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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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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
Suspended in person
(Available on YouTube)
Zoom Coff-E hour

-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.
Suspended

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.
Suspended

Thursday, 7 May
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

Sunday, 10 May
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
***Service available on YouTube
and
on our website**
www.standrewskentct.org
Coff-E Hour at Noon (Zoom)

Tuesday, 12 May April
Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

From the Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that everyone got a chance to watch last week's service with The Rev. Cam Hardy. She really gave a wonderful homily and she'll be with us again this week. So please plan on watching the service on Sunday. Hopefully there will not be another technical difficulty!

We also had a really good turnout for our first ever St. Andrews Coff-E Hour. Plan on logging in and joining us on Sunday at 12:00 noon. You can find the links to both the service and the coffee hour on the website.

Also, the vestry met via zoom to discuss the three on-line interviews for the Provisional Priest in Charge that we conducted last week. The vestry decided to schedule an in-person meeting with our first pick this weekend. So please keep this process in your prayers.

**Holy Days as
announced.**

Calendar

Sunday, March 22

***The Kent Singers
Songs of the
British Isles***

3.00 p.m.

****Rescheduled for
June 14 at 3 p.m.**

***St John's Episcopal
Church in New Milford***

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.

A.A. for Women

***Zoom meeting
email for info.***

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.

(Great Room)

Suspended

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.

(Vestry Room)

Suspended

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***

**Randy Osolin,
*Vergar***

I was also on a call with the bishops on Wednesday and they are still awaiting an announcement from the governor regarding when we will be able to start having services again. The bishops have a call with the governor on this coming Monday, so we'll know more next week.

During the call with the bishops there were discussions about the Eucharist and choirs singing in the church. Both the Eucharist and singing are seen as a way that the virus could easily spread so there will probably have to be some changes made going forward. I'll let you know what they are thinking as soon as I know.

And finally there was a really good feeling about having vestry members telephone each parishioner just to see how they were doing and to keep in touch. So we decided to do it again. If you haven't heard from anyone yet - you will soon!

As always, please let Charmian or myself or any of the vestry know of any ideas or concerns you have.

Christopher Rehkow
Senior Warden

Coff-E Hour

Announcing!

St. Andrew's Parish
Coff-E-hour!



Join members of our Vestry

and wider parish family for a
virtual version of our weekly gathering
~ Sunday, May 10th at Noon ~

Zoom Online Meeting Instructions & Info
will be in this Saturday's Epistle.

From Webmaster George Potts

Parish member Kristin Phelps has a great idea!

We would like the members of our worldwide St Andrew's
Parish to share stories of how we each have been spending
our time during the current pandemic:

Where are you spending your quarantine?

How are you keeping busy?

What are you reading?

What is the biggest change you are experiencing?

*Are you attending any online services, both here and
worldwide?*

Please email your stories to George Potts
at gpotts@snet.net and he will upload them to the parish
website so that we can all see them. All of them will be
viewable once the page is published at
<https://www.standrewskentct.org/membersblog.html>

ECCT COVID-19 Resources

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has put together
many resources for us to utilize. There are financial
resources for parishes, self-care information, and
livestream information as well. Please see

[HERE](#)

or the link below to explore current news, events, and
offerings.

[https://www.episcopalct.org/covid-19-coronavirus-
updates/](https://www.episcopalct.org/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/)



ECCT Stories: Covid -19 Reflections, Part 1

We asked folks from all over ECCT to submit reflections on their experiences during this time of quarantine, physical distancing, and uncertainty. We asked where you see God in this, what you are learning, and how you are caring for yourself in this time. We were overwhelmed with the response of essays, videos, poems, and more.

Here are some of the reflections, more to come next week.

[Read the blog](#)

Share with ECCT

share your COVID-19 experience
WITH ECCT

SHARE A REFLECTION ON HOW YOU ARE DOING IN THIS TIME OF
CORONAVIRUS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO CARE FOR YOURSELF?

email your reflection to storytelling@episcopalct.org

please keep reflections shorter than 600 words



We invite folks from all across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut to share a reflection on your COVID-19 experience with us. We are putting together a blog series with reflections from you, to share how folks are experiencing and living into this new normal

Where have you seen God during this time?

