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The Prophet Samuel Anoints David (3rd Century painting)

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)
- We will **not** resume congregational singing at this time

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 Father Douglas

As mentioned in last week's edition, our wardens will now be writing monthly columns for the E-pistle. This week, Senior Warden Chris Rehkow leads off.

It's good to be back at St. Andrews and being able to actually see each other's faces and have a cup of coffee (with caffeine!) after the service. During the last 14 or 15 months I've experienced far more alone time than I would have ever

thought possible. It has taught me how important being around people, especially Christian people is. I'm praying that we are in fact all done with COVID!

Through it all the St. Andrews community proved to be strong and closely knit. Three or four years ago, I would have thought that the continuity and long standing traditions were what held us together. But when Roger retired and COVID hit all of that was gone. But we are all still here and drawn to St. Andrews. As it turns out, change didn't weaken our parish, we actually came out stronger and I'm looking forward to the future.

COVID has hidden some of the deep changes that we are going through at St. Andrews. It's easy to forget that for a long time we had a different priest each week. Sometimes we didn't even have services on Sunday, but recorded them on Saturdays. We were able to interview and hire Douglas and we even had an ordination. I point all of this out only to say that St. Andrews is doing well with change. Change has brought us closer to each other and made us stronger in our Christian faith.

Last Sunday I was listening to Douglas preach that we're going to go back to the way we used to do some things. No doubt he heard from some outspoken parishioner that 'some things just have to stay the same!' Maybe, but I think change can be good and it's been positive for us. If we return to doing some of the things we used to do we should do them because we have tried some other ways and found that it turns out that the old way is best for us. Tradition is good and it will always be with us, but trying on new things will keep St. Andrews vibrant and alive.

And if anyone is asking, I prefer Eucharistic Prayer C!

See you all soon. Chris.

Weekly Calendar

Friday, 11 June	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Friday, 11 June	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St. Barnabas (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Friday, 11 June	A.A. meeting (<i>Great Room</i>)	8:00 pm
Saturday, 12 June	Choir Rehearsal / Recording (<i>Nave</i>)	9:30 am
Sunday, 13 June	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 3 (spoken) (<i>in person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 13 June	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 3 (with music) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am

Sunday, 13 June	Coffee Hour (<i>outdoors</i>)	11:35 am
Sunday, 13 June	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 3 (<i>outdoors</i>)	12:30 pm
Sunday, 13 June	Choir's End-of-Year Party (<i>Rectory</i>)	1:00 pm
Wednesday, 16 June	Mid-week Eucharist (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 16 June	Visioning Team (<i>Great Room</i>)	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 16 June	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 17 June	A.A. meeting (<i>Great Room</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 17 June	Al-Anon (<i>Great Room</i>)	7:00 pm
Friday, 18 June	Prayer and Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm

IT'S BACK: COFFEE HOUR



We have revived a cherished St Andrew's tradition: coffee hour after the 10:30 liturgy. It is wonderful to be out on the lawn, enjoying a cup of something and sharing a time of fellowship. It is not for nothing that the earliest Christian churches not only worshipped together but also ate together!

Going forward, we will ask for a couple volunteers to take each Sunday. There will be a sign-up sheet available for the summer months, as well as some pointers on how to 'do' coffee hour. Please consider signing up!!

A TREAT FOR ALL: Shakespeare in Sharon



It promises to be a wonderful run: William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* performed outdoors, under the beautiful June skies of Sharon. And St Andrew's parishioners feature prominently in this much-anticipated offering. Jane Farnol has directed and choreographed this production, and it features Katherine Almquist as Titiana, Lyra DiCostanzo (parish administrator KC Compton's daughter) as Cobweb (one of the fairies) and David Almquist as Robin Starveling.

Performances are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings, from 11 June through 26 June. Gates open one hour beforehand, so you can bring in a picnic or simply enjoy the beauty and the fresh air. Full information, including pricing, is available [here](#). Break a leg Jane, Katherine, Lyra and David!

*If we shadows have offended,
Think but this, and all is mended,
That you have but slumbered here
While these visions did appear.
(Act V, Scene 1)*

MEET OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: KC COMPTON



We are delighted to announce that KC Compton has joined us as our new Parish Administrator. She is highly capable, outgoing and eager to get to know everything St Andrew's. Here is a brief introduction she created so we can get to know her a little:

"Hello! My name is Kimberly (but known by most as KC), and I'm very excited to be joining the St. Andrew's community as Parish Administrator. I spent over a decade in NYC as a performer, but also worked in the marketing and business development fields for clients such as the New Meadowlands Stadium, Citi Field and the Freedom Tower. I own a horse farm in nearby

Wingdale, NY, and have been an equestrian since early childhood. Currently, I compete in Eventing (the triathlon of equestrian sport) with my Thoroughbred, Zeus. I share my life with my fiancé Herman, two children Lyra (8), and Troy (5), and future stepdaughters Ava (11), Kelsey (10), and Lexi (8). I'm looking forward to meeting you all, and very much appreciate the warm welcome from so many of you already."

If you are in town, please consider stopping by and saying hi to KC. Her hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 – 2:00. You can also reach her via email at office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

EXPLORING A POSSIBILITY: A COVID Survivors Group

As we (hopefully) begin to emerge from the throes of the pandemic that has beset us these last fourteen or fifteen months, we are also aware that COVID has affected some of us very deeply, in lasting ways. Some of us are suffering from so-called "long COVID," in which sequelae of the virus linger on and on in our bodies. Some of us have lost loved ones and dear friends to this relentless foe. And some of us may be wondering why we recovered while others didn't. All of these are difficult, poignant—and also very natural—questions that it may be beneficial ... and perhaps spiritual ... to explore in a small group.

