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The Iniquitous Judge

(Eugène Burnand, 1908)

Luke 18:1-8 :: Proper 24, Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well. I write this column from the second day of our vacation, where, I'm glad to say, the slow process of unwinding has begun!

Perhaps the chief delight of our time away thus far has been reuniting with some dear ones in our lives whom we had not seen since my diaconal ordination back in December 2019. They live in Canada, and as much as COVID kept all of us apart over the last few years, it kept even more so those who live across international borders. What a blessing to be sharing the rhythms of daily living with them once again, for a few days!

And, you never know what you'll learn during leisurely conversations over the breakfast table. We were lingering over coffee / tea yesterday, and—of all things!—the topic of stewardship came up. They asked what we do for stewardship here at St Andrew's, and I gave them a thumbnail sketch. I then asked what they do at their church and was surprised to hear "nothing." Their parish never has a stewardship campaign ... never sends out an appeal letter ... never runs a column in the church newsletter. How, I asked, do you raise the funds to keep going? Well, they replied, most folks are in the (decades-long)

habit of putting something in the plate, and if a big need arises, folks just dig into their wallets and make a gift.

This got me thinking: In the gospels, there are two ways Jesus 'finances' his own ministry. On the one hand, when he sends out his disciples, he tells them to take no provisions with them and rely solely on the hospitality of strangers (his was a *far* more hospitable culture than ours, I will add!) (*see, e.g., Mark 6:7-11*). On the other hand, Jesus also had devoted supporters—several women among them—who gave quite generously to ensure his ministry thrived and reached as many people as possible (*see, e.g., Luke 8:1-3*).

Two models of giving, for two different ends. The first is in-the-moment, responding-to-a-need: Someone shows up at the door, and we let them in, feed them and give them a bed for the night. A hurricane ravages a coastline ... or a war of aggression is waged across an established border ... and we open our wallets and our hearts to assist. The second model, however, is more forward-thinking ... more proactive. We believe deeply in a cause and want to ensure not only its survival but also its success, and so, we budget regular, generous gifts to sustain it: perhaps to the Red Cross or Doctors Without Borders ... and definitely, I hope, to St Andrew's.

The parish is always *very* grateful, of course, for gifts that come in unannounced and unexpected. Whether large or small, they contribute greatly to our corporate ministry. But during this stewardship season, I urge you to consider making a pledge: becoming a regular giver ... making St Andrew's part of your annual household budget, like those women who contributed so much to Jesus' earthly ministry. Give not because anything specific has (or hasn't) happened, but because you believe in the mission we're on ... because you want more and more people to hear the Good News ... because you know others who would love as warm and welcoming a home as you yourself have found here ... because, as Jesus did to those women, this place just *speaks* to you, and you are eager—maybe even passionate—to *speak back*, in love and gratitude.

Like our relatives' church, St Andrew's might be able to survive without ever holding a stewardship campaign. But that would deny all of us the opportunity to express how deeply we care about, how greatly we are thankful for and how dearly we hold this parish in our hearts. Who knew a simple pledge card could say so very much?

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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P S Jim and I will be away on vacation through 29 October. If you urgently need to speak with me while I am gone, please call the number above. I have

also arranged for clergy coverage in case of pastoral emergencies: Please call me or senior warden Randy DiPentima, and we'll connect you with a local priest right away.

This Week at St Andrew's

Saturday, 15 October :: 9:15 am
Extra Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 16 October :: 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 16 October :: 9:15 am
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 16 October :: 10:30 am
Church School

Sunday, 16 October :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 16 October :: 11:40 am
Coffee Hour

Monday, 17 October :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 19 October :: 6:00 pm
Mid-week Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 19 October :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 20 October :: 5:30 pm
Vestry Meeting

Thursday, 20 October :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 20 October :: 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***

Wednesday, 02 November 2:00 pm
All Souls' Day Eucharist for the Departed, with Reception to follow

Saturday, 19 November
The Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar

All Souls' Day: Wednesday, 02 November



Each year, two days in the liturgical calendar are devoted to prayers for those who have died in the faith. Allhallowtide (or Allsaintstide) occurs on the first and second days of November (with, much more famously, All Hallows' *that is, Saints*) Eve beginning after sunset on 31 October). On *All Saints' Day, 01 November*, we remember all of the apostles, prophets, martyrs and heroes of the Church who have taught us so much, by word and example, through their living (and, sometimes, dying) among us. As a parish, we'll celebrate All Saints' twice this year: with a small, weekday Eucharist at 9:00 on the first, and also at both Eucharists on Sunday, 06 November.

