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Jesus Reads in the Nazareth Temple The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

# From Chris Rehkow, Senior Warden

Is it cold enough for you?

After a wonderful and busy Christmas season here at St. Andrews, I like this time of the year to reflect back on the year just past and look forward to the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to the upcoming annual meeting of the parish on February 6. I hope you can all attend if you are able. We'll have a chance to examine where we have been and where we would like to go.

So please take this time to think of anything that you would like to start doing, or continue doing here at St. Andrews. And don't hesitate to communicate with Douglas, Randy or me about the upcoming meeting. Pray that we follow the spirit where it leads us in the upcoming year. And throw another log on the fire!

See you soon.

Chris

### This Week at St Andrew's

Please note: Father Douglas is away on vacation and will return on the 29 Jan. Please do call him (860-592-0171) in case of a pastoral emergency. He will not be checking email very regularly while he is away.

Friday, 21 January

**Prayer & Meditation** 

5:30 pm

Saturday, 22 January

**Choir Rehearsal** 

9:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *Epiphany 3* Sunday, 23 January 8:30 am (in person only) Sunday, 23 January Holy Eucharist: *Epiphany 3* 10:30 am (in person and live-streamed) Coffee Hour Sunday, 23 January 11:40 am Wednesday, 26 January Mid-Week Evening Prayer 6:00 pm Wednesday, 26 January A.A. for Women (Zoom 7:00 pm meeting; email us for info) A.A. Meeting (Parish House) Thursday, 27 January 7:30 am Thursday, 27 January **NO Al-Anon Meeting** 7:00 pm (Suspended until March)

### Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

POSTPONED Kent Memorial Library

Centennial Celebration:
Bricks and Books, A
Dramatized History of the

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Wednesday, 02 February Holy Eucharist: *Feast of the* 6:00 pm

Presentation (Candlemas) (in-person and live-streamed)

**Annual Meeting of the Parish** 

Sunday, 06 February & Luncheon 11:40 am

Tom Holcombe's Final

Sunday, 27 February Service & Farewell 11:40 am

#### 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 High
- 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.

# In Two Weeks: Annual Meeting of the Parish & Luncheon, Sunday, 06 February



The parish's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, 06 February 2022, immediately after the 10:30 Eucharist, followed by a luncheon\* in the Parish House. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the recent Omicron surge, the meeting will be held both in-person, in the Nave, and via Zoom. Whichever way you choose to attend, all members in good standing (whom the Church calls "communicant members") will be able to see, hear, speak and vote. Dial-in information for the Zoom call will be available the week before the meeting.

\* If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to KC (office.sa.kent@gmail.com) by Monday, 31 January.

After the reports of the Priest-in-Charge and the Senior Warden and acceptance of the written reports of various commissions and committees, there will be three main items of business:

- Treasurer Steve Morocco's financial report for 2021 and presentation of the budget for 2022, which the Vestry approved at its meeting on 16 January.
- Adoption of **new bylaws for the parish**. (Our current bylaws were adopted in 1970 and are very out-of-date.) The proposed new bylaws are printed in the Annual Report (see below).
- Election of new officers, vestry members and others. The Nominating Committee has compiled the following slate of outstanding candidates:
- o Senior Warden (two-year term): Randy DiPentima
- Junior Warden (two-year term): Katherine Almquist
- Vestry Class of 2025 (three-year terms): Patricia Nordskog, Judy Perkins and Michael Ward
- Vestry Class of 2024 (to fill the unexpired terms of Katherine Almquist and Janet Rivkin, who has stepped down): Anne Everett and Ned Reade
- Delegates to ECCT Annual Convention: Christopher Rehkow and Randy DiPentima
- Alternate Delegates to Convention: Ron Marasco and Eric Roper
- o Nominating Committee Chair: Charmian Place

Printed copies of the Annual Report, which includes an agenda for the meeting as well as reports and the proposed new bylaws, are available for pick-up in the Narthex and the Parish Office, as of Sunday, 23 January. We can also mail or email you a copy, upon request: Please contact KC in the Parish Office, at 860-927-3486 or office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

The snow date for the Annual Meeting will be Sunday, 13 February.