Therefore, we would like to explore the level of interest in bringing together a COVID survivors group. This would be a small group, with a trained facilitator to guide it, that would come together to ask the difficult questions; share the deep emotions; and support and care for one another. If this is a mutual ministry you would be interested in, please contact Fr Douglas.

IT'S BACK!! Tag Sale 2021

The Tag Sale will resume this year! Here is a quick look-ahead from Marel Rogers, who's heading up this year's sale.

Things to remember:

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

For those wishing to donate:

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, July 5. Donation hours are 9am – 2pm Monday – Friday and 9 am – noon

Saturday

- No mattresses, books, clothing 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

For those who'd like to volunteer:

- Those who want 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, and hours are flexible
- The POD will be unloaded and furniture placed under the tent on Wednesday, August 4, starting at 4:30 pm

FROM THE NATIONAL CHURCH: Our Annual Appeal



In The Episcopal Church, we have long been taught to let our actions speak for our faith. As the Presiding Bishop's canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation Care, it has been my joy to invite and equip Episcopalians to witness boldly *and* to match words with our loving deeds. Words matter now more than ever, and thanks to the work of a creative and committed team, we have invited thousands of individuals and congregations to claim the ministry for themselves.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is, of course, our C.E.O. – that is, the Chief Evangelism Officer. He is out front inspiring people to grow in love for God and one another. As his team, we partner with leaders across the church to spread that Jesus Movement and to help people gain confidence as they share and welcome stories of God's lively, risen presence with humility, curiosity, and hope. Through the *Way of Love* and many related resources, podcasts and video series, we help Episcopalians to take up a rule of life that leads us to practice Jesus' way in the world. Through the *Episcopal Revivals*, dozens of dioceses and communities have shared in prayer, renewal and public proclamation of God's love. Through the *Embracing Evangelism* video course,

we see people gaining confidence as they share and welcome stories of God's presence and invite people to deeper relationship with God. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we have partnered with friends in Creation Care to introduce the *Good News Gardens*, and partnered with the Reconciliation and Justice Team to launch "*From Many, One*": *Conversations Across Difference*, an effort that brings people together for one-to-one conversations about the things that matter most. This Pentecost, we gathered a team from six dioceses to host a churchwide revival that sent Episcopalians everywhere to live their faith out loud – in song, in testimony, and in deeds.

These transformative ministries that include numerous programs, webinars, podcasts, resources, concerts, and conversations are possible because people like you supported The Episcopal Church and Bless Annual Appeal.

Please support this vital work and the work of our siblings across the church – from Creation Care to Young Adult Service Corps. Please make your gift today. You can give by calling (800) 334-7626, ext 6002, or online at iam.ec/blessgiving.

Your gift helps us to bring the work of seeking, naming, and celebrating our risen Lord to the world. I invite you to join us on this journey.

God bless you on the journey we share,

The Rev Cn Stephanie Spellers
Canon to the Presiding Bishop for
Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care

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 Third Sunday After Pentecost

Year B

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13;
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17;
Mark 4:26-34



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-

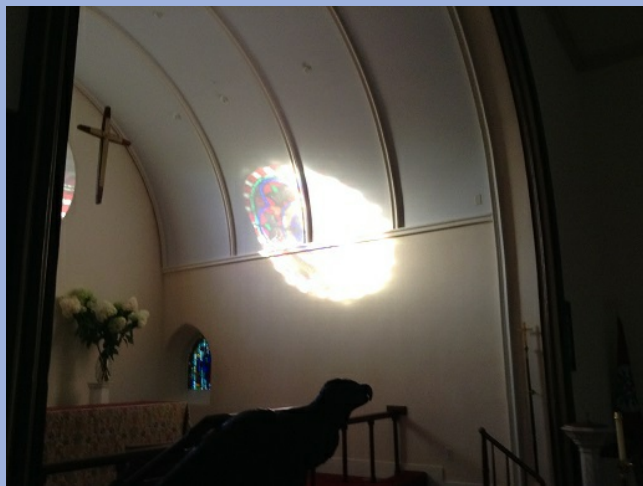
Prayer & Meditation

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)

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Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.

(Great Room)

resumed

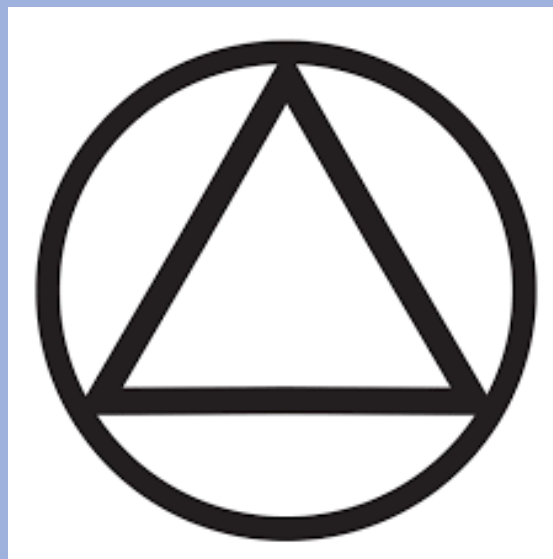
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A.A. at 8 p.m.

(Great Room)

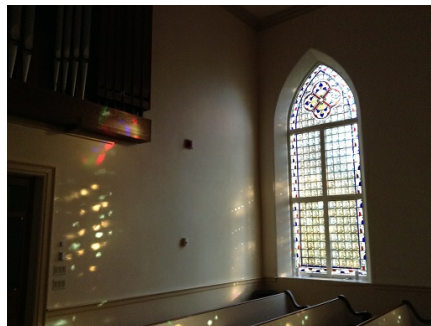
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