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Christ the King
(Final Sunday after Pentecost)

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well. One of the most meaningful—and joyful—lessons I learned during seminary was the deep and mysterious spiritual power of *stillness*. More than a mere lack-of-motion, stillness is a centering of your body and all your energies. More than mere silence, stillness is a quieting of your thoughts and a conscious opening of your spirit to the Holy Spirit, Who is always all around you.

Advent is perhaps the perfect season to explore ... to 'try on' ... the practice of stillness. Unlike Christmastide and Eastertide, Advent's end is contemplation and renewal and not celebration. Not having quite the same penitential focus as Lent, Advent offers us more spiritual opportunity to just 'be' in time and space ... in body and soul ... with Christ and let the Spirit carry us wherever It will.

If the notion of stillness intrigues you ... or if you're looking for an opportunity to practice it in community with others (which, somehow, always amplifies its power) ... I invite and encourage you to come to our first annual **Advent Quiet Day**, on **Saturday 04 December**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will pray the Daily Office and hear four brief meditations on the canticles of Advent. We will also enjoy a simple lunch of soup, salad and bread. But the bulk of our time together will be the practice of stillness: ample invitation to pray or study Scripture or journal or paint or write or walk or read reflectively, or anything else that centers your soul ... with a few gathering times interspersed, when we may journey and pray together.

It is my sincere hope that in this time of centering and quiet, your *justbeing* with Jesus—He Who has come and is coming again—will be nourished and rooted in a way that opens you to the full *expectancy of Christ* as you make

your Advent journey.

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

Friday, 19 November	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Saturday, 20 November	NO Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room</i>)	9:30 am
Saturday, 20 November	Christmas Bazaar	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, 21 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Final Pentecost: Christ the King</i> (<i>in person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 21 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Final Pentecost: Christ the King</i> (<i>with music</i>) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, 21 November	Coffee Hour (<i>Great Room</i>)	11:35 am
Sunday, 21 November	Vestry (<i>Library</i>)	12:00 noon
Wednesday, 24 November	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 24 November	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 25 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:00 am

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Saturday, 27 November	Annual Christmas Tree Sale Begins	9:00 am
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Saturday, 27 November	KECNS Holiday Craft Fair	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday, 04 December	Advent Quiet Day	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday, 10 December	Music in the Nave: Messiah Sing-in Returns!	8:00 pm
Saturday, 11 December	KECNS Santa Breakfast	9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Saturday, 11 December	Showcase of Shakespeare Monologues, presented by Jane Farnol	4:00 pm
Saturday, 19 December	Blue Christmas Service (held jointly with First Congregational, in their sanctuary)	5:00 pm

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

- Pursuant to CDC guidelines, we are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status*, because the level of community transmission in Litchfield County is **Substantial** (or higher)
- There is **congregational singing**, at the 10:30 service only

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.

This Saturday, 20 November:
The Annual St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar!



The Christmas Bazaar is back! This year's Bazaar will be held **this Saturday, 20 November**, from 10:00-1:30. Do plan to stop by to pick up some holiday

gifts and goodies, pick up some lunch and say hi to Santa!

Please note that there will be no Cook's Table this year. Also, all lunches will be take-out only.

Time to Start Thinking About the Christmas Tree Sale, Too!



The order has been placed, and soon the racks will be going up on the North Lawn. Yes, the annual Christmas Tree Sale is less than a month away!

We have between 250 and 300 trees coming this year. They will be arriving on the morning of Saturday, 27 November, and the sale will kick off at 10 am that day. It will then continue every Friday (4 – 6 pm), Saturday (10 am – 6 pm) and Sunday (12 – 5 pm) until we run out of trees. We need plenty of volunteers to help sell. If you can help, please be in touch with **Chris Rehkow** (crehkow@ncsplus.com or 917-544-1763).

St Andrew's New Refugee Resettlement Team: Now's the Time to Get Involved!



As of this week, a dedicated team of nine volunteers now comprises the **St Andrew's Refugee Resettlement Team**. As part of the wider effort being coordinated by the Washington Consortium of Congregations, our parish team will be responsible for *all the housing needs of a refugee family that will be settling in the New Milford area sometime early next year*. Our work will include securing them an apartment, furnishing it, getting all of the utilities connected, stocking the fridge and the pantry, etc.

Our work will be front-loaded: It will happen very early in the resettlement

process, and it is one of the first tasks that must be completed. What we provide ... and how we provide it ... will also be one of our family's first introductions to American hospitality and ways-of-life.

We are immensely grateful that **Andie Sehl** and **Sid Head** have volunteered to be the co-leaders of our team. Thank you so much, Andie and Sid!!

We can always use more help. If you would like to get involved, or if you have questions, please be in touch with Fr Douglas.

In Honor of Sr Mary Lanning: Thanksgiving Dinner Continues!



Mary Lanning's sister Ellie has let us know that a dedicated group of Mary's family, friends and fans are continuing the tradition of Thanksgiving Dinner for unhoused people living in Harlem, through the StreetCorner Gourmet. They are all set with volunteers and food, but additional funds are always needed to help defray costs. If you would like to contribute to this beautiful gift of love and hospitality in Mary's memory, please go to the team's GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/0cc1a909>.

