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*The Good Shepherd*  
Luke 15:1-10 :: Proper 19, Year C

## From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden

As I wrote in last month's column, this coming Sunday, September 11, is our homecoming. **There will be one service at 10:00 am, with a light brunch to follow.** It is a rare opportunity for 8:30 congregants and 10:30 congregants to worship together as a corporate body. Please bring a brunch dish to share if you can.

On August 14 of this year, we celebrated the 195<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our church building. I think the collect we prayed that day is worth praying again as we prepare for this Homecoming Sunday.

*Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*  
(BCP, p 254)

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday at **10:00 am** (not 8:30 and not 10:30) and to praying together that we all "be filled with joy and peace."

Saturday, 10 September :: 9:15 am  
Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, 10 September :: 10:45 am  
Music in the Nave Committee

Sunday, 11 September :: 9:15 am  
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 11 September :: **10:00** am  
**Holy Eucharist: *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost* ~  
HOMECOMING SUNDAY** (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 11 September :: **10:00** am  
Church School

Sunday, 11 September :: 11:15 am  
All-Parish Brunch

Monday, 12 September :: 8:00 pm  
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Tuesday, 13 September :: 11:00 am  
Class: *Introduction to the BCP*

Wednesday, 14 September :: 6:00 pm  
***The Feast of the Holy Cross (in-person and live-streamed)***

Wednesday, 14 September :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 15 September :: 4:00 pm  
Finance Commission

Thursday, 15 September :: 5:30 pm  
Vestry Meeting

Thursday, 08 September :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 08 September :: 7:00 pm  
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

**Mark Your Calendars for These Events...**

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

**This Sunday, 11 September**

Homecoming Sunday – **One Eucharist, at 10:00 am**

*Let's gather as one large family to kick off the new  
'church year' and greet those we may not have seen in some time  
Brunch will be provided following our worship*

Friday, 07 October, 8:00 pm  
Music in the Nave presents Livingston Taylor

Sunday, 09 October

Visit to St Andrew's by the Rev Canon Tim Hodapp of ECCT  
*Tim will preach at both Eucharists and then meet with the parish during  
coffee hour to talk about the priest-in-charge process we're in the midst of;  
he'll meet with the Vestry, as well*

## Every Tuesday: Introduction to the Prayer Book



Have you always wondered what *else* is in the 1,000 pages of *The Book of Common Prayer*, in addition to the few pages we use on Sunday morning? Does the fact that it even has 1,000 pages intimidate you a little? Have you tried praying Morning or Evening Prayer on your own but ended up a bit bewildered? Would you like to know more about the Church's calendar and psalms and prayers?

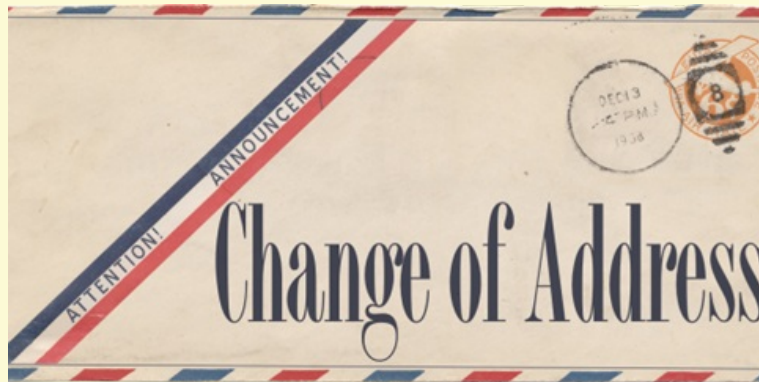
Well, you're in luck! **For five consecutive weeks, beginning Tuesday, 06 September, at 11:00 am**, we will explore the wonderful heritage and thoughtful theology that is our *Book of Common Prayer*. Each class will be a self-contained unit, focusing on one aspect of the BCP, starting with its history: how it came to be ... and to be revised ... over the last 450 years. (In November, we'll offer a few 'bonus' sessions on some lesser-known features of the BCP. But the September / October classes will cover all the fundamentals.)

It is an ancient adage of the Church that *the way we pray*—the way we worship



—constitutes *what we believe*. For Episcopalians, the BCP is the way we pray. So, if you'd like to know more about what we believe (and, thus, why we pray as we do), please be sure to join us!

## Make a Note: New Parish Email Address



After many years of faithful service, our `snet.net` email address has gone the way of the dodo. *We can no longer read or respond to any messages sent to this address.*

We now have **a NEW general parish email address:** [saintandrewskent@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewskent@gmail.com). Please make a note of this. You can use this for general questions or information ... or if you don't know where else to send your message.

