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The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

From Katherine Almquist, Junior Warden

In April of 2020, my sisters and I started a Book Group via Zoom. We are in various parts of the country and it was a wonderful way to connect Tucson, Chicago and Sharon. There was not any theme. We take turns picking a book. Those books have been varied: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", "The Devil and the White City", "The Pearl", "The Girl on the Balcony" (Olivia Hussey's autobiography. She was Juliet in Franco Zeffirelli's 1968 film), "In a Summer Season" (a personal favorite, by Elizabeth Taylor, the author, not the actress.) This month we are reading "When Breath Becomes Air." It is the story of a brilliant neurosurgeon, who dies of cancer at the age of 36. No spoiler alert: you learn that on the first page.

In some of these epistles, I have reflected on the importance of acting NOW. Saying "Thank You", "How are you?" (and really listening to the answer), "I love you." Appreciate everything we have, right now. Letting someone know how much you appreciate all they do. I agree with Randy's wonderful column of last week: take the time to thank Douglas and Jim. Let them know how much they will be missed.

Going back to the book: read it, if you have not. It is truly a celebration of life, quite funny in parts, and not solemn. Serious, yes. Life-loving, yes. This slim volume will spark great discussions. What is important? Death always wins and love never ends. It spoke to me so clearly and I want to share it with you.

Do not read the ending in a public place. I guarantee you will be sobbing.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 22 January :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany* (spoken)

Sunday, 22 January :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 22 January :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 22 January :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany* (with music)
(*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 22 January :: 11:40 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 23 January :: 11:00 am

Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 23 January :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 25 January :: 6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist: *The Conversion of St Paul* (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Thursday, 26 January :: 1:00 pm

Thursday Afternoon Club

Thursday, 26 January :: 6:00 pm

Parish Potluck & Farewell

Thursday, 26 January :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 26 January :: 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***

Thursday, 26 January, 6:00 pm

Parish Potluck Supper and Farewell to Fr Douglas & Jim

Saturday, 04 February, 3:00 pm

Music in the Nave Presents: The Whiffenpoofs

Sunday, 05 February

One Eucharist at 10:00 am & the Parish's Annual Meeting

Parish Potluck & Farewell: Thursday, 26 January, 6:00 pm



Please mark your calendars! There will be a Parish Potluck on **Thursday, 26 January, at 6:00 pm**. St Andrew's will bid a fond farewell to Father Douglas and Jim. Bring your favorite dish to share. Wine and other beverages will be provided. Enjoy delicious food and fellowship as we lift a glass to toast them.

-- Katherine Almquist, Director of Hospitality

Save the Date: Parish Annual Meeting, 05 February



On 05 February 2023, we hold our annual meeting. Please plan to attend. Canon Tim Hodapp and Amber Page Gehr of the Connecticut diocese

will be with us, to start us on the path of calling a new rector. (We will *not* be searching for a priest-in-charge whose term as such would be limited to three years). The preliminary schedule on this Sunday following Douglas' final Sunday with us follows:

1. *There will be one service at 10:00 am*, at which Canon Hodapp will preside and preach.
2. Immediately following the service, Tim and Amber will address the parish about the rector search, the steps we will need to take and the support we will get from the diocese.
3. Immediately following that, we will hold our annual meeting, at which time we will elect a new class for the vestry, among other business. A light lunch will be served in the Parish Hall once the meeting has adjourned.

Please make every effort to attend the 10:00 am service on February 5th and what follows. Most of us have a lot to learn about the process of calling a rector. In the meantime, your wardens and vestry will do their best to keep everyone informed.

Music in the Nave Presents The Whiffenpoofs, Saturday, 4 February



Dear Friends,

Guess what? The fabulous Whiffenpoofs are coming to town! Be sure to catch them at St. Andrew's on Saturday, February 4th at 3 p.m.

Each year, fourteen Yale seniors become the new lineup of America's oldest collegiate *a cappella* group and perform more than 200 concerts around the globe, delighting fans with jazz standards, hits through the decades, and their famous Whiffenpoof humor. Let them entertain you!

Tickets are \$30 at <https://bit.ly/whif> and the door. For more information,

call 860-927-3486, email office.sa.kent@gmail.com, or visit www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html.

See you there!

Music in the Nave

Good News: FISH Transportation Is Restarting



Kent's volunteer transportation program has started up again.

FISH volunteers provide transportation to **medical and dental appointments *only*, outside of Kent**; and to medical and dental appointments, the IGA, hairdresser, Food Bank, banks, etc within Kent. Medical appointments take priority over other kinds of rides.

FISH clients must be ambulatory and able to get in and out of a vehicle on their own. The volunteer drivers are all vaccinated and ask that users be vaccinated as well. FISH provides rides when family members, neighbors, the NW Transit District bus and other options are not available—and when volunteers are available. Rides are provided Monday through Friday before 5:00 pm and not on holidays.

Rides must be scheduled as early as possible and definitely at least three-to-five days before the need. To schedule a ride, call Carol at Kent Fabrics at 860 927-3640. *The best time to call is a weekday morning.*

For longer and more distant appointments, FISH will encourage use of the Northwest Transit District Dial-a-Ride program (860-489-2535).

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 Third Sunday After the Epiphany *Year A*

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1,5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23



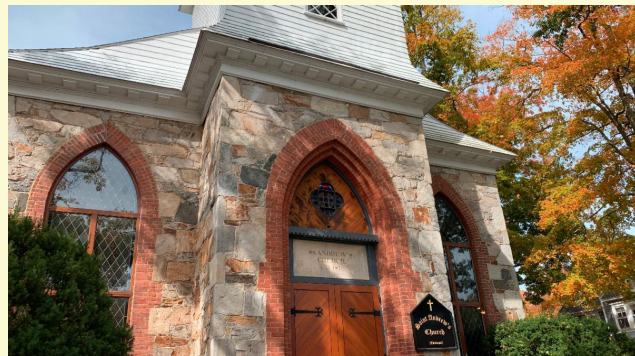
Past Services and Homilies

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.
(Parish House)

Thursdays

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm
(Parish House)



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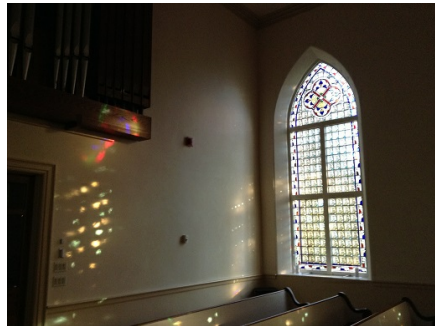
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