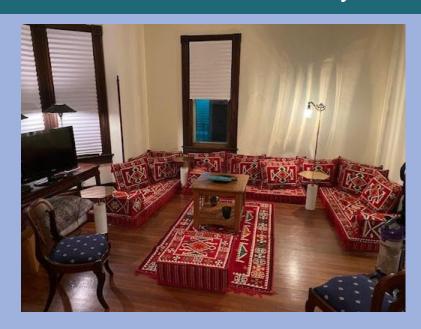
# St Andrew's is Now Hiring: Christian Educator

As you may recall, hiring someone to re-establish our Christian education program was one of the three key recommendations the Visioning Team made to the Vestry in the fall and that the Vestry heartily endorsed. We are delighted to report that we have finalized the job description for **our new Christian Educator position**.

We are now looking for someone who will work ten hours per week. Her or his main responsibilities will be a Sunday morning education program for children and a once-a-week after-school children's activity time. We know there are already parents in our parish family who want their children to have 'Sunday school,' and we're also mindful that other families might wish to 'try on' St Andrew's in other ways and at other times than on Sunday morning. Our new Christian Educator will take up both of these opportunities.

The complete job description, including application information, is available here. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know and encourage them to apply!

# Refugee Resettlement: The House is All Ready







Sid Head and Andie Sehl, co-leads of St Andrew's Refugee Resettlement Team, recently sent this update to all the members of the Team:

Well, as you know our work setting up the house is coming to a close. We now have all the furnishings we need and cannot accept any more donations. Thanks to you all for your help and support thus far. A very special thanks to Judith Warrick for the many hours and lengthy coordination efforts to make the house a warm and welcoming home. Also, big thanks to John Michael Murphy, the designer who used the donated furnishings to create a beautiful and comfortable space.

Next for the Housing Team will be to show the house to the family, go over safety concerns and explain how things there work. We will help them understand the lease and how to work with the landlord. More to come on this.

Thanks for all you have done and contributed.

Sincerely, Sid and Andie

# From the Town of Kent: Seeking a New Director of Social Services



We've received the following from the Town of Kent and pass it along to you:

The Town of Kent is looking to hire a **Social Services Director**. The job is full-time, 32 hours a week, at \$30 per hour. Benefits package provided. Applications and a full job description are on the Town of Kent website: **townofkentct.org**. They are also available from the First Selectman's Office, Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, or by calling 860-927-4627.

Submit a cover letter, resume and application no later than 26 January 2022 to adminassist@townofkentct.org or Town of Kent, Attention Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 678, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

# Now Available: 2022 Liturgical Calendars



The new 2022 St Andrew's liturgical calendars are now in. There is a supply available in the Narthex—please take one. If you are not able to pick one up, please let the Parish Office know, and we will be glad to mail one to you. (You will notice that we are using a slightly different format this year that more closely tracks the feasts we keep here at St Andrew's.)

# 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. 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 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.

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The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21



## 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.

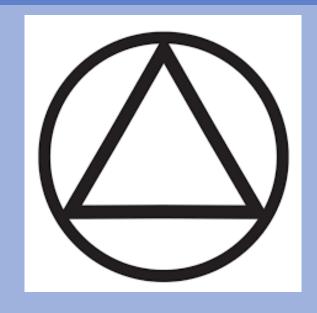
## Thursdays

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)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



### Parish Staff

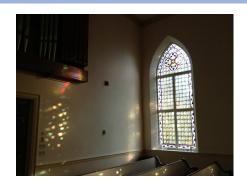
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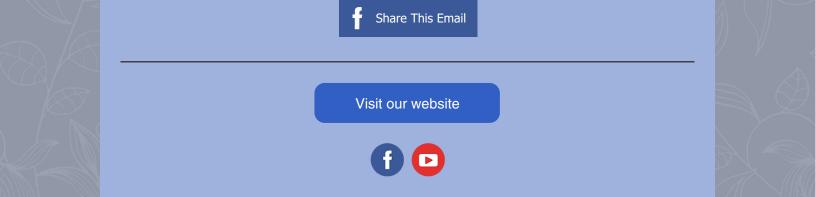
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