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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

Friday, 8 February

## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

**Wednesday, 6 February**

**Holy Eucharist for  
the Feast of Cornelius the Centurion (*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)

**Thursday, 7 February**

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, 8 February**

**Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.  
Party to Assemble the Donations to  
Sr Mary's Valentine's Event  
6.00 - 8.00 p.m. (Great Room)**

**Saturday, 9 February**

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

**Sunday, 10 February**

**A Day of Racial Healing, Justice, & Reconciliation  
Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)  
Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.  
Forum with Scott Esdaile at Noon (Great Room)**

**Tuesday, 12 February**

**Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.**  
Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)

**Wednesday, 13 February**

**Holy Eucharist for the  
Feast of Absalom Jones  
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)

Assemblage of Donations  
for Sr Mary Lanning  
6.00 - 8.00 p.m.  
(Great Room)

**Sunday, 10 February**  
**Day of Racial Healing,**  
**Justice, &**  
**Reconciliation**

**Saturday, 16 February**  
Regional Vestry Meeting  
(Camp Washington)  
9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**Sunday, 17 February**  
Lay Preachers Class  
at 12.30 p.m. (Great  
Room)  
Music in the Nave  
at 4.00 p.m.

**Sunday, 24 February**  
Evensong at  
Trinity Church,  
Torrington, at 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday, 3 March**  
Book Discussion (Library)  
Lay Preachers Class  
at 12.30 (Great Room)

**Monday, 4 March**  
St Andrew's Crafters  
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.  
(Parish House)

**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,**

## From the Rector

### A Day of Racial Justice Healing, & Reconciliation

Dear Friends,

At the diocesan convention last October, we voted to make Sunday, 10 February, a Day inaugurating a season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation in The Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Our liturgies on that morning will include specially written forms of the Prayers of the People and of the Confession, as well as a Commissioning for the Ministry of Justice and Reconciliation. We will have the invitation to consider how we as a Church and as individuals may have, so often unwittingly, participated in institutional or structural bias against people of color, people who are somehow different from ourselves by reason of their skin color, their heritage, their religious beliefs or traditions.

In *The New Yorker* for this week, Louis Menand explores how some white supremacists enlisted some of our courts to build a system of discrimination against former slaves and their descendants that led to the Supreme Court's decision in Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), which established the legality of 'separate but equal' schools, even train cars. And over the past several months we have seen, in the strength of many peoples' feelings (one way or another) about the monuments erected to honor Confederate war heroes, how the scars of slavery, of the American Civil War, and of the Era of Reconstruction remain very real, deep, and easily enflamed.

We will be privileged to have joining us at the 10.30 liturgy on this coming Sunday Scott X. Esdaile, the President of the Connecticut State Conference of NAACP Branches, and he will speak at a Forum at Noon in the Parish House.

I invite you to come to church on Sunday and then to attend the forum, bearing in mind, as always, Jesus' 'Summary of the Law' --'The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.' [Book of Common Prayer 1979, p.351]

Faithfully,  
Roger+

*Scott X. Esdaile, our Speaker at Noon*

*Director of the Children's  
Choir*

**Heather Scofield,  
Parish Administrator**

**Joan I. Cassel  
Financial Secretary**

**Bill McLaren,  
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,  
Verger**



**Sr MARY LANNING'S  
VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT  
9 February**

*Sr Mary always points out that the Three Loneliest Holidays for the homeless and the poor are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day, when these people may have no one with whom to observe the day or may not have the means to do so. Therefore, her Yes! Solutions and the Street Corner Gourmets Thanksgiving dinner to some 2500+ on the streets of New York; hand out blankets and warm weather gear and food stuffs just before Christmas; and Valentine's Day sweets as well as comfort items (Chapsticks, &c.) early in February. And, it is now time for the Valentine's Event.*

**Donations are now being received in the NE corner  
of the Great Room in the Parish House:**

**sweets (cookies, candies, brownies) packed in individual sandwich bags; comfort items (small packs of Kleenex, chapsticks, hand sanitizers, feminine products, &c., also packed in individual sandwich bags); and, as always, hard-cooked eggs, decorated if possible.**

**(Please do not bring in the eggs before Monday, 4 February, and please put them in the refrigerator in the kitchen. Please do not leave them in the Great Room!**

**Soft hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens are also welcome donations, but please --no coats, jackets, or blankets as they are too bulky.**

***If you purchase in bulk or are not able to bag***

***your donations in the small bags, volunteers will  
take care of this!***

**And so ...,  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
to help ready the donations for Karen Bussolini  
(860.927.4122) and  
to drive them down to NYC on the 9th.  
Sarah Marshall (860.927.4246) is also helping to  
organise the evening.**

***Please come to the Parish House from  
6.00 - 8.00 p.m. on Friday,  
8 February, and lend a hand, join the fun!***

## **From the Rector**

### **ANNUAL REPORT of the RECTOR 27 January 2019**

As always, today I present you with some numbers. Last year, our Sunday attendance at some 103 liturgies rose to 4791, and our weekday attendance at some 63 celebrations of the Holy Eucharist and other liturgies was some 1774. There were also 203 services of Communion in hospitals, nursing homes, and private residences.

