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St Peter's Dream (Acts 11) :: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Domenico Fetti (1619)

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying a blessed Eastertide. I very much missed being with you last Sunday, after Jim and I somehow managed to bring COVID home with us as a souvenir of our vacation. By the time this column is published, we'll both be out of isolation, and I cannot wait to be back with you on Sunday morning. (I will be wearing a mask as an additional precaution.)

On Sunday *afternoon*, we are in for a special treat. As you may know, on the Sundays of Eastertide, we've been reading Evening Prayer at 4:30. For centuries, attending Morning Prayer, going home for mid-day dinner and then

returning to church for Evening Prayer was 'the' Anglican pattern of Sunday worship, and with good reason: Evening Prayer is a simple, relatively unvarying and, well, prayerful (!) way to end each Lord's Day.

This Sunday we are delighted that **Saecula Schola Cantorum**, an **intergenerational chamber choir that specializes in sacred music of the Anglican (and other) traditions**, will be joining us to sing many parts of the Evening Office that we ordinarily say. They will offer psalms, canticles, responses and an anthem that will undoubtedly add extraordinary depth and beauty to an already perfect service of readings, reflection and prayer. I do hope you will join us!

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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This Week at St Andrew's

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| Friday, 13 May | Prayer & Meditation | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday, 14 May | Music in the Nave Committee | 11:00 am |
| Sunday, 15 May | Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 5</i> | 8:30 am |
| Sunday, 15 May | Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 am |
| Sunday, 15 May | Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 5 (in person and live-streamed)</i> | 10:30 am |
| Sunday, 15 May | Easter tide Evening Prayer and Benediction, with music by Saecula Schola Cantorum | 4:30 pm |
| Monday, 16 May | Bible Study: <i>The Gospel of Luke</i> | 11:00 am |
| Monday, 16 May | LGBTQ+ A.A. | 8:00 pm |
| Monday, 16 May | Midweek Holy Eucharist (in person and live-streamed) | 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 18 May | A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>) | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 18 May | A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>) | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, 19 May | Thursday Afternoon Club (<i>Parish House</i>) | 7:30 am |

Thursday, 19 May

NO Vestry Meeting

1:00 pm

Thursday, 19 May

A.A. Meeting (*Parish House*)

Thursday, 19 May

Al-Anon Meeting (*Old Vestry Room*) 7:00 pm

Thursday, 19 May

7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Sunday, 22 May

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

Spread the Word: Our Church School Reopens on 05 June



Under the capable and imaginative direction of Ron Marasco and Jane Farnol, St Andrew's Church School will re-open on Sunday, 05 June. Every Sunday, during the 10:30 Eucharist, children and teachers will gather around a table in

the Undercroft, with Bibles and books, maps and composition books, crayons and glue, to learn about Scripture; to learn about the Church; and, most importantly, to learn about Jesus. Some of our students may want to come each week, but we'll also welcome **drop-ins**: those who come only occasionally ... grandchildren or nieces and nephews visiting from out-of-town ... those who just want to come and see what it's all about. In addition, **parents are more than welcome to sit in on classes**, if they wish. Classes will run for about 35-40 minutes, so everyone can come up to the Nave in time for Holy Communion. Our program will be appropriate for **children ages 4 to 12**; our older students will 'buddy up' with our younger ones.

Re-opening our church school is an exciting, life-giving prospect – indeed, a resurrection, of sorts! How appropriate for us to begin on the last day of Eastertide! **Please share the word** with everyone you know who is looking for ... or interested in ... or just curious about ... Christian education for their children. Encourage them to come and try us on – no strings attached – no commitments implied! And if they have any questions, let them know they can be in touch with Ron and Jane via email at churchschool.sa.kent@gmail.com.

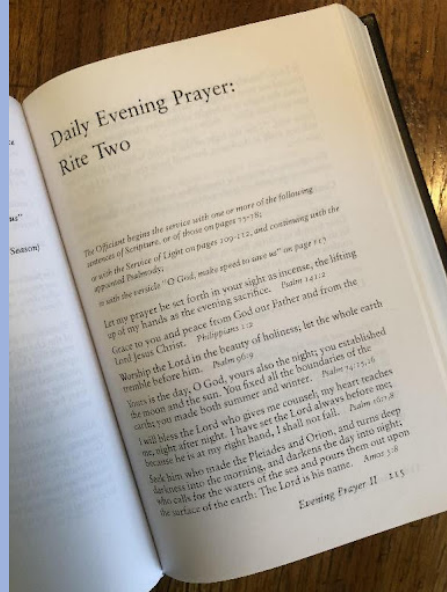
Some Assembly Required! The Church School has purchased a couple of pieces of equipment that require DIY assembly. If this is a particular talent of yours and you can lend a few hours to this worthy cause, please be in touch with Ron.

