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David Brings the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem

## St Andrew's Current COVID Status

**THE PARISH IS OPEN.** At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship, as follows:

- If you **are** fully vaccinated, you may attend worship without wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing, but you may do so if you choose to
- If you **are not** fully vaccinated, we request that you *either* wear a mask and maintain social distancing *or* attend our outdoor worship (Sundays at 12:30)
- Congregational **singing has now resumed**, at the 10:30 service only

In addition, it is no longer necessary to sign-up in advance to attend worship, but we will record the names of those who attend, in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services, as there are parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

## From Chris Rehow, Senior Warden

This last past July Fourth weekend was such a wonderful relief from the last year and a half of COVID. The summer is really a great time to unplug and re-charge. And the Fourth of July is such a great time for us to come together as Americans. The crowds for the fireworks along the East River in New York were as large as I can ever remember them. It was a wonderful celebration. Then after the holiday I made the mistake of turning on the

television! It turns out that even the American Flag is unpatriotic! It seems as though there are so many different people trying to divide us as Americans. But we are Christians first and we are called upon to love each other not judge and categorize each other.

This concerns me because for me dividing people into groups based upon race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. and attributing characteristics to them without even knowing the individual is not 'Loving our neighbor as ourselves.' When I was in school we were taught that that was prejudice.

After praying about it and looking for guidance in the scriptures I finally found what Paul had to say on the subject in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans: 'I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ but their own appetites.'

As Christians it is easy to just ignore what is being written and spoken on television and in the newspapers. Of course in America we can say whatever we would like within reason even if it is hurtful, disingenuous or just untrue. But at a certain point we as Christians have to stand up and call out divisive behavior for what it is. As the old saying goes, if you don't stand up for something, you'll fall for anything.

Enjoy the summer.

Chris

*P S from Fr Douglas: I have recorded another Word on Worship. This one is about the Paschal candle, and you can view it [here](#).*

## Weekly Calendar

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Friday, 09 July	Prayer & Meditation ( <i>Nave</i> )	5:30 pm
Saturday, 10 July	Choir rehearsal (for fall music) ( <i>Choir Room</i> )	9:30 am
Sunday, 11 July	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 7 (spoken) ( <i>in person only</i> )	8:30 am
Sunday, 11 July	Holy Baptism (with music) ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	10:30 am
Sunday, 11 July	Coffee Hour ( <i>outdoors</i> )	11:35 am
Sunday, 11 July	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 7 ( <i>outdoors</i> )	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 14 July	Mid-week Evening Prayer ( <i>in person</i> )	6:00 pm

Wednesday, 14 July	Visioning Team ( <i>Nave</i> )	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 14 July	A.A. for Women ( <i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i> )	7:00 pm
Thursday, 15 July	A.A. meeting ( <i>Parish House</i> )	7:30 am
Thursday, 15 July	Al-Anon ( <i>Old Vestry Room</i> )	7:00 pm
Friday, 16 July	Prayer and Meditation ( <i>Nave</i> )	5:30 pm

## Fr Douglas' Absence Next Week

Father Douglas will be away from the afternoon of Sunday, 11 July, until the evening of Friday, 16 July. He will be attending a class at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin as part of his continuing education requirement. In case of a pastoral emergency, you may reach him at 860-592-0171.

## READY...SET...: Tag Sale 2021

It's back!! Things to remember:

- The Sale is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 6, 7, and 8
  - 8 am - 4 pm Friday
  - 10 am - 4 pm Saturday
  - Noon - 2 pm Sunday
- Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage.
- Masks and social distancing are requested

For those wishing to donate:

- Donations are being accepted in the Parish Hall. Donation hours are 9am-2 pm M-F and Saturday 9 am - noon.
- No mattresses, books, clothing, toys or computers can be accepted.
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken.
- Those wishing to have larger items picked up should call Bob McDowell (860-488-1635) to arrange a time for pick up.
  - All items must be outside for the volunteers to pick up.
  - Items must be of a size and weight that can be lifted by not- so-young volunteers.
  - No upholstered items can be accepted.
- Those who went to help with pricing, cashiering, wrapping and all the

other things that happen before and during the Tag Sale should call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635). Pricing will begin on July 5th, hours are flexible.