As always, you can email Fr Douglas directly at [frdouglas.sak@gmail.com](mailto:frdouglas.sak@gmail.com) and KC Compton, our parish administrator, directly at [office.sa.kent@gmail.com](mailto:office.sa.kent@gmail.com).

## This Sunday, 11 September: Homecoming Sunday



You will want to be in church this **Sunday, 11 September**, which is **Homecoming Sunday!** This day marks the kick-off of the parish's program

year. The Choir will return ... adult education classes will begin ... the vestry will resume from a summer break. We will have **one Eucharist, at 10:00 am**, on this Sunday, so that we can all come together as one big St Andrew's family. An **all-parish brunch** will follow. (Please plan to bring a dish to share, if you're able.)

As we prepare for this year's return, *please think about someone who used to attend worship at St Andrew's whom you haven't seen in a while*. Maybe they haven't come back after our COVID shut-down. Maybe they need a ride to church or some help getting around. Maybe they wonder whether there will be anyone to sit with. Whatever the reason, give them a call ... send them an email ... or—how retro!—send them a handwritten note ... and invite them to come to church with you on 11 September. Let's make this a true homecoming and fill the pews with as many of our family members as we can!

## In October: Livingston Taylor, Live at St Andrew's!



For fifty years, Livingston Taylor has been serving up a brew of rock, folk, Broadway and gospel while charting Top-40 hits such as "I Will Be in Love with You." Massachusetts even declared an official Livingston Taylor Day! To kick off Music in the Nave's 2022-23 season, he'll be playing St Andrew's on Friday, 07 October, at 8 pm. Make that your Livingston Taylor Night!

To purchase tickets, just click on [this link](#). All tickets are \$30.

## Thank You! To All KML Bake Sale Participants





Our hearty thanks to all who baked, set up, sold and took down for the bake sale we had this past Saturday at the KML Carnival. We raised a substantial sum for the Library; met several new folks in town who may visit us in the near future; and had a wonderful afternoon on the green!

Special thanks to **Patricia Carr, Bill Dillon, Jane Farnol, Jim Hall, Ron Marasco and Steve Morocco** for all they did to make this event such a success!

## Funeral for Mary Dingee

A service celebrating the resurrection of Mary Dingee, who died in June, will be held in the Nave at 11:00 am on Saturday, 17 September. A luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.

Mary's family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Torrington Soup Kitchen. (If you'd care to make your check payable to the parish, we'll aggregate all the fund received and pass them along to the Kitchen in Mary's honor.)

## In Litchfield Magazine: A Profile of the Refugee Family We Helped



Litchfield Magazine has published a [lovely article](#) on the Awrang family, refugees from Afghanistan whom we helped resettle in New Milford as part of the Washington Refugee Resettlement Project. It features a description of father Alibaba's beautiful calligraphic art and an update on how the family is getting on in their new home.

## Bp Douglas' Retirement: Make a Farewell Gift in His Honor





In accordance with recent tradition, to honor our Bishop on his retirement, the Diocese has set up a fund for donations in his honor to two organizations designated by him. Given his longstanding commitment to environmental issues and our work on the stewardship of creation, Bishop Ian has chosen the Connecticut River Conservancy and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). IRIS provides wrap-around services for refugee families, asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance to stabilize their family situations in the United States. [Give today](#)

*Note: IRIS was instrumental in resettling hundreds of Afghan refugees in Connecticut, including our own Awrang family!*

## Now on Fourth Thursdays: The Thursday Afternoon Club



The Thursday Afternoon Club, a fellowship group for all widows, is *now*



meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on this Thursday, **23 September**. We bring our own lunches and beverages to the porch of the Kingsley Tavern, 14 North Main Street, and gather for great conversation, mutual support and a good time. Please consider joining us.

## 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.

## 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 new 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 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

### Homecoming Sunday *Year C*

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10



## 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)  
In person  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



**-Wednesday-  
Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.

**-Holy Days-  
Holy Eucharist**  
9.00 a.m.



## 12 Step Meetings

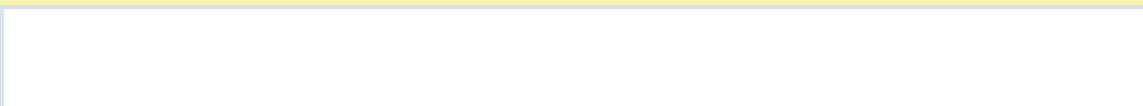
**Mondays**  
LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**  
(Parish House)

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

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



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