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*King Solomon Dedicates the Temple*  
*Philip de Koninck (c 1664) :: The Feast of the Dedication*

## From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden

I write this column just before leaving for Maine for a few weeks. Soon after I return to Kent, St Andrew's parish will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday-September 11 at 10am. What a glorious end to the summer and an exciting start to the fall!

Before anything else, I must express my thanks to and admiration for **Marel Rogers** who directed a wonderful tag sale that took place last weekend in conditions of relentlessly high heat and humidity. As she does, Marel credited the efforts of the many who helped make it so successful, beginning in earnest in late June with donations that needed cleaning, storing, sorting, pricing and displaying. Marel organized and led all of that. Her hard work in preparing us and her encouragement and acknowledgement of the significant efforts of many made the tag sale more than financially successful. When the tag sale actually took place in the oppressive heat, the spirit of St Andrew's parish, that is, welcoming good will, compassion and good humor, was everywhere. Thank you, Marel.

We look ahead to homecoming. It is a day to return after the summer or perhaps after a longer time away, or a day to come home for the first time. Whatever your reason, Homecoming Sunday is a day to gather and

worship with new and old friends. To that end, I urge you to get in touch with those you have missed seeing in the pews and tell them just that.

Brought up in a family of teachers, I have always considered September a more appropriate time to begin a new year than the dead of winter. Parish life at St Andrew's also seems to renew at this time-new programs and events are planned as the upcoming busy time of the church year approaches. Having said that, I happily acknowledge an exception - our church school has been up, running and thriving, throughout the summer under the inspired leadership of **Ron Marasco** and **Jane Farnol**.

I look forward to seeing you and those you bring on a day of fellowship and thanksgiving as we start a new year of parish life: September 11 at 10:00 am - one service that day-with a light brunch to follow.

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Friday, 12 August :: 7:30 pm

Sherman Chamber Ensemble Concert: *Women of Genius*

Saturday, 13 August :: 11:00 am

**Funeral of Jim Brownell** (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 14 August :: 8:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of the Dedication*** (spoken)

Sunday, 14 August :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 14 August :: 10:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of the Dedication*** (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 14 August :: 11:40 am

Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Monday, 15 August, 9:00 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary*** (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Monday, 15 August, 11:00 am

Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 15 August :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Tuesday, 16 August :: 10:30 am

Stewardship Commission

Wednesday, 17 August :: 6:00 pm

**Midweek Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday, 17 August :: 7:00 pm

A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 18 August :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 18 August : 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, 14 August**

Festival of the Dedication of St Andrew's Church

*Our current church building was consecrated in August 1827  
by Bishop Thomas Church Brownell*

### **Beginning 06 September – Tuesdays at 11:00 am**

A Five-Week Introduction to the *Book of Common Prayer*

### **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  
Lunch will be provided following our worship*

## Beginning 06 September: 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 on 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!

**Tonight:**  
**Sherman Chamber Ensemble Concert**



## Women of Genius

Tonight at 7:30, in the Nave, the Sherman Chamber Ensemble presents *Women of Genius*, a concert of chamber music by women composers: *Maombi Asante* for flute, violin and cello, by Valerie Coleman; *Five Folksongs in Counterpoint*, by Florence Price; and *String Quartet in E-flat*, by Fanny Hensel (Mendelssohn).

Tickets are available [online](#) and at the door.

### Service for Jim Brownell

A service celebrating the life and the resurrection of Jim Brownell will be held in the Nave at 11:00 am on Saturday, 13 August. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Jim's family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St Andrew's Discretionary Fund, to help those in the Kent community who are in need.

### Bakers Needed: KML Fundraiser Planned for 03 September

**Kent Memorial Library** is having a fund raiser on **Saturday, September 3rd** and St. Andrew's is participating in it. We are hosting a Kid-Friendly Bake Sale! Bakers are needed to make cookies, brownies and cupcakes. Cookies will be priced at \$1.00 apiece, brownies at \$2.00 and cup cakes at \$3.00. All proceeds to the library.

Please let **Katherine Almquist** know if you can bake something!  
Contact: [kt\\_almquist@hotmail.com](mailto:kt_almquist@hotmail.com)

### 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 **25 August**. 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.

## What's Your Favorite Hymn? Help us Sing It This Summer!



In the Episcopal Church, we're truly blessed with a wealth of hymns. Well over one thousand hymns appear in our three main hymnals (and over 250 more in hymnals that are, sadly, little known). With such a feast spread before us, there are many hymns we never get to sing at all—perhaps some of your personal favorites.

In addition, many of us have come to the Church from other denominations whose greatest hymns aren't in our hymnals. You might sing or hum them to yourself from time to time, but we never get to hear them.

Well, this summer we're going to try to fix this! **Each Sunday, beginning 19 June, we'll sing a favorite hymn nominated by a St Andrew's parishioner** (with a little shout-out in the bulletin to whoever suggested it). You can nominate a hymn(s) by using one of the forms now in the Narthex ... or you can email Fr Douglas directly.

So, take that trip down memory lane, remember the songs you used to love to sing in church and let us all share in your musical joy!

## EdAdvance: Offering Important Services to Adult Learners



Are you interested in completing the requirements for a high school diploma, studying for citizenship, learning or improving your English, or developing your math and reading skills? Anyone adult (18+) who lives in the towns that make up Region 1 (Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon) can take classes paid for by local and state funds. There is no cost to the student for the class or materials. Classes are available in person at Housatonic Valley Regional High or online. Visit our website at [www.edadvance.org/adulted](http://www.edadvance.org/adulted), email [adulted@edadvance.org](mailto:adulted@edadvance.org), or call 860.567.0863 and ask for Adult Education.

## 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!

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## Lections for this Week

### **The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** *Year C*

1 Kings 8:22-30  
Psalm 84  
1 Peter 2:1-5,9-10  
Matthew 21:12-16



## 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

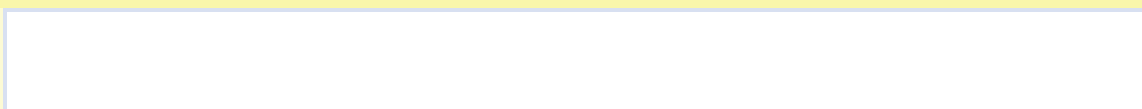
**Mondays**  
LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**  
(Parish House)

**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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