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A very successful Tag Sale indeed!

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN. At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the May guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship. In light of revised guidance from the CDC and the current surge being caused by the Delta variant, our worship protocols have now been slightly updated as follows:

- **We are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.*** The variant is highly transmissible, even by people who are fully vaccinated, and according to the CDC, Litchfield County's level of community transmission is now **Substantial** (or higher)
- 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 Father Douglas



2021 Tag Sale: Our Best Ever!

OK, well, I don't know if I'm technically right in saying this past weekend's Tag Sale was our best ever, but it has to be right up there among the top performers! We raised **over \$32,000** for the parish capital fund; we had **more than 100 early bird shoppers** lined up along Main Street when we opened on Friday morning; **hundreds more shoppers** visited us (some more than once!) over the weekend; and from what I saw, everyone—shoppers and volunteers alike—**had a wonderful time** contributing to a very good cause. Last week, I said I didn't know quite what to expect. This week, I can say that I *can't wait* until next year's Sale! I felt like a kid on Christmas morning those three days.

The entire parish owes a **tremendous debt of gratitude** to **Marel Rogers**, who worked tirelessly ... and for *months* ... to make this year's Sale the smashing success that it was. She envisioned the Sale's return even as we sat in the midst of a lockdown; attended to endless details; oversaw the work of scores of volunteers; answered approximately one million questions; and kept spirits light and attitudes chipper in just about every conceivable circumstance. Marel, we literally could not have done it without you. **THANK YOU!!!**

And Marel was not alone, by any means. By her count, we also say thank you to all of the following people who gave their time, talent and muscles to the cause: Elise Cieplik, Eric Cieplik, Elaine Henry, Andrea Sehl, Jake Fricker, David Lindley, Janet Rivkin, Ron Marasco, Steve Morocco, Pat Campbell, Dan Campbell, Randy DiPentima, The Rev Steve Klots, George Ann Gowan, Eric Roper, Nick Downes, Sue Edgerly, Jim Hall, Alice Hicks, Chris Rehkow, Irene Coe, Russ Jennings, Lee Jennings, Lynn Perry, Michael Hallows, Bob McDowell, Kent Freeman, George Potts, Jane Farnol, Louisa LaFontan, Kathy Fricker, Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick, Irene Connors, Sarah Marshall, Maggie Stearns, Katherine Almquist, Judy Perkins, Anne Everett, Barbara Psarakis, Charmian Place, Rebecca Bahr, Michael Ward, Candace Conard, Morten Nilssen, Bill Dillon, Patricia Carr, Bill Lang, Herman Harmelink and KC Compton. There are undoubtedly several more whose names should be on this list: Please know how thankful the parish is for all you did to make the Sale run so smoothly and so successfully!

-- Fr Douglas

Weekly Calendar

Friday, 13 August	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Saturday, 14 August	Choir Rehearsal (for fall music) (Choir Room)	9:30 am
Sunday, 15 August	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 12 (spoken) (<i>in person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 15 August	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 12 (with music) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, 15 August	Coffee Hour	11:35 am
Monday, 16 August	Bible Study: Genesis (<i>Parish House</i>)	11:00 am
Monday, 16 August	Holy Eucharist: Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 18 August	Confirmation Class	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 18 August	Mid-week Holy Eucharist (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 18 August	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 19 August	A.A. meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 19 August	AI-Anon (<i>Old Vestry Room</i>)	7:00 pm

A TREAT IN STORE FOR US: Organ Recital on Sunday, 22 August

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH, KENT
presents

ORGAN RECITAL

Buck McDaniel
Organist & Director of Music
The Church of St. Edward the Martyr
New York City

Sunday, 22 August 2021
4PM



This summer, we have been happy to provide a rehearsal space to Thomas "Buck" McDaniel, who is the [Organist and Director of Music at St Edward the Martyr Parish in New York City](#). Buck is preparing for an upcoming recital tour and has been spending part of his summer in Pawling. It's been a delight to hear him practicing, and he's even graciously played for a couple of our mid-week Holy Eucharists and feast days. Those of us who've heard him play have been very fortunate indeed.

Therefore, we are excited to announce that Buck will be giving a recital at **St Andrew's on Sunday, 22 August, at 4:00 pm**. He will play works by J S Bach, William Byrd, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Jean Langlais and Marcel Dupré. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend – you'll be happy you did!

Presiding Bishop Curry Encourages All Who Can to Get Vaccinated

The Rt Rev Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church has recorded a brief video to encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to do so. As he says, this is what Jesus means when He says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." You can watch the video [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Welcome Home Sunday, 19 September



It is always a good feeling when we re-gather after a summer season that's taken many of us in so many different directions and at different times. And this year, that celebration will be greater than ever, as we also continue to emerge from the constraints of COVID and return to living together in community once more.

We're planning a wonderful homecoming celebration on Sunday, 19 September, at 10:30, with hospitality and plenty of time for catching up afterwards. Please save the date, and look for many more details to follow!

HOSPITALITY AT ST ANDREW'S: Looking for Volunteers

Following an outstanding run by Bernadette Ellegard and her crew (thank you, one and all!!!), we are pleased to announce that Katherine Almquist has agreed to become the new chair of the Hospitality Commission. We are so grateful for Katherine's willingness to take on this work, and we know St Andrew's tradition

of wonderful parish events will continue.

