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Jesus Appearing to the Disciples (John 21)
Third Sunday of Easter

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying a blessed Eastertide. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!

With the crowded calendar of Holy Week and Easter liturgies and activities now behind us, it is time to begin thinking in earnest about the **re-opening of St Andrew's church school on Sunday, 05 June**. Ron Marasco, our new Director of Education, and Jane Farnol, our Church School Leader, are dreaming dreams, making plans and getting excited about this new offering. Many of you have mentioned to me memories of the parish's church school in years and decades past. One person even recalled the era when there were 85 students enrolled! (Wow!)

While we might, one day, be so fortunate once again, we are going to begin 'family style': gathered around a table, with Bibles and books, maps and composition books, crayons and glue, in the Undercroft **every Sunday at 10:30**. Some of our students may want to come each week, but we'll also welcome **drop-ins**: those who come only occasionally ... grandchildren or nieces and nephews visiting from out-of-town ... those who just want to come and see what it's all about. In addition, **parents are more than welcome to sit in on classes**, if they wish. Classes will run for about 35-40 minutes, so everyone can come up to the Nave in time for Holy Communion. Our program will be appropriate for **children ages 4 to 12**; our older students will 'buddy up' with our younger ones.

Ron and Jane, with the assistance of **Anne Everett**, our church school librarian (thank you, Anne!), are gathering up and organizing resources, and we have an abundance of them. One thing we are searching for is a **wooden dining table, with chairs, that seats 10-12 people** that we're able to get down into the undercroft. If you have a table you'd be willing to donate, please be in touch with Ron at churchschool.sa.kent@gmail.com.

Re-opening our church school is an exciting, life-giving prospect – indeed, a resurrection, of sorts! How appropriate for us to begin on the last day of Eastertide! **Please share the word** with everyone you know who is looking for ... or interested in ... or just curious about ... Christian education for their children. Encourage them to come and try us on – no strings attached – no commitments implied! And if they have any questions, let them know they can be in touch with Ron and Jane at the email address given above.

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,
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P S Jim and I will be taking a week's vacation through Friday, 06 May. The Rev David McIntosh will be celebrating and preaching this Sunday. If you have an urgent pastoral need while I am away, please do feel free to call me (860-592-0171) or Senior Warden Randy DiPentima (860-927-5322).

This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 29 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Sunday, 01 May	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 3</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 01 May	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Sunday, 01 May	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 3 (in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 01 May	NO Eastertide Evening Prayer and Benediction	4:30 pm
Monday, 02 May	LGBTQ+ A.A.	8:00 pm
Wednesday, 04 May	Midweek Holy Evening Prayer	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 04 May	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 05 May	A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:30 am

Thursday, 05 May	Thursday Afternoon Club <i>(Parish House)</i>	1:00 pm
Thursday, 28 April	A.A. Meeting <i>(Parish House)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 28 April	Al-Anon Meeting <i>(Old Vestry Room)</i>	7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

Details about many of these events can be found later in this issue of the *Epistle*

Sunday, 22 May	Visit to St Andrew's by the Rev Tim Hodapp, ECCT's Canon for Mission, Advancement & Coaching – Tim will preach at both Eucharists and then meet with the parish during coffee hour to talk about the priest-in-charge transition process we're in the midst of; later, he will meet with the Vestry, as well	4:00 pm
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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!