In 2018, we baptised six people -- Gabriel Camiyah Besmer; Brynn Leigh Clark; Natalia Alexandria Edness; Grayson Nathaniel Gartland; Charles Robert Nierling; and August Xavier Chesterfield Nierling. The Burial Office was read on eight occasions -- for David Neil Bosserman; Josephine Webster Hart Bristol; Veronica Anna Morvai Bunkoczy; John Keith Goodrich; John Arthur Granger; Charles Ewing Hamlen; Mary Christine Hoene; and Lucy Pacocha Tremont.

2018 was a full year with another superbly successful Tag Sale, which raised more than \$28,000 for the Capital Fund. It was followed (it seemed as though within a week or two ...) by another wonderfully successful Christmas Bazaar, which raised more than \$7,000 for the Mission & Outreach work of the parish. Many, many people assisted with each of these events, both ably led by Pat Campbell and Marel Rogers. Christopher Rehkow again took charge of the annual Christmas Tree Sale, and that yielded a record more than \$5000 for the Operating Fund.

In addition, we received some \$24,000 in disability compensation for my months away and then part-time service after several complicated surgeries in 2017; and, we had a generous bequest of almost \$40,000 from the estate of Mary Christine Hoene. The Vestry chose to apply 20% of the disability compensation and 10% of the bequest to the Mission

& Outreach Fund, and the remainder were invested in our Donations & Bequests account --that is to say, our endowments.

Moreover, and wholly unexpectedly, an extraordinary gift, the donor of which asks to be anonymous, of \$50,000 and to be used at my discretion arrived just before Christmas. I thought and prayed a lot about what to do, and the Vestry accepted my decision to give 10% of these monies to the M&O Fund and to have the remainder invested in our account with Donations & Bequests. This seemed to me to be most consistent with the expressed intentions for this astonishing generosity.

Our addition of The Close to our precincts some seven years ago has proven to be a popular alternative to burials in other places, and we are beginning to run low on available plaques for those who want to have their names engraved there as a memorial. Our ever-generous and creative architect( and past Warden), Wes Wyrick, developed a plan to increase the number of plaques within the enclosure which the Vestry accepted, and work began a few days before the recent snow and ice storm. A central feature will be added that will more than double the available space for plaques and will also allow a wrought iron cross, similar to the ones on the front covers of our Prayer Books, to stand in the center of The Close. Most of the monies needed for this work are already to hand in The Close Fund, and the remainder will be financed by the Operating Fund.

2018 was also a year that saw a number of changes. In addition to welcoming a new Vestry class in January, in May we said farewell to our Seminarian Intern, Tara Shepley, who is this year working with Nik Combs at Trinity Church in Torrington. Tara wrote a few days ago to say that the Commission on Ministry had recommended her for ordination to the diaconate, and that the Standing Committee had approved her: she hopes to be ordained within the next few months, and I shall advise you as to the date, time, and place.

In July, we said farewell to our Priest Associate of more than six years, David McIntosh, and he is now helping to form a newly-ordained priest in nearby Bethlehem. I feel his absence acutely. Although I am, so far as I know, cancer-free, it these days takes me a great deal longer to do less, and I apologise for that. So many of you have offered to be of help with so much, and I am deeply grateful. Our somewhat ... diminished ... staff --Heather Scofield, our Administrator; Tom Holcombe and Margie O'Brien, our Parish Musicians; Joan Cassel, our Financial Secretary; and Bill McLaren and Randy Osolin, our Sexton and our Verger-- have been beyond generous in pitching in, from things appropriate to their positions to moving heavy objects, and I am immeasurably thankful.

The same must be said of our vestry officers --Charmian Place, Christopher Rehkow, James Vick, Andie Sehl, and Bill Dillon-- as well as the chairs of our various organizations and commissions -Chris Beers, Candace Conard, Nick Downes, Bernadette Ellegard, Ned Reade, Marel Rogers, and Melissa Schipul are among those whom I have not yet otherwise mentioned. A month ago, James was in a serious skiing

accident, and although very badly injured he came under the care of Steve Morocco's nephew, a renowned thoracic surgeon at the hospital in Denver to which James had been air-lifted. James is recovering well, and although I panicked for a moment given how close to the end of the year all of this happened, I need not have done because our Assistant Treasurer, Andie Sehl, and our Financial Secretary, Joan Cassel, simply stepped in and saw to it that the Business Life of St Andrew's carried on with graceful precision. We all need to give a cheer or three for Andie and Joan!

