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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 Sunday
In person
for 25 people with masks at
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(Also available live on
YouTube)

-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist 6.00 p.m. Resumed (25 people with masks)

> **-Friday**ver & Medit

Prayer & Meditation 5.30 p.m. Resumed (25 people with

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Friday, 21 August
Prayer and Meditation at 5.30 p.m.
*In person for 25 people (with masks)
*Sign up with Irene Connors
collageconnors@gmail.com
860.592.0030

Sunday, 23 August
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m.
*In person services for 25 people (with masks)
*Sign up to attend with Irene Connors
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860.592.0030

*The 10.30 a.m. Service is also available
live on YouTube
which you can access
through our website
www.standrewskentct.org
or
the Saturday Epistle link

Monday, 24 August
Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
The Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle
*In person services for 25 people (with masks)
*Sign up to attend with Irene Connors
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Tuesday, 25 August Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call or email only

Wednesday, 26 August
Holy Eurcharist at 6 p.m.
*In person for 25 people (with masks)
*Sign up with Irene Connors

masks)

Holy Days as

860.592.0030 AA for Women meeting at 7 p.m. announced. (Zoom) *email us for info.

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) Resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room) Suspended

Parish Staff

The Rev. Douglas S. Worthington, **Provisional** Clergy in Charge frdouglas.sax@gmail.com 860-592-0171

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, Verger

From The Reverend Douglas Worthington

collageconnors@gmail.com

Dear people of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you all are doing well. Now that I have settled in a bit, I thought it would be a good time to share with you a bit about my schedule and the various ways you can get in touch with me.

Office hours

I will generally be in my office in the parish house

Saturday through Wednesday, unless I am in an off-site meeting, calling on someone, etc. (Thursday and Friday are my days off, at least for now.) If I have to step over to the rectory for any reason, I will leave a note on the door indicating that you can find me therejust come knock on the back door. Please feel free to call or come by if you would like to speak with me! You are also welcome to make an appointment in advance if you'd like, but you certainly don't have to.

Phone and email

For everyday communication that isn't urgent, you can send email to my personal account (frdouglas.sak@gmail.com). I also check the parish's email account (st.andrew.kent@snet.net) at least once a day. You can also call the parish's main number (860-927-3486). Heather or I will answer if we are in; otherwise, you can leave a voicemail, which I also check once a day.

As I mentioned in a previous column, I think it is a priest's most sacred duty and highest privilege to accompany parishioners who desire it in their moments of joy and grief, of anxiety and anticipation. If you **need to reach me urgently**, please do call me at 860-592-0171. This is the rectory phone number, but it also rings on my cell phone simultaneously.

Getting acquainted

Finally, over the next several months, I would like to visit with and get to know as many of you as I can. I'm looking forward to having informal 'meet and greet' chats with individuals, couples and families. I am happy to do this via Zoom ... or over the telephone ... or at your home, either outdoors or indoors (masked and socially distanced, of course!), as you prefer. Heather will be coordinating these introductory sessions. Please call her at the church office or send her an email (st.andrew.kent@snet.net), and she will set something up for us!

Jim and I are experiencing such a warm welcome to St Andrew's. Thank you! As we slowly approach the end of the summer, I am looking forward to getting better acquainted with you, hearing what you're thinking and learning how I can assist you in the Christian journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

In the peace and love of Christ, Douglas

Adding to the Prayer List

Now that he has joined us, our new provisional clergy-incharge will be administering our prayer list. Phone or email Douglas and ask him to add names to the list, so we can offer our prayers. And please remember to let Douglas know when he 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.

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

St Andrew's Histories

Reprints are now available for the two histories of St Andrew's:

"A Brief History of St Andrew's Church" published in 1957 which begins with the inception of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in 1760 and documents the development of St. Andrew's through 1956.

"Half a Century: 1957 to 2009, an Anecdotal Account of St Andrew's Episcopal Church" which picks up the story of St. Andrew's through the voices of parishioners.

Copies of each of these histories are available in the narthex or by contacting Heather in the parish office. We ask that you consider a donation of \$8 for each history in order to help to defray the cost of printing.

