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The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

From the Wardens

Amid the wonderful chaos of Advent, Christmas and New Year's, the vestry has continued to search for our next rector. After much prayerful discussion and review we have hosted candidates to visit us during this busy holiday time. The visits went very well, and the vestry will shortly decide if one of those candidates will be called. Please do continue to pray for the vestry:

Almighty God, giver of every gift we receive; look graciously on your Church, and guide those who shall discern whom God is calling to be rector for this parish. Grace us with patience, trust, and hope through the interim times of doubt and uncertainty. We pray that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us to continue, improve, expand, and reach out with our ministries to all whom we can touch; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark your calendars: February 4, the Annual Meeting immediately following the 10:30 service, in the nave. We will be electing a new vestry class and new officers, as well as reviewing the budget as approved by the vestry and the reports of our very active commissions. A reception in the parish hall will follow.

Many many thanks to Nick Downes and Steve Morocco for their leadership in the successful return of our Christmas tree sale. There are many more folks to thank – those, including Nick and Steve, who patiently and with good cheer withstood awful weather conditions for hours selling trees.

May the new year bring peace and joy to our parish, our town and the world.

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) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

2024 Calendars Available!



2024 Episcopal Calendars are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Office. Please feel free to take one home.

Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



On the fourth Sunday of each month, **Steve Klots** takes a group of South Kent School students to Church Street Eats, the Sunday soup kitchen at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. As part of that, he and his crew distribute clothing, and he reports that, with winter approaching, there is a desperate need for men's coats (but not dress coats), blankets, gloves, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and pants. (Some women's clothing is welcome, but about 90% of the guests at Church Street Eats are men.) He would greatly appreciate the support of the parish in this. He will leave a collection box in the narthex of the church, and he will stop by at least every couple of weeks to collect any donations. Feel free to contact him at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, 04 February
Parish-wide Annual Meeting

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 07 January :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday after the Epiphany* (spoken)

Sunday, 07 January:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday after the Epiphany* (with music) (in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 07 January:: 10:30 am
Church school

Monday, 08 January:: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 10 January :: 6:00 pm
Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 10 January :: 6:00 pm
Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 11 January: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 11 January: 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.

Lectons for this Week

The First Sunday after the Epiphany *Year B*

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11



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)

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



Parish Staff

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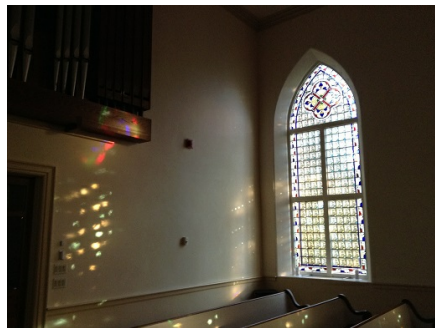
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