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## The Second Sunday of Easter

### From Ned Reade, Senior Warden

Last week we were all treated to two uplifting Easter services led by Bishop Laura Ahrens whose positive message, smile, and warmth embraced us all. The adult choir, Herman's trumpet, and hand bell choir lifted the hymns, anthems and chants through the roof and out into the heavens above St. Andrew's. And before the final Easter blessing, the children's choir, decked in their Easter best, with our soloist Lyra, gave us all hope for the future of this parish and this country with their energy and voices!

Driving home Maria reminded me of our first Easter service together at St. Andrew's in 1988. Athletic events on Holy Saturday kept the students and faculty close to their respective campuses. It was too far for us to drive on Saturday night to be with family only to return 12 hours later on Easter Day. I asked Maria if she wanted to come to St. Andrew's for the 10:30 am Easter service where I had been attending for about three years by then. I had come to enjoy Maria's company, but we were not yet "an item" back then. As you certainly can envision, the nave was packed with people, some sitting in folding chairs in the aisles with late comers standing in the back! The music soared, people sang joyfully, and the Easter egg hunt after the service was quite the

spectacle! At coffee hour we connected with faculty from Kent, South Kent, and Gunnery (the Frederick Gunn School today), and had animated conversations about school connections, sports teams and dinner plans. We accepted a spontaneous invitation to have Easter dinner at the Milk Pail restaurant, owned by parishioners, which capped off a delightful day.

Maria had been raised in the Roman Catholic Church and found the prayers and format of the Episcopal service very familiar. So the following week, we drove over to St. Andrew's again. This time as we entered the church, Maria looked around and wondered, "Where did everybody go?" No brass, a smaller choir, and the service felt like it was "spring training" rather than a real game! I did explain afterward the concept of "Low Sunday," a phenomenon rather typical for many Protestant parishes. However, that Easter Sunday in 1988 marked the true beginning of our mutual relationship with St. Andrew's, which has endured and strengthened over the last 36 years.

My hope is that each week we can channel that message of the light of Jesus coming into the world after his death and resurrection. That we can spread the message of hope into our communities, and that the words of Bishop Laura will return in our minds to urge us along in our spiritual journeys. Let us encourage all who came last week to return often to our lovely church, and always welcome the visitors that we see in the pews next to us. This is the way that The Word will spread, and that this parish family will grow!

## TOMORROW!

### Music in the Nave Presents: A Folk Cabaret with George Potts



**Wine, Cheese, and Song!**  
*Special Guest, Gordon Titcomb*

tickets: <https://bit.ly/geor gepotts> and at the door

*Music in the Nave  
presents*

A FOLK CABARET

*with*

**GEORGE  
POTTS**

**Saturday April 6, 7 PM**

**\$10**

**St. Andrew's Parish House  
1 N Main St, Kent, CT**



Dear friends,

Don't forget: our folk cabaret is this Saturday, 7pm, at the Parish House.

Come for wine, cheese, and good times as George Potts performs songs from his fabulous new album, "Ends & Odds." He'll be joined by the amazing Gordon Titcomb and surprise guests.

Tickets are \$10, and you can buy them at <https://bit.ly/georgepotts> or the door.

See you soon!

Music in the Nave

## Matilda Jr! The Musical at Kent Center School, 04 and 05 April



A very special musical production of "Matilda" the musical opens at Kent Center School on Thursday, 04 April. "Matilda" is the story of a girl (played by St. Andrew's own **Lyra Wilder**) who uses her telekinetic powers to settle the score with the help of her teacher, Miss Honey, and the kids at her school.

This is the first time not one, but two evening performances are available! It's free to attend. Remaining performances are on Friday, 05 April at 1:15 pm and 6:30 pm.

Click **here** to learn more about the musical as well as the actors who will be showing just how talented Kent kids are, thanks to the Kent Good Times Dispatch.

## Quality Thrift Shop Looking for Volunteers



You may have donated some clothes, or you may have found a fabulous sweater or jacket at the Quality Thrift Shop, located next to the First Congregational Church.

The Thrift Shop is seeking volunteers to help in the shop, in two hour shifts. The hours are 12-2 pm and 2-4 pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

Feel free to stop in the shop or call (860) 927-3287 for more information.

## A New Parish Directory is Now Available!



A newly updated Parish Directory is now available! With new parishioners and many changes since the last directory was published, it's a fresh format in a smaller-sized booklet.

A few directories will be available to take home after Sunday's services. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office or contact KC ([office.sa.kent@gmail.com](mailto:office.sa.kent@gmail.com)) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

## Clothing for Springtime Needed: Cathedral Clothing Drive



**Four South Kent School boys on Sunday, January 28, with a happy Hartford resident at cathedral soup kitchen and clothing boutique.  
Photo courtesy of Steve Klots**

### **Cathedral Clothing Drive - UPDATE**

From Steve Klots: With South Kent School back in session this weekend, I am resuming the clothing drive in support of the Church Street Eats soup kitchen at our cathedral in Hartford. With warmer weather coming, I will now also be taking over casual shirts, t-shirts, pants, sweatshirts, sweatpants, new socks, and shoes. Larger sizes (L, XL, and 2X) are particularly needed. Keep in mind that 90% of the guests at the soup kitchen are men. Please reach out to me at [klotss@southkentschool.org](mailto:klotss@southkentschool.org) if you have any questions. Many thanks!

## Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, 14 April :: 10:30 am Service only**  
with Canon Ranjit Matthews

## This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 31 March :: 8:30 am  
**Holy Eucharist: *Easter Sunday* (spoken)**

Sunday, 31 March:: 10:30 am  
**Holy Eucharist: *Easter Sunday* (with music) (in-person and live-streamed)**

Monday, 01 April :: 8:00 pm  
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 03 April :: 6:00 pm  
**Midweek Worship Service**

Wednesday, 03 April :: 7:00 pm  
Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 04 April :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 04 April :: 7:00 pm  
Al-Anon Meeting

## 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, Samantha Hasenflue. 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 Samantha's office in Town Hall, or placing 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.

## Lections for this Week

### **The Second Sunday of Easter**

*Year B*

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31



## Worship Services

**-Sunday-**

**Holy Eucharist**

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person

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



**-Wednesday-**

**Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.





## 12 Step Meetings

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

**Wednesdays (NEW)**  
A.A. for Women  
(Parish House)

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



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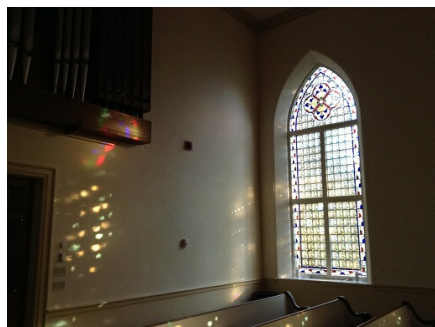
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