Unusually, James is not seated at the table at the chancel steps: he is still recovering from his surgery and is in the pews whilst Andie delivers the Treasurer's Report. This is a change! And there are changes on the vestry -- the terms of Irene Connors, Wayne Giles, and David Lindley have drawn to a close and they, led by Janet Downes, have nominated Alice Hicks, Bob McDowell, and Eric Roper to succeed them, and they have nominated Lynn Perry to serve the last year of Jim Perkins's term since he is too ill to do so. Alice and Eric have never served on the vestry before, and Bob and Lynn are returning members: I commend this slate to you.

All of which suggests a lively and dynamic parish, which St Andrew's is ....

It is also a parish in which fewer people are choosing to make an annual pledge, and so the prospective income becomes more and more difficult to gauge: for, routine but not pledged income --and our Treasurers have begun to try to track this-- is not the same as promised income, which entails an intentional commitment ....

And it is a parish that is, like so many other parishes, growing smaller. The Bishops keep reminding us that we are entering, have entered, a new era in which many of our old customs, habits have become ill-suited to the times .... And so we need to acquire new ways of thinking, of being the Church, of living amongst and blessing as best we can people for whom the Church is simply foreign, unfamiliar .... It may be a time for us, each of us, to begin to live more intentionally than habitually, to look and to listen to the ways in which God may be inviting us to change, to grow into a new world that needs to know the love of God in Christ Jesus as desperately as any former worlds have done.

And this might begin very, very simply .... Perhaps sitting in a different pew from time to time (Candace and I just did) might start to shift, ever so slightly, our perspectives, allow us to notice something new, to hear something differently, to give the Spirit room to move .... If we are not wholly at ease, the Spirit can catch our attentions ....

St Andrew's is hardly a wealthy parish, but it is a rich one: here there are a dedicated group of people --they set up the church for worship and greet us at the doors; they help to lead the liturgies; they set up and then clean up after suppers; they count the Sunday collections, and they provide refreshments at Coffee Hours; they volunteer to work in a soup kitchen and they collect and distribute funds for those in need. They seem

to have so much time to ... help, to bless.

And through each of them God is inviting each of us to wonder how we might do differently, think differently, live differently in memory of Jesus Christ. They invite us to be less habitual and to be more intentional, still more ... thought and Spirit-filled ....

That Spirit to which Luke's Gospel keeps referring is indeed moving, seeking to remake the world, to change each and every one of us ....

In short, St Andrew's Parish, Kent, at the end of 2018 is a lively and vibrant place of modest wealth: our endowments are now greater than they have ever been -some \$1.3 million, which is a cushion and (given our obligations) not a plump one .... And so our deficit budgets of this year and last should not frighten us, although they should indeed attract our attentions, invite us to wonder how we are being invited to live differently.

For this is also, and far more importantly, a place of enormous riches, and I thank you again and again for allowing me to seek to grow in the Faith amongst you ....

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Roger B. White,  
XXVI Rector

## **Lay Preachers Class**

Beginning on the Sunday, 21 January, and running for four Sundays into 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.

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 27 January

*Please click on the link below in order  
to hear  
the Rector's homily from 3 February*

[HOMILY for 3 February](#)

## The Lections this Week & Next

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**10 February 2019**

Isaiah 6.1-8

Psalm 138

I Corinthians 15.1-11

Luke 5.1-11

## 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](#)**

## 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

## St Andrew's Crafters

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

**Monday, 4 March**  
**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,  
dish washing liquids, laundry detergents  
paper towels, and toilet paper**

**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, 3 February, at 9.30 a.m. in the Library in order to discuss Chapter 12 & 13 ('The Attack on Traditional Religion II: To the Death of Henry VIII' & 'Attack on Traditional Religion III: The Reign of Edward

VI') 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](http://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](http://campwashington.org)*

On 10 February, the Reverend Nik Combs will present 'A Practical Introduction to Anglican Chant.

**BISHOP'S BOOK DISCUSSION  
with Bishop Laura Ahrens  
with lunch to follow at 12.30 p.m**

*\$10 donation, registration requested via the Camp website.  
ALL WELCOME!!*

***On 14 February, the book under discussion will again be Leadership in Turbulent Times, by Doris Kearns Goodwin.***

*You are invited to consult the Camp website for more information about the following events:*

*15 - 17 February Winter Wonderland (Children 7 - 12)*

*16 - 18 February Gamers' Weekend  
(Middle School & High School)*

*20 February Raising a Child of Faith (Parents)*

*1 - 2 March Women's Yoga Retreat*

*8 - 10 March Spritual Retreat for High Schoolers*

**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](http://www.pawlingconcertseries.org)**