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Jesus Heals a Woman on the Sabbath
Luke 13:10-17 :: Proper 16, Year C

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the lovely, if dry, summer weather we've been having. Today's column will briefly look backward and then briefly look forward.

Looking backward: As we announced on Sunday, this year's Tag Sale was a major success!! We raised upwards of \$28,000, and the net proceeds will replenish the parish's capital fund—a major help in a year when we've encountered several unexpected repair expenses and also undertaken some large capital projects. Abundant thanks to everyone who donated goods to be sold; who volunteered with the hauling, sorting, cleaning, pricing, setting up, selling and taking down; and, of course, who shopped! But one person, above all, deserves our most hearty and sustained thanks: **Marel Rogers**. From mid-June until mid-August, the Tag Sale becomes Marel's full-time job! She attends to a million details; makes and re-makes plans; schedules and oversees volunteers; deals with all sorts of curveballs and contingencies ... and makes it all seem effortless! **Thank you, Marel**, for all your hard work, patience and good humor. We literally could not do this without you!

Looking forward: The next 'big event' in the life of our parish will be **Sunday, 11 September**, which is Homecoming Sunday. This day marks the kick-off of the parish's program year. The Choir will return ... adult education classes will

begin ... the vestry will resume from a summer break. We will have **one Eucharist, at 10:00 am**, on this Sunday, so that we can all come together as one big St Andrew's family. An **all-parish brunch** will follow.

The officers and I have an ask to make of you, however: *Please think about someone who used to attend worship at St Andrew's whom you haven't seen in a while.* Maybe they haven't come back after our COVID shut-down. Maybe they need a ride to church or some help getting around. Maybe they wonder whether there will be anyone to sit with. Whatever the reason, give them a call ... send them an email ... or—how retro!—send them a handwritten note ... and invite them to come to church with you on 11 September. Let's make this a true homecoming and fill the pews with as many of our family members as we can!

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 This week, the Town's contractor took down two of our trees along Main Street, to make way for the new sidewalks; they also removed the hedges that wrap around the corner of Bridge and Main. The root systems of the trees would have been too close to the new walkways, and the hedges would not have survived all the excavation. Once the sidewalk project is complete, the Town will replace the trees and hedges. Bruce Bennett, Kent's tree warden, will work with the Properties Commission regarding what to plant, and where.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 21 August :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 21 August :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 21 August :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 21 August :: 11:40 am

Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Monday, 22 August :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 24 August, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of St Bartholomew* (in-person and live-streamed)

Wednesday, 24 August :: 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, 25 August :: 1:00 pm

Thursday Afternoon Club

Thursday, 25 August :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 25 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***

Saturday, 03 September

12:00 – 4:00 pm

St Andrew's Bake Sale at the KLM Carnival

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!

**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

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 this Thursday, **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, email 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!

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.

Lectons for this Week

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost *Year C*

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



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

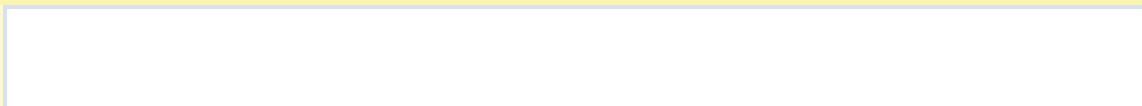
Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

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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