What a moving Holy Week ... and glorious Easter ... we had here at St Andrew's! The week from Palm Sunday through Easter Day was packed with liturgies and events that expressed the emotions, captured the meanings and shared the joy of this most special time of the liturgical year. And this happened only because of the tireless efforts of so many volunteers who dedicate themselves to serving our parish family:

- **Marel Rogers, George-Ann Gowan, Candace Conard and the whole Altar Guild**, who set the Sanctuary for each service; clean and put away everything after every Holy Communion; create amazing floral displays; polish and shine; launder, fold and iron – they make it look so easy when, in fact, it takes many, many hours of work and years of experience

- **Susan Guse and our Mighty Choir**, who supplied hymns, anthems, voluntaries, psalms and responses for all of our liturgies, one day after another. It is the most demanding time of year for any choir ... and all the more so this year, as Susan joined us only on Ash Wednesday: She had to get to know the choir, our repertoire, our organ ... and just about everything else! And she and the Choir pulled it all off just wonderfully. And special thanks to **Herman Compton** for the trumpet on Palm Sunday and Easter; to **Matt Guse** for the double bass on Good Friday; and **Michael Chamberlin** for the exquisite rendering of Psalm 22 on Maundy Thursday during the Stripping of the Altar
- **Katherine Almquist and her Hospitality volunteers** for organizing both the Maundy Thursday Parish Potluck and the Easter Grand Coffee Hour with such panache and aplomb
- **George Potts, Sarah Marshall, KC Compton, Michael Chamberlin, Elise and Eric Cieplik, Mark Hanley** and *so* many others for organizing a wildly successful Easter Egg dyeing on Saturday and Egg Hunt on Sunday ... and to the **anonymous donors** who generously supplied all the candy!
- And, of course, all the **greeter/ushers, readers, servers and acolytes** who staffed every liturgy and made these complicated, once-a-year services run like clockwork

Thank *you*, as well—all of you who generously donated sneakers, shoes and socks to Abraham House for our Maundy Thursday 'feet offering.' We collected **43 pairs of shoes and a healthy crop of socks**, which we'll deliver early in May—perhaps with some members of Sr Mary Lanning's family.

My heart is full of joy, of praise and, most of all, of gratitude for all who contributed so much to make this season what it has been. We could not—and would not *want* to—do it without any of you! THANK YOU!!

-- Fr Douglas

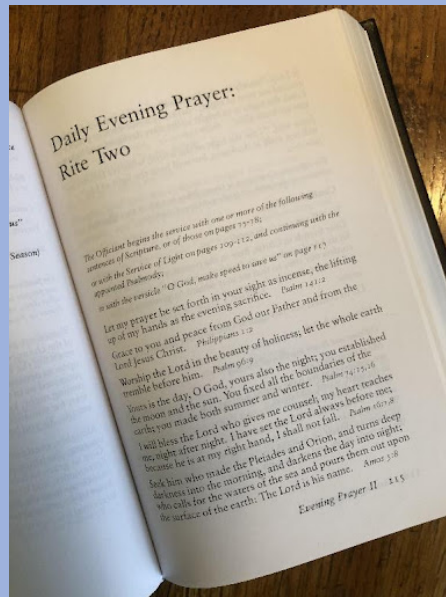
The Thursday Afternoon Club: A New Fellowship Group



Over the past couple of months, we have begun a new fellowship group at St Andrew's, called the **Thursday Afternoon Club**. This is an informal, unstructured time for women who have been widowed to come together to talk, to share, to laugh and, perhaps, to make some plans for an evening out or a

walk in the woods. The Thursday Afternoon Club will now meet every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm, in the Parish House Great Room. If you are interested, please drop by any Thursday. There is nothing to prepare, nothing to bring and nothing you need to do. Just come by for some conversation, some caring and some great company!

During Eastertide: Evening Prayer and Benediction



NOTE: NO EVENING PRAYER ON SUNDAY, 01 MAY DUE TO SHERMAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Each Sunday during Eastertide this year, we will be praying Evening Prayer at 4:30. Some think of this office as the quintessential Anglican liturgy: quiet in tone, relaxed in pace and reflective. On 15 May, we will hold the office of Evensong—*sung* Evening Prayer—led by the visiting ensemble Saecula Schola Cantorum.

Following Evening Prayer, we will offer the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, for those who wish to stay. This is a brief but powerful liturgy in which we reverence and contemplate the Presence of Christ ... the Risen Christ ... in the consecrated Bread. We'll use a bit of incense during Benediction, but not during Evening Prayer.