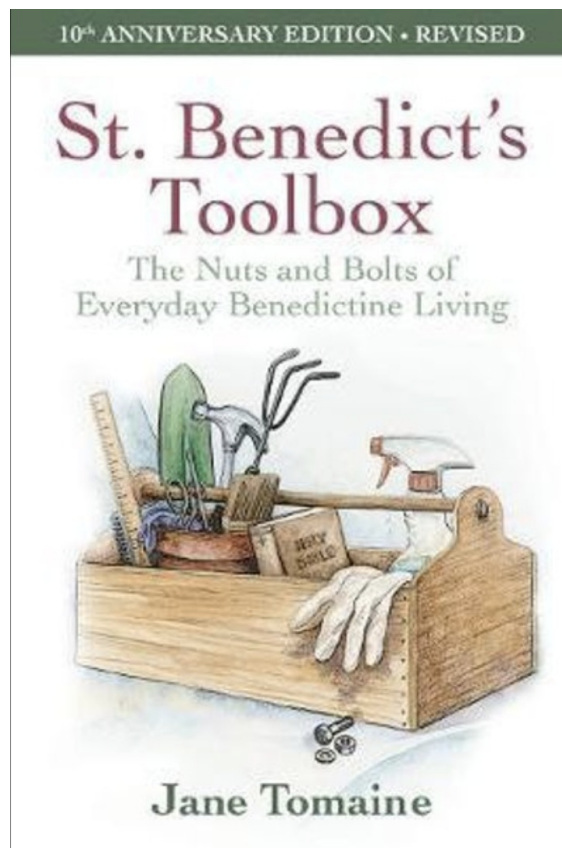
What are you learning?

What are you doing to care for yourself?

We invite you to submit a reflection, no more than 600 words, along with a photo. The photo can be of you or something that goes with your reflection.

Please email your reflections
to storytelling@episcopalct.org

Camp Washington Bishops' Book Discussion



Bishops' Book Discussion

St. Benedict's Toolbox
by Jane Tomaine

- NOW ONLINE -

May 29, 2020 at 9:30-11am

The Bishop's Book Study at Camp Washington is a monthly gathering of clergy and laypeople who love to read, and the event provides us with an opportunity to discuss how our learnings relate to self, spirituality, and God's Mission. Join us this month ONLINE for a lively discussion! Register first and a link to the discussion and

how-to details will be sent to your email.

Registration link [HERE](#)

Free Online Course-Yale Divinity School



Women in the Bible, an online course from Yale Divinity School

"Women in the Bible" sheds new light on familiar characters like Mary Magdalene in the New Testament and Sarah, Abraham's wife in the Hebrew Bible. It also studies characters who are less well known to many Bible readers, such as the city of Babylon, styled as a whore in the Book of Revelation. Through the stories of these women, discover how gender can inform your reading as you explore how these stories relate to your own faith journey.

This online course is 11 weeks and includes videos, discussion questions, a study guide, and additional resources.

Begin the online curriculum with Dr. Jacqueline Vayntrub and Dr. Yii-Jan Lin today!

Adding to the Prayer List

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, that you would like the prayers offered.

And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).

Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.

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.

The Kent Food Bank

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

**Kent Community Fund
P.O. Box 262
Kent, CT 06757**

**Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your check.*

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of:
Staples such as beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays from 9.00 to Noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

*Please **DO NOT** come into the Food Bank, but leave outside the door.*

Coffee in the Commons Podcast



COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

[Listen to the latest episode below!](#)

The Annual Reports for 2019

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on

[Annual Report 2019](#)

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
the Homilies located on our website.*

click on [Homily](#)

The Lectons this Week

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A

Acts 7.55-60;
Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16;
I Peter 2.2-10;
John 14.1-14