Katherine is looking for volunteers to help her, beginning with our first event of the new church year: an all-parish reception following the 10:30 service on Welcome Home Sunday, 19 September. You do not need to be a chef! There are jobs available for all skill levels and interests. If you are willing to help, please contact Katherine at kt_almquist@hotmail.com.

THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Greenwoods Counseling and Referrals



*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, we will be highlighting some of the charities and agencies that our parish supports via the Mission & Outreach Commission. This week, we feature **Greenwoods Counseling and Referrals**, a Litchfield-based mental health organization that provides swift, affordable access to quality mental healthcare, regardless of ability to pay, for individuals and families living and working in Litchfield County. Here is more from their website:*

"Greenwoods began as a small grass-roots agency, and we will always retain our personal, intimate approach to our services and programs. Providing access to excellent care is central to our mission, a service that is badly needed. Lack of access to quality behavioral health and social services is a well-established and appalling fact.

"Public clinics are often overcrowded, and private counselors are overbooked, creating long waiting times for therapy. No one gets turned away or deferred at Greenwoods. After a swift mental health assessment, a client is matched with a 'best-fit' counselor from within a network of 130 providers and its in-house clinical staff. In 2018 Greenwoods connected 615 patients with mental health care representing a 62% increase over the previous year. In 2019 Greenwoods scheduled 670 mental health assessments, 5% more than the previous year, and 733 people were connected to highly-skilled professionals; over \$25,000 in financial aid was given in support of 63 referred clients. Additionally, Greenwoods supports the region's most vulnerable populations through its substance use disorder recovery program and school based mental health program in Litchfield, WAMOGO and Oliver Wolcott Schools.

"Greenwoods is a recognized leader in community mental health education and wellness efforts across northwest Connecticut. Due to the Opioid epidemic in Litchfield County, Greenwoods now provides leadership for the Litchfield County Opioid Task Force, instituted a Medication Assisted Therapy program for people in recovery, and provides a community outreach and recovery navigator. To better respond to growing demands for mental health services and a need to shorten time between initial interview and scheduled counseling sessions, Greenwoods increased its in-house clinical staff. In 2020, the Board of Trustees changed the organization's name to Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals to reflect these expanded counseling services.

"Over the past 29 years, Greenwoods has grown its network and expanded its services to become a trusted and unique resource in mental healthcare for Litchfield County communities. People challenged by depression, anxiety, trauma and addiction receive excellent care through Greenwoods. It remains a small grass-roots agency dedicated to retaining a personal, intimate approach to its services and programs. Its offices are located in St Michael's Episcopal Church at 25 South Street in Litchfield, Connecticut."

GRUMBLING GRYPHONS PRESENTS: St. George and the Dragon



Winner of Connecticut Governor's Arts Award

GRUMBLING GRYPHONS
TRAVELING CHILDRENS THEATER
Established 1980

Presents

St. George and The Dragon.

A Midsummers' Revel with merriment and music!

Performed by 2021 Theater Arts Campers

Saturday, August 14, 5pm

Rain date: Sunday, August 15, 10:30am

Grumbling Gryphon Headquarters, 29 Lake Road, West Cornwall

Directed by Leslie Elias / Masks & Costumes by Ellen Moon

Musical Accompaniment by Rachel Gall, Kathy Lyon, and Jane Prentice, of Still, The Homegrown Band, and Charlie Kiel and The Berkshire Stompers

Reservations required via email or phone.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a smile! (Masks suggested if not vaccinated)

Suggested donation \$10/person or \$20/family.

Join us after the show for refreshments, celebration and playful parade with "Still, The Homegrown Band" and a special appearance of "The Golden Lady" created/performed by Ellen Moon.

More info at www.GrumblingGryphons.org / 860.672.0286 / grumblinggryphons@gmail.com

The summer trend of outdoor theatre continues with a new, fast-paced production of St. George and the Dragon: A Midsummer's Revel with Merriment and Music.

Director Leslie Elias started the Grumbling Gryphons company five decades ago, and brings her experience and imagination to local children via educational theater, camps, and workshops. She has cast St Andrew's own

Katherine Anquist as Lady Gryphon, and Parish Administrator **KC Compton's** daughter **Lyra Wilder** earned the lead role of Princess Hyacinth, the eldest princess who must be sacrificed to the dragon (or does she?) in order to save the rest of the kingdom's children!

This one-time only performance is scheduled for this Saturday, August 14th, at 5 pm. The show is located at Grumbling Gryphons Headquarters, 29 Lake Road, Cornwall CT. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Since this cast is partially made up of the 2021 Theater Arts Campers, it's a brief 40 minute show, followed by refreshments and a special appearance by "The Golden Lady," created by Ellen Moon. A suggested donation is \$10, or \$20/ family.

For more information, head to the [Grumbling Gryphons](#) website.

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and AI 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

Lections for this Week

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Year B

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58



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)



-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.
(Parish House)

resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)

resumed

Fridays

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

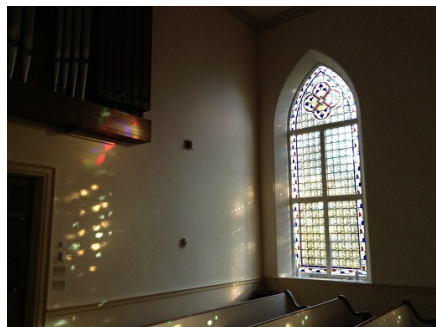
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resumed



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