We invite you to try on these liturgies ... and the practice of concluding your Lord's Day in some quiet, joyful worship ... during the season of Easter.

Coffee Hour: Hosts Needed!



Do you enjoy Coffee Hour? It's even more fun when you host! Please sign-up now to host a Sunday in May or June!!

Sunday, 01 May: The Sherman Chamber Ensemble Returns



The Sherman Chamber Ensemble's "Best of Baroque" concerts have been praised as "stunning performances ... inspiring and uplifting." This year promises the same. Usually held in early January to herald in the New Year, this year's Baroque concerts were postponed to the spring out of caution due to the COVID pandemic.

Audiences will be treated to works by masters of the Baroque era played by the best of today's chamber music artists. The concert is in memory of the Ensemble's long-time friend and performer, harpsichordist Ken Cooper, and is dedicated to Bill McGoldrick, remembered for his commitment to the Ensemble.

The program will include music for piano, flute and strings by Corelli, Handel, Vivaldi. It concludes with one of the most beloved works of the Baroque repertoire – Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050*, said by some to have secured his place among the greatest composers of the Baroque era.

Joining the Ensemble for the first time is Yamaha Artist and pianist Evan Shinnery, a graduate of the Juilliard School and now a mentor at the institution. Since 2010, he has devoted himself almost exclusively to the study and performance of the works of J S Bach.

The Ensemble will present this concert on Sunday, 01 May, at 4:00 pm, here at St Andrew's. General Admission tickets are \$25, and children ages 15 and

under are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at www.SCEmusic.org or at the door. For information or reservations call 860-355-5930 or email info@SCEmusic.org.

The Ensemble is requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, a valid ID and masks. Children under 12 are not currently required to be vaccinated. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test will not be accepted as an alternative to vaccination.

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

We have now resumed all of our usual pre-COVID practices except the sharing of the Common Cup; we distribute the Wine in individual portions.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services.

The Afghan Refugee Family Has Arrived!





Here is an update from the Washington (CT) Refugee Resettlement Project on the family we have helped relocate to New Milford:

Our long-awaited Afghan refugee family has arrived! Two weeks ago, we welcomed a family of six: Mr Alibaba Awrang, Ms Gul Ziwar Awrang, his wife, their 14-year-old daughter, and three sons (ages 10, 12 and 15). The Awrangs are now settling into their New Milford home, which was rented and furnished with your generous donations.

- Mr Awrang is known around the world as one of the most esteemed Islamic calligraphers alive today. An instructor at the Turquoise Mountain Institute of Arts and Architecture, he has participated in exhibitions around the world, including the Smithsonian. Above are two examples of his work.
- Ms. Awrang is a homemaker and talented needle weaver of local Bamiyan patterns. (Bamiyan is a region of Afghanistan known for its weaving and carpets.) We are also seeking a gently used newer model sewing machine or a sponsor for this item. You can email us at info@wrrp.net if interested.
- All members of the family are already working with Literacy Volunteers on the Green to gain English language proficiency, and we are in the process of registering the children in public schools in New Milford.
- They are one of nine families who were evacuated by the Turquoise Mountain Foundation, and are all being resettled in Connecticut (www.turquoisemountain.org). Turquoise Mountain was established in Afghanistan in 2006 by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, to revive historic areas and traditional crafts, to provide jobs, skills and a renewed sense of pride among Afghans.

We are committed to helping Alibaba's family and the other newly arrived Afghan artisans to gain self-sufficiency in their new community, and, with Turquoise Mountain, to help them get back to practicing their art, developing their art business skills, and showcasing their work in exhibitions. *If you have business contacts or suggestions that might assist in this effort, please contact us at info@wrrp.net.*

Election of Next Bishop: Opportunity to Meet the Candidates



The diocese is encouraging us to get to know the nominees for XVI Bishop Diocesan, one of whom will be elected in May to succeed Bp Ian Douglas in October. Meet-and-greets will be offered in-person and via livestreaming during the week of May 9-14, and all are welcome to attend one or more sessions of their choice. Registration and links to livestreams will be on the [BTC website](#).

