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## St Andrew's Church

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[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut  
[www.ctepiscopal.org](http://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

Sunday, 15 December  
The Kent Singers

## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

### Thursday, 12 December

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, 13 December

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

### Saturday, 14 December

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

### Sunday, 15 December

Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.  
Bible Study at 9.30 a.m. (Library)  
Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.  
Coffee & ...at 11.30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting at Noon (Library)

***'Among Angels' Holiday Concert at 3.00 p.m. (Nave)***

### Tuesday, 17 December

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, 18 December

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.  
Kent Singer's Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)

## From the Treasurer

The All-member Canvass is still not making much further progress despite my invitations to members from whom we have not heard, both in this newsletter and orally after church services. The total amount of the 66 pledges we have received now stands at about \$170,000. The average Canvass in the last five years at this point had received 83 pledges for a total of \$196,000.

**"Among Angels"  
Holiday Concert  
(Nave)  
3.00 p.m.**

**Sunday, 22 December  
Children's Christmas  
Service  
at 10.30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, 24 December  
Christmas Eve Service  
at 10.00 p.m.  
Kent School Chapel  
Service  
at 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday,  
25 December  
Christmas Day  
No service**

**Sunday, 5 January  
Sherman Chamber  
Ensemble  
presents  
Best of Baroque  
(Nave)  
4.00 p.m.**

**Sunday, 26 January  
Annual Meeting  
11.30 a.m.  
(Nave)**

## 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**

On another note, there are two points related to this time of year that you may want to consider. First, I will be happy to give any Parish member who pledged for 2019 a verbal summary of your donations for the year so far. Please email any request for this information to me at [james@vickco.com](mailto:james@vickco.com) or call me at 860-927-4910.

Second, please know that St. Andrew's can receive donations of securities and I can provide instructions on the procedure for doing this electronically at any time. Considering that the stock and bond markets are at or near all time high prices and you would receive a deduction of the market value on the date of donation, this can be an attractive option. The Parish has a policy of liquidating any securities received as soon as possible and using the proceeds as if you had donated cash.

As I mentioned before, we are still welcoming pledges from any continuing or new Parish member for 2020. You may send them to the Parish office at PO Box 309 in Kent or email your name and the amount to me at the email address above. Pledges are statements of intention and can be changed at any time. Please indicate if you wish to receive offering envelopes for 2020.

Happy Advent season!

## Photos

Photos from this year's Christmas Bazaar...

George Potts would like to again create a slideshow of photos from this year's Bazaar for our [www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org) website. Please forward any and all photos to him ASAP at [gpotts@snet.net](mailto:gpotts@snet.net) so he can include them!

## Children's Christmas Service

This year the Children's Christmas Service will take place on  
22 December at 10.30 a.m.

There will be a rehearsal this Sunday, 15 December  
and Saturday, 21 December.

Please contact Heidi Diedrich at [heidi@lemonsimple.com](mailto:heidi@lemonsimple.com) if you  
would like your child to participate.

Please help if you can by bringing sweets or savories to  
Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the service.

## Christmas Eve Service

*There will be one service at 10.00 pm on  
Christmas Eve this year.*

*If you are interested in attending an earlier service on  
Christmas Eve, Kent School has invited  
parishioners to attend the  
4 pm service in St Joseph's Chapel.*

*There will be no Christmas Day  
service this year.*

*If you need a ride to the Christmas Eve service, please  
contact the Church Office at 860.927.3486 and we will  
find transportation for you.*

## 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!

## Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees for Sale!

Fridays 4-6 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sundays Noon-5 p.m.



Helpers needed: please call Christopher Rehkow  
(917-544-1763)

### 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. If possible, please indicate for how she should keep the name(s) on the List. And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).*

*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.*

### 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 worshiping 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  
Sister Mary Lanning's Homily  
Homily for 8 December***

## **The Lections this Week**

**The Second Sunday of Advent  
15 December  
Advent III, Year A**

*Isaiah 35.1-10  
Psalm 146.4-9;  
James 5.7-10;  
Matthew 11.2-11*

**Music in the Nave**



**THE KENT SINGERS**  
JAMES KNOX SUTTERFIELD  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

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*Angelic carols from around the world*

Britten's A Ceremony of Carols  
Will Todd's Among Angels  
Huron Carol, arranged by our own, Tom Holcombe  
with harps and soprano soloists

Sunday, December 15, 3 PM  
St. Andrew's Church | Kent, CT

**\$ 20 tickets available at the door**

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**Sherman Chamber Ensemble  
presents:**

***Best of Baroque***

*Ring in the New Year!  
Music for piano, flute, oboe, and strings*

Meet and Greet to follow

**Sunday, 5 January  
at  
4.00 p.m.**

**\$30 adults  
\$25 for seniors and students**

**tickets at the door  
or reserve at 860.355.5930  
or [info@shermanchamberensemble.org](mailto:info@shermanchamberensemble.org)**

**Pawling Music Series**

**ATLANTIC BRASS QUINTET**  
This holiday program fuses familiar tunes in  
arrangements both pleasing and sophisticated.

**Friday,  
20 December  
7.00 p.m.  
All Saints' Chapel**

**Trinity-Pawling School  
700 Route 22 in Pawling, New York**

**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!



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Heather Scofield's

# THIRD EYE

Exhibit On Display in the Gallery  
NOVEMBER 4, 2019 - JANUARY 10, 2020

*Join Us!*

**OPENING  
RECEPTION**

Friday,  
November 29  
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please call the Library  
to register 860-927-3761

For more information  
[kentmemoriallibrary.com](http://kentmemoriallibrary.com)



*Read. Learn. Imagine.*

*above: Sunlit Field*

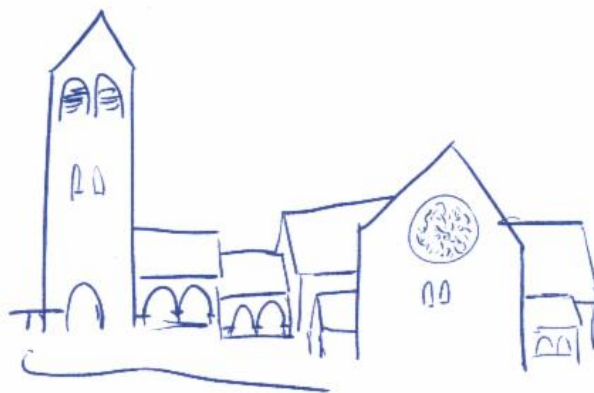
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# Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



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 17<sup>th</sup> century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,<sup>1</sup> from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,<sup>2</sup> and occasionally overseas.<sup>3</sup>
- 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](mailto:austinm@kent-school.edu).



<sup>1</sup> Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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!*

## **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](#)**

**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. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed.*

*Further information is available at [campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org)*