St Andrew's Garden

St. Andrew's garden maintained by Jake and Marel, has started to produce vegetables. All are welcomed to help tend the garden, get out

and get some air. All produce has been given to Mariam Jones who has given it to people who normally would not get fresh veggies. Compost donated by Kent Falls Brewery.

Wednesday & Friday Evening Services

At a time when parishioners are wisely cautious about social distancing, we're reminding folks of other worship opportunities at St Andrew's.

On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, we offer Holy Eucharist, often led by Steve Klots, who always does a homily worth showing up for. There's usually only a small number of people who attend and no group singing (or even humming!). It's just a quiet gathering of people for reflective, end-of-the-day prayer and the chance to spend a half an hour inside the church we love.

On Fridays at 5:30 pm, we offer a Meditation Service at which, usually, just a few folks gather to quietly recite three small prayers, then sit together in reflective silence for 20 minutes. It is a nice meditative way to end the week. And, at a time of separation, it's a blessing just to sit in the sacred space of the church and absorb the spirit of the place.

"We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries...."

--The Book of Common Prayer ("Prayer for Consecration a Church")

"For when two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them."

--Matthew 18:20

Find Your Joy



Crafting As Spiritual Practice Event: Find Your Joy

Join the NE Region for a Crafting As Spiritual Practice day focused on Joy!

We will meet on Saturday, 12 September, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm via zoom.

More information can be found HERE

Northwest Region Weekly Events

COME JOIN US!

NORTHWEST REGION WEEKLY EVENTS



EACH DAY: 7:30AM: MORNING PRAYER 8:30PM: COMPLINE

TUESDAY: NW REGION GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY AT 4PM

WEDNESDAY: NW REGION MEDITATION AT 6PM

THURSDAY: NW REGION DWELLING IN THE WORD AT 10:30AM

Please email Dylan Mello at dmello@episcopalctorg for login and password information

Racial Healing Resources

Racial Healing, Justice, Reconciliation, and Education Resources

A digital library, network of information, and educational resources to help introduce foundational concepts, language, and tools to help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening their hearts and minds about the sin of racism are available.

https://www.episcopalct.org/ecct-events/season-of-racial-healingjustice-and-reconciliation/resources/

PDF list of Resources

https://www.episcopalct.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/BLM_resources_donate_1.pdf

Black Lives Matter Resources & Organizations to Support

https://www.episcopalct.org/blm/

ECCT's Racial Justice Resource Coordinator: Kelli Ray Gibson kgibson@episcopalct.org

Racial Ministry Network

Racial Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Ministry Network

This is a network comprised of lay and clergy persons who are passionate about and strive for racial healing, justice, reconciliation and restoring all human beings to each other, the church, and God.

https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/ministrynetworks/racialhealingjusticereconciliation/

Zoom Bible Study



Northwest Region Zoom Bible Study

Rev. Martha Tucker is leading a NW Region Bible Study on Tuesdays at 4PM! We are looking at the Gospel of John! All are welcome to join!! The zoom link is below.

https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/786414686

Please contact Dylan Mello with any questions at dmello@episcopalct.org

PraiseMoves!



Looking for a way to stretch, exercise and hear the Word of God? Then try

PraiseMoves!

Now, easy to do right in the comfort of your own home. Mary Perry, Certified PraiseMoves Instructor from St. Paul's Brookfield will be holding Zoom classes

Saturdays at 10:00

Message her at <u>maryperry2@me.com</u> for the link. Come, try it out! Appropriate for all Fitness Levels!

PraiseMoves for Kids!



Message her at <u>maryperry2@me.com</u> for the link.

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.

ECCT COVID-19 Resources

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has put together many resources for us to utilize. There are financial resources for parishes, self-care information, and livestream information as well. Please see

HERE

or the link below to explore current news, events, and offerings.

https://www.episcopalct.org/covid-19-coronavirusupdates/

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/

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!

Homily

Please click on the link below in order to hear or read

the Homilies located on our website.

click on **Homily**

The Lections this Week

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16; Year A

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 147 & 147; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20