The Thursday Afternoon Club: A New Fellowship Group



Over the past couple of months, we have begun a new fellowship group at St Andrew's, called the **Thursday Afternoon Club**. This is an informal, unstructured time for women who have been widowed to come together to talk, to share, to laugh and, perhaps, to make some plans for an evening out or a walk in the woods. The Thursday Afternoon Club will now meet **every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm, in the Parish House Great Room**. If you are interested, please drop by any Thursday. There is nothing to prepare, nothing to bring and nothing you need to do. Just come by for some conversation, some caring and some great company!

During Eastertide: Evening Prayer and Benediction



Each Sunday during Eastertide this year, we will be praying Evening Prayer at 4:30. Some think of this office as the quintessential Anglican liturgy: quiet in tone, relaxed in pace and reflective. On 15 May, we will hold the office of Evensong—*sung* Evening Prayer—led by the visiting ensemble Saecula Schola Cantorum.

Following Evening Prayer, we will offer the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, for those who wish to stay. This is a brief but powerful liturgy in which we reverence and contemplate the Presence of Christ ... the Risen Christ ... in the consecrated Bread. We'll use a bit of incense during Benediction, but not during Evening Prayer.

We invite you to try on these liturgies ... and the practice of concluding your Lord's Day in some quiet, joyful worship ... during the season of Easter.

The Afghan Family Resettlement Update

The Washington Refugee Resettlement Project (WRRP), of which St Andrew's is a big part, recently provided this update on the family we're helping to resettle in New Milford. Read on to see how you may be able to help them directly.



Dear friends,

We want to give you, our supporters, an update on our refugee resettlement project. In particular, we want to share exciting news about the Awrang family, and also share ways that you can continue to help. Our online donation page even allows you to submit a note stating how you would like your donation to be used.

Mr. Alibaba Awrang is making great progress with his English! As you may know by now, he is a globally esteemed Islamic Calligrapher. His works have been exhibited and sold around the world. We want to:

- Help him establish U.S. connections to relaunch his career. If you or your circle of acquaintances have contacts in the art business (e.g., galleries, museums) or know of any teaching opportunities please email us info@wrrp.net.
- Additionally, we need funds to purchase specialized art materials for Mr. Awrang to resume his life's work.

You can also make a donation for the Awrang's art supplies by clicking on [this link](#).

Ms Gul Ziwar Awrang produces magnificent traditional Afghan needlework – in dresses, shirts, pillows, belts, bags, etc. Additionally, she is an expert weaver and produces beautiful decorative pillows. We would like to identify retail stores that may be interested in selling her beautiful products. Write us at info@wrrp.net.

Their four children (three sons, Armand, 15; Ali, 12; and Taha, 10; and daughter, Arezo, 14) are very happy to be in school again, after an eight-month hiatus. Last weekend, we presented each of them with a bicycle and helmet, all hand-me-downs from generous donors.

Summer is around the corner, and we hope to find summer programs for the children. If you have suggestions and/or contacts at appropriate summer programs or camps near New Milford, please let us know.

Upcoming Event

The New Milford Refugee Resettlement is resettling another Afghan family, the Maliksadas, just across the street from the Awrang family! Both families were evacuated together by [Turquoise Mountain](#), a non-profit that supports the preservation of historic sites and traditional crafts in Afghanistan. You can see some of their impressive art on the website.

Mr. Matin Maliksada, is a master ceramicist. Come see a demonstration and even consider a purchase and/or commission!

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Village Center for the Arts

12 Main Street, New Milford

\$10 Suggested Donation (all proceeds go to the Maliksada Family)

Coffee Hour: Hosts Needed!



Do you enjoy Coffee Hour? It's even more fun when you host! Please sign-up now to host a Sunday in May or June!!

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 Social Services Director. 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 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.

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35



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.

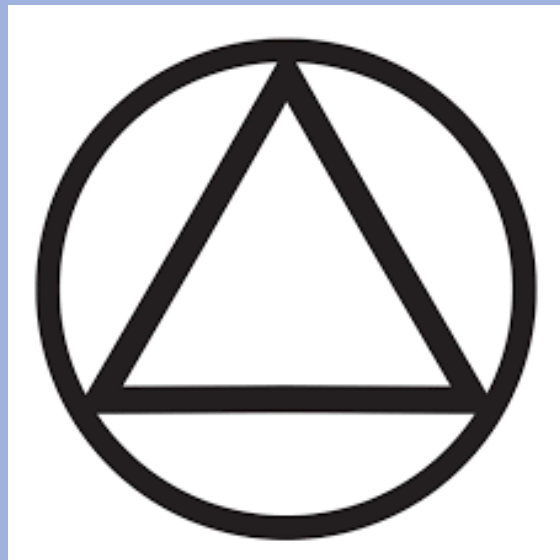
12 Step Meetings

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

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)
A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)

Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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