Save the Date: Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, 04 December



Both Advent and Lent are more reflective, contemplative seasons in our liturgical calendar, and in many parishes, it is customary to offer a Quiet Day during each of them. This is a spiritual practice we're going to 'try on' here at St Andrew's.

On Saturday, 04 December, we will gather from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for a day of quiet liturgy (Morning, Noonday and Evening Prayer); some reflections on the canticles of Advent; and individual prayer and meditation. A quiet lunch will be provided, as well. There will be ample 'free' time throughout the day to walk, to journal or write, to pray and—perhaps best of all—just to be quiet: to still ourselves and allow the expectancy of Advent settle into our beings and color our journey through this profound season, which has far more depth than just being a countdown to Christmas.

If you are planning to attend, please let Fr Douglas know, so we can get an accurate count for lunch.

The Beloved *Messiah* Sing-In Returns: Friday, 10 December



Hallelujah! We're back with our 10th annual Messiah Sing-In on Friday, December 10th at 8 pm in the Nave. James Sinclair leads the Sherman Chamber Ensemble and guest soloists in a performance of Part One (the Nativity) and the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's glorious Messiah.

And who did we get for a chorus? You! If you so desire, sit up front: we'll lend you a score and you lend us your voice. Or sit anywhere else and just enjoy the show. Either way, it's going to be an evening beautiful music and good times. (Masks will be required.)

Tickets are \$20 and available at <https://bit.ly/messiah10> or the door. Students are free. For more information, call 860-927-3486, email st.andrew.kent@snet.net, or visit www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html.

Saturday, 11 December: Shakespeare Comes to St Andrew's

Love. Lust. Longing. Rage and Revenge! Shakespeare wrote all about it, and it is as fresh today as it was 400 years ago. And you can watch it unfold on Saturday, 11 December, at 4:00 pm, right in the Nave of St Andrew's. Our own Jane Farnol is directing a showcase of monologues at the Sharon Playhouse, and on the 11th, we will enjoy Kent's own performance of an abridged version. It's sure to be a soul stirring event! A free-will offering will be received.

After the showcase, there will be a wine-and-cheese reception in the Parish House, complete with a book signing by Jane. Her abridged version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be available for purchase. What a lovely stocking stuffer!

Help Support Kent Education Center & Nursery School

Our tenant and neighbor KECNS has two fun fund-raising events coming up, which we're inviting you to consider supporting:



ECCT: Annual Convention Summary



On 23 October, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut held its 237th annual convention. (Ours may be the longest continuously running convention in the entire Church.) While the convention was held via Zoom, it still featured a virtual tour of the fully renovated Cathedral in Hartford; worship, in Morning Prayer; and a final address by Bp Ian Douglas, who will be retiring next year.

In addition to approving next year's budget and compensation levels and electing officers and commission / committee members, the convention also adopted several resolutions:

- Recognizing All Saints, in Cornwall, and the diocesan mission at Seabury House, in Bloomfield, as Intentional Episcopal Communities, thus giving them official status within ECCT
- Committing all parishes to become active in advocacy for the climate and to conduct an energy audit, with a view toward improving energy efficiency and reducing consumption
- Committing the diocese to explore and implement appropriate ways to foster right relationship with Indigenous Episcopalians and with our Indigenous neighbors; and forming a Task Force on Relationships with Indigenous People
- Committing the diocese to review and explore ways to reduce the administrative burden on parishes of complying with our Safe Church policies, without reducing our commitment to keeping our local communities safe for all vulnerable people
- Increasing the diocese's investment in young adult ministry; and
- Examining the impact of various social biases within the Church's clergy disciplinary processes

If you'd like to read more about any of these resolutions, you may do [so](#)here.

A Women's Day Retreat: Saturday, 20 November

Saint John's Parish in Niantic is sponsoring a one-day retreat for women entitled "A Waiting Place: Embracing the Space Between 'What is' and 'What will be' on Saturday, 20 Nov, from 9:30 am - 3 pm at Mercy by the Sea. *From St John's:*

Is God leading you to a time of waiting — that space between 'what was' and 'what will be'? It's in this sacred space where the old is finally able to fall away and a new creation can arise in its place. During this day of retreat, we'll encourage each other to confront and finally embrace this waiting place through thoughtful meditations as well as guided group and individual prayer and reflection. Space is limited to 20 people and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You may register online [here](#).

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, Leah Pullaro. In addition, Leah has told us how useful it is for her 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 Leah'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 Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00 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 Final Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King**

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2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalm 132
Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37



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)

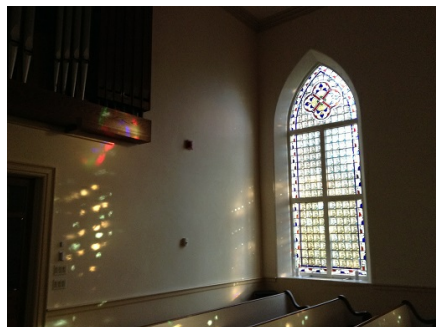
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resumed



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