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[www.ctepiscopal.org](http://www.ctepiscopal.org)

## Service Schedule

### -Sunday-

Holy Eucharist  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;  
Healing Service at 8.30,  
Third Sundays

### -Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist  
6.00 p.m.

### -Friday-

Prayer & Meditation  
5.30 p.m.

*Holy Days as announced.*

## Calendar

## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

### Thursday, 16 April

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)

***suspended***

Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

***Call or email only***

### Tuesday, 21 April

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

***Call or email only***

## Taped Service Suspension

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank all of the parishioners and clergy who helped tape the Lenten and Holy Week services. I hope that the services brought some sense of community and comfort to your worship within your homes.

The vestry met online on this last past Wednesday April 15. There were many concerns expressed to the vestry about the safety of the volunteers and clergy continuing to record the services in the sanctuary. In the prospect of the virus peaking in Connecticut and New York, with the Sharon Health Care center being designated a COVID Recovery Center and Sharon Hospital building a field hospital in its parking lot, that even a small gathering to tape a service is a risk. So the vestry decided that it was best to suspend the taping of services until we all feel comfortable and safe.

We hope that you will take full advantage of the online services at the [National Cathedral](#), those offered by Northwest Region [ECCT](#), or a church you may choose to visit. And why not also share with us your projects, your readings, how this

**Sunday, March 22**  
***The Kent Singers***  
***Songs of the***  
***British Isles***  
**3.00 p.m.**  
**\*\*Rescheduled for**  
***June 14 at 3 p.m.***  
***St John's Episcopal***  
***Church in New Milford***

## **Twelve Step Groups**

### **Wednesdays**

7:00 p.m.  
A.A. for Women  
*Zoom meeting*  
*email for info.*

### **Thursdays**

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Great Room)  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Vestry Room)

## **Parish Staff**

**Thomas W. Holcombe,**  
***Organist & Director of***  
***Choirs***

**Margie O'Brien,**  
***Director of the Children's***  
***Choir***

**Heather Scofield,**  
***Parish Administrator***

**Joan I. Cassel**  
***Financial Secretary***

**Bill McLaren,**  
***Sexton***

**Randy Osolin,**  
***Vergers***

pandemic has changed the way you perceive things. Send those thoughts to [George Potts](#) and he'll share them on the St. Andrew's webpage!

Parishioners continue to find joy and solace in the 8:00 bell ringing so keep in mind to reach out to Ron Marasco [rmarasco154@gmail.com](mailto:rmarasco154@gmail.com) and George-Ann [gagowan@mac.com](mailto:gagowan@mac.com) if you would like a significant personal number of bells to ring for you, your family or friends.

We are all praying that we will be able to gather again together safely sooner rather than later.

Christopher Rehkow  
Senior Warden  
On Behalf of the Vestry

## **From the Treasurer**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**The Vestry met yesterday and I was able to report that our Parish is in very good financial position after the first quarter of the year.**

**I/We want all to know that your generosity to the Church is very much appreciated. A good number of envelopes and checks came in over the past week, containing both pledge money and special Easter Offerings.**

**Thanks to all for keeping St. Andrews financially strong during this very difficult time.**

**Stephen Morocco,**  
**Treasurer**

## **From Webmaster George Potts**

**Parish member Kristin Phelps has a great idea!**

**We would like the members of our worldwide St Andrew's Parish to share stories of how we each have been spending our time during the current pandemic:**

***Where are you spending your quarantine?***

***How are you keeping busy?***

***What are you reading?***

***What is the biggest change you are experiencing?***

***Are you attending any online services, both here and worldwide?***

**Please email your stories to George Potts at [gpotts@snet.net](mailto:gpotts@snet.net) and he will upload them to the parish website so that we can all see them. All of them will be viewable once the page is published at <https://www.standrewskentct.org/membersblog.html>**

## **The Prayer List**

*During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, that you would like the prayers offered.*

*And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).*

*Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.*

*You may also write to Heather at [st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net)*

*Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.*

*We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.*

## **From the ECCT**

**"Evenings with Our Bishops."  
Gathering opportunities.**

Are you sensing a call to ordered ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut? Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

You (and the clergy person pastorally responsible for you) are

invited to an Evening with our Bishops to learn how ordained leaders in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut are partnering with God's mission in this new missional age.

If your parish is not presently served by a clergy person, we ask that you bring a warden of the parish.

You will also hear from the Rev. Marcus Halley, ECCT 's Dean of Formation, and the Rev. Lynda Tyson, Dean of the Province I School for Deacons.

To attend, you will have needed to speak to the clergy person (or warden\*) responsible for your parish and have their support.

**This meeting takes place at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 via Zoom.** Registration for this event is required. Please contact Dean Marcus Halley (mhalley@episcopalct.org) for more information.

(\*contact Chris Rehkow or Charmian Place)

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**The 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.*

### Coffee in the Commons Podcast



### COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics.

All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

**Listen to the latest episode below!**

<http://www.coffeehour.org/>

## **The Annual Reports for 2019**

**The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on**

[Annual Report 2019](#)

## **A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'**

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS  
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,  
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!  
FISH is very short-handed ....***

***Please call Edith Altvater  
(new number: 860.539.9957)  
if you can help!***

## **A Prayer for Change**

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

### **A Prayer for Change**

*Loving God,  
You have made the whole of human life in your image;  
each one of us shaped in love.  
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.  
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,  
it comes at us from every direction.*

*Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,  
to use that love as a force for good.  
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,  
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.  
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which  
darkness can never overcome;  
through Jesus Christ we pray.  
Amen.*

## Homily

***Please click on the link below in order  
to hear  
Reverend Steve Klot's Homily for 5 April  
Palm Sunday***

***click on [Homily](#)***

## The Lections this Week

### **The Second Sunday of Easter Year A**

**Acts 2.14a, 22-32;  
I Peter 1.3-9;  
Psalm 16  
John 20.19-31**