- The POD will be unloaded and furniture placed under the tent on Wednesday evening, August 4th, starting at 4:30 pm.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Torrington Soup Kitchen

Although the Sunday soup kitchen at Trinity Church in Torrington never ceased operating, St Andrew's took a step back from it during the pandemic. We are now ready, however, to dive back in!

**Bob McDowell** is heading up our Soup Kitchen team. He has already recruited (or re-confirmed) several members, but *we could still use a few additional volunteers*. This would mean that each member would serve only three or four Sundays a year—not all six. (The St Andrew's team generally leaves for Torrington at about 10:30 and returns home by about 2:30.)

The Soup Kitchen is a well-organized, 'turn-key' type of operation: Everything is set and ready to go when we arrive. In addition, meals will be served in a low-contact fashion through October, to minimize health risks.

If you are interested in serving our neighbors in need ... or in learning more about this important ministry ... please be in touch with Bob: [nmcd30@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcd30@yahoo.com) or 860.488.1635.

## NOW FORMING: Local Food Insecurity Task Force



Did you know that in Litchfield County, a little more than 10% of the population—almost 19,000 people—are food insecure? This means that they lack consistent access to enough food for every person in their household to live an active, healthy life. And those data are from *before* the pandemic. Undoubtedly, food insecurity is an even worse problem now.

At St Andrew's we are forming a task force of people who would like to roll up their sleeves and do something about this. Our first step will be to quickly learn more about where the critical needs are and what's already being done to address them. Then we will decide what we will do to help: start a new effort of our own ... join in some ongoing programs ... partner with other local churches and charities. What's called for now is a desire to help, a willingness to commit and a dash of imagination! If you are interested in learning more, contact Fr Douglas, and he'll be glad to add your name to the list.

## THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Northwest Chore Service

*Perhaps you would like to know more about the charities and agencies that St Andrew's helps fund? Perhaps you might even want to get involved with one of them? Well, starting this week, we will be highlighting some of the charities and agencies that our parish supports via the Mission & Outreach Commission. We begin with the Northwest Chore Service, which employs 30 local residents to provide care and independence to over 200 clients and families in northwest Connecticut.*



Chore Service, Inc.  
A community based non-profit



29 years of helping seniors remain  
safely and independently at home

To learn all about Northwest Chore Service, click [here](#).

## All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

## Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or KC know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

## 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.*

## Lections for this Week

### **The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

*Year B*

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19;

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14;

Mark 6:14-29



## 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)  
12:30 p.m. Outdoors



**-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

**Wednesdays**

A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.

*Zoom meeting  
email us for info.*

**Thursdays**

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Great Room)

*resumed*

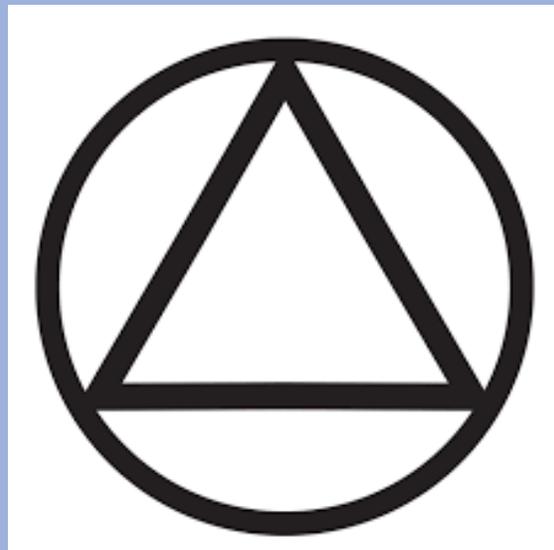
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Great Room)

*resumed*

**Fridays**

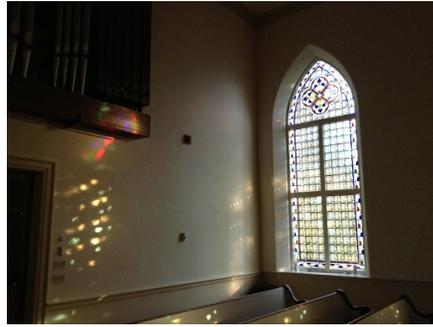
A.A. at 8 p.m.  
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens  
resumed*



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