For all of this he was condemned as a heretic; and, Dame Julian had access to a Bible in English and could easily have herself been condemned for reading it, citing it. It appears that orders of nuns, down through the centuries, surreptitiously transcribed Julian's words and kept these manuscripts away from the prying eyes of monks, priests, and bishops; and, it is these nuns' furtive but determined disobedience that preserved the text.

All of which is somehow so quietly Julian-like In what the late medieval Church hierarchy would have regarded as an unlikely source of inspiration and truth-telling --a woman, a recluse dependent on handouts, who had startlingly learned to read and write-- there was someone who found ways to open the eyes, ears, minds, and hearts of countless successive generations. Through Julian, each of us can begin to discover the whole of Creation, all of what needs to be known, in ... a hazelnut.

Roger+

On the third Sunday of each month, there is a brief healing service --special prayers and anointing with the oil of healing--at the 8.30 liturgy.

Beginning on this coming Sunday, the 19th, there will also again be a brief Bible Study in the parish Library at 9.30 a.m. It will next meet on the third Sundays through the summer.

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

Joan I. Cassel Financial Secretary

Bill McLaren, Sexton

Randy Osolin, Verger

The Santiago Family

Although there are undoubtedly some donations still to come in, thanks to the generosities of a great many people, we were this week able to send the Santiago family a cheque in the amount of \$3300.00.

As many of you are aware, Tino Santiago, formerly a waiter at The Fife 'n Drum Restaurant and most recently the sous chef at Kingsley's Tavern, has been arrested and is in jail pending an appeal. Tino and his wife, Norma, have three children, and Norma may need to sell their house in South Kent and move to more affordable quarters: without Tino's income they are struggling financially.

A number of people who have known Tino and Norma for years have asked how they may help, and the Rector invites those concerned to make donations to the parish Discretionary Fund which shall then be passed on to Norma. Cheques should be made out to St Andrew's Parish and tagged 'Santiago Fund'. They may be put in the collection plate or may be mailed in to Post Office Box 309, Kent 06757.

In addition Tino's and Norma's son Jason has serious medical issues and has been hospitalized in New Britian, and Leslie Levy is looking for drivers who are willing to drive Norma to visit Jason. It takes 90 minutes to two hours to make the trip, and those who can help are invited to be in touch with Leslie at leslielillienlevy@me.com

Faithfully, Roger+

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!
The sudden death of Jim Lovelett has left FISH very short-handed

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

SUMMER CAMP at CAMP WASHINGTON

The summer camping season is not all that far away, and Camp Washington has published their calendar for 2019.

Children's Camp (ages 7 - 12) will be from 30 June - 7 July & from 4 - 16 August. The one-week camp costs \$575 and the two-week camp \$1300.

Mini Camps (ages 5 - 10) will be from 14 - 16 July & from 17 - 19 July for \$275. There will be a Mini Day Camp from 15 - 19 July for \$300.

Please visit the Camp's website for more information and to register: www.campwashington.org or call 860.567.9623.

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 Easter IV

Please click on the link below in order to hear or read the Janet Downes's Homily for 12 May HOMILY for 12 May

The Lections this Week

Easter V 19 May 2019 Year C Acts 11.1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21.1-6 John 13.31-35

The flowers on this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harry Hall II.

Volunteers for Coffee & ... after the 10.30 liturgy

Those who have signed up to provide light refreshments for Coffee & ... in the next few weeks are

19 May Nancy O'Dea & Wes Wyrick

> 26 May Barbara Psarakis

> > 2 June ???

9 June ???

16 June ???

23 June The Tag Sale Leadership

From 30 June through Labor Day, we will once again be having iced tea and cookies after the 10.30 liturgy, and donations of cookies will be gratefully received. Please leave them on the pass-through into the kitchen!

The Annual Reports for 2018

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 2018

St Andrew's Crafters

With the Annual Christmas Bazaar fewer than six months away, the St Andrew's Crafters will next meet on

Monday, 3 June in the Parish House

and will continue to meet on the First Monday of the month through November.

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!

Announcements

The Book Discussion Group

... will next meet on Sunday, 2 June, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 17 ('The Reign of Elizabeth') & the Epilogue 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!

BEAUTY & BOUNTY; Farm to Table Squared Art April 27-June 2

34 Local Artists including Heather Scofield

All artwork is 10"x 10"

The Loft Gallery (above the Smithy) 10 Main St.

New Preston, CT

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



Music in the Nave

THE SHERMAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Summer Concert Series

Fridays 9 August & 30 August 8.00 p.m.