On *All Souls' Day, 02 November*, we recall all of those who have passed on before us and now feast at the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for all of us. Also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, this day, for us, no longer dwells in notions of purgatory or harbors any *ifs* about salvation, for we know it is *assured* by our baptisms! But even so, there is something comforting, reassuring and even unifying in coming together each year to be in spiritual communion with our departed loved ones ... lift up their memories ... and pray for them just as we also pray for those whom we see in this life.

We will gather for our *Remembrance of the Faithful Departed* at 2:00 pm on *Wednesday, 02 November*. ***If you would like to submit the names of loved one who have died, we will include them on our Necrology, praying and tolling the church bell for each one by name. Please email the Parish Office or leave a voicemail, by Sunday, 30 October.*** A quiet reception in the Parish House will follow this liturgy.

Thank You:
Another Successful Season

in the Community Garden



Jake Fricker recently reported, with thanks, another wonderful season for St Andrew's plots in the Kent Community Garden:

*The garden is closed for the year. Despite the drought the garden produced very well. Kudos to **Kathy, Marel** and **Evelyn** for all their watering and care for the garden. Kent and Sharon Food Banks shared in the bounty, and both were grateful for fresh produce.*

And a huge thank-you to you, too, Jake!! You give so many hours to planning, planting, cultivating and harvesting ... not to mention dropping off the bounty of all these labors at our local food banks, each week, so our neighbors can share in the summer's abundance.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to one and all who contributed in any way to the success of this year's season!

Bringing Back the Flower Ministry: A Thought from Marel Rogers



I'd like to speak about flowers. I have been able to find only two references to flowers in the Gospels: both Matthew and Luke tell of Jesus speaking of the

lilies of the field. And that's it. But flowers are a part of our worship, and as we begin the season of autumn, when the flowers growing around us are fading, perhaps we should think how we might bring the joy and beauty that they contribute to our Sunday worship to those who cannot attend St Andrew's.

There is a long list of names on the Prayer List. My suggestion to all of us is to find a person on that list, perhaps an old friend or perhaps someone you have not met, and take the Sunday flowers to them. Vases will be available in the Narthex: simply arrange one vase and make that visit. It can be Sunday immediately after the 10:30 service, Monday or whenever you can visit that person.

Taking flowers to shut-ins, those recovering from an illness or welcoming a new baby, someone mourning a loss or someone who could just use a lift used to be a regular part of how St Andrew's parishioners cared for each other. We can do it again, and I predict we'll find as much joy in making these visits as those we visit find in receiving them.

— *Marel Rogers*

Just Around the Corner: The Annual Christmas Bazaar



Each year St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar signals the approach of Advent. And before the Bazaar can welcome shoppers, we will be arranging donations of Christmas décor, Golden Treasures, jewelry and Christmas tree ornaments. Please take some time this month to look over your own treasures and set them aside for the Bazaar. We will begin accepting donations on 01 November, and the Bazaar will be held on 19 November.

The Bazaar is also filled with good food! Baked good, preserves and relishes all will be accepted all day on the 18th and also before 9 am on the 19th. Please consider this coming weekend to be 'stir up Sunday' for finding recipes and planning on your culinary donations.

The funds raised by the Bazaar support worthy charities close in Kent and the surrounding region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Year C*

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8



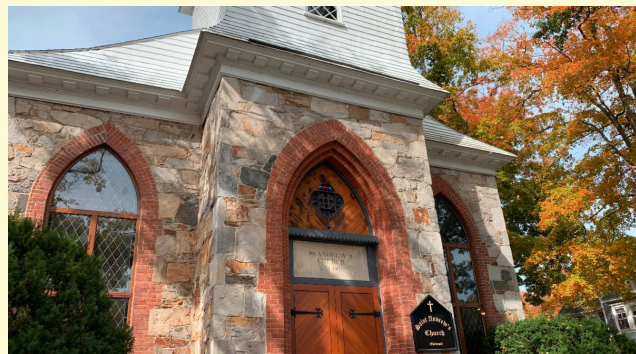
Past Services and Homilies

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)

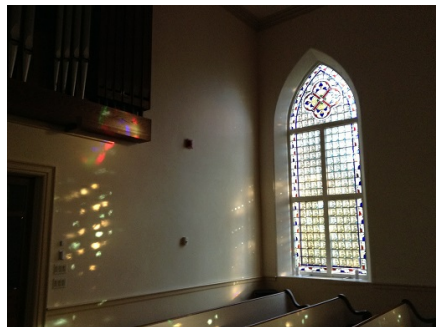


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