May 9, *St Mark's, Mystic*
May 10, *St Luke's, Darien*
May 11, *St Luke's, New Haven*
May 12, *Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford*
May 13, *St John's, New Milford*
May 14, *St John's, Vernon*

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P O Box 262
Kent, CT 06757
memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's Social Services Director. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Town Hall or

dropping it in the donations basket in the Narthex. (You can also place it in the offering plate, marked for the Food Bank.)

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street. You may also place donations in the basket in the church Narthex or in the bin in the breezeway at the rear of the Rectory.

Lections for this Week

The Third Sunday of Easter

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Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19



Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order to view past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays located on our website.

[Homilies and Past Services](#)

Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;

Healing Service at 8.30,

Third Sunday

In person



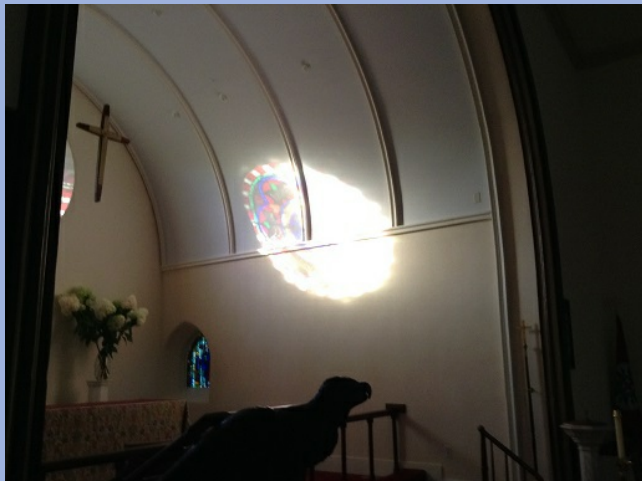
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.

-Holy Days-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.



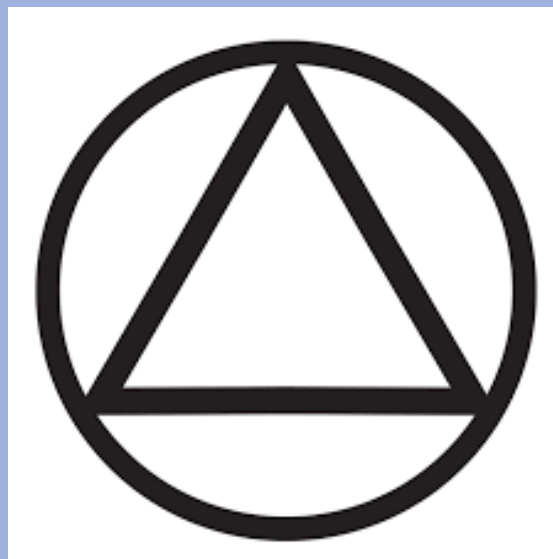
12 Step Meetings

Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

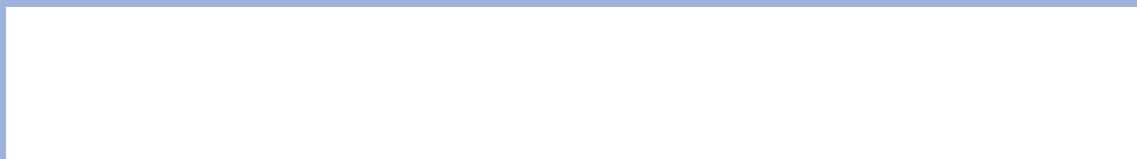
Wednesdays
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting
email us for info.

Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Parish House)
resumed
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)

Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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