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Pentecost: Sunday, 23 May

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN. At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship, as follows:

- If you **are** fully vaccinated, you may attend worship without wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing, but you may do so if you choose to
- If you **are not** fully vaccinated, we request that you *either* wear a mask and maintain social distancing *or* attend our outdoor worship (Sundays at 12:30)
- We will **not** resume congregational singing at this time

In addition, it is no longer necessary to sign-up in advance to attend worship, but we will record the names of those who attend, in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

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.

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

One final time this season, I extend you my warmest wishes for a blessed Eastertide.

There is so much happening and changing right now! For the sake of both clarity and brevity, please forgive my using the shorthand of a bullet list to let you know what is going on:

Our worship life, generally

- As you have, no doubt, heard by now, we are **more fully opening for worship**. The parameters of St Andrew's new COVID status are stated above.
- We will begin **distributing Holy Communion** in one kind (*i.e.*, the Bread) this Sunday. This will be our practice at *all* Eucharists.
- Our **weekly outdoor Eucharist**—an abbreviated and less formal service—begins this Sunday at 12:30 on the lawn on the north side of the church.
- We will begin **receiving the offering** ('passing the plate') once again, also beginning this Sunday.
- **Coffee hour** after the 10:30 service will resume this Sunday, as well

The Feast of Pentecost: This Sunday

- To help celebrate this feast of the Holy Spirit, we invite everyone to **wear RED!**
- In keeping with our tradition and in imitation of the disciples' speaking in many tongues on that very first Pentecost, please feel free to **pray the Lord's Prayer in any language** you know!

In addition to all of this good news, the remainder of this edition of the *E-pistle* is loaded with news from Camp Washington, from our Presiding Bishop and from the Diocese of Connecticut. Please read on!

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All of this busy-ness and change, however, can threaten to overwhelm us; to make us anxious; to make us pray for some peace and spiritual serenity. Just as I was experiencing some of these feelings myself this week, the following message, written by renown Yale Divinity School Professor Miroslav Wolf, came into my inbox. I found it just what I needed. In case it's what you need, as well, I close this week's column with Prof Wolf's sage words.

I have long had a practice of walking. I find the daily movement through both natural and cultivated spaces to offer a bounty of inspiration and rejuvenation. Walks can be brisk and energizing. Sometimes they are restful and contemplative. Some are productive and invigorating to fresh insight. And when accompanied by a young child (as mine often are!), full of joy and

connection and wonder.

My recent hikes along the trails near my home in Connecticut have made the passing of seasons abundantly clear. We now find ourselves in a moment of transition. The green life of spring has emerged from the sleep of winter. The world is reopening after a year of closed doors, physical distance, and staying in one's place for the safety of all. The end of the school year and the brightness and hope of reinstated summer plans beckons!

In anticipation of the joys ahead, it can be tempting to sprint. We are impatient for something other than this. But sprinting is found more in competition, and harder to do together. When we walk, we can keep better pace with one another, staying in stride, and be fully present to each other.

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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Weekly Calendar

Friday, 21 May	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Friday, 21 May	A.A. meeting (<i>Great Room</i>)	8:00 pm
Saturday, 22 May	Choir Rehearsal / Recording (<i>Nave</i>)	9:30 am
Sunday, 23 May	Holy Eucharist: The Feast of Pentecost (spoken) (<i>in person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 23 May	Holy Eucharist: The Feast of Pentecost (with music) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, 23 May	Coffee Hour	11:35 am
Sunday, 23 May	Holy Eucharist: The Feast of Pentecost (<i>outdoors</i>)	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 26 May	Mid-week Evening Prayer (<i>in person only</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 26 May	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm

Thursday, 27 May

A.A. meeting (*Great Room*)

7:30 am

Thursday, 27 May

Al-Anon (*Great Room*)

7:00 pm

FROM OUR DIOCESAN CAMP: This Summer Is On!



Camp Washington Summer Camp begins in less than 60 days!

Are you registered yet?

Summer Camp '21 might look and feel a bit "different" than summers past and we are confident we can offer the fun, sun, friendship and memory-filled summer that has made Camp Washington famous! Sessions are filling up quickly, so [reserve your spot today](#).

P.S. In this ever-changing year, Camp Washington is desperately seeking staff: counselors, nurses, activity directors and the like. For a list of open positions, click [here](#).

FROM OUR PRESIDING BISHOP: Statement on the Violence in the Holy Land

The Most Rev Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, issued the following statement on May 13 as fighting continued to escalate in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

"One more time we awake to the news of violence. Reports come in, even as you read this, about violence that has caused death, life-changing injury and destruction of property and lives. Violence which is borne of frustration, rooted in injustice and the violation of international law and in truth, the violation of human rights and human decency. In the Name of the God of all creation, the violence must stop, regardless of where it comes from and to whom it is directed.

"One more time The Episcopal Church stands to say that violence is not the way forward. We say the expansion of Israeli settlements at the expense of Palestinian families must end. We say incitement which encourages violence must end. We say enough is enough.

"One more time The Episcopal Church encourages the government of the

United States and others who have influence, who are of goodwill and who genuinely seek peace to be partners in peacemaking, to bring about a negotiated settlement to the long-standing conflict which has consumed both Israelis and Palestinians.

"One more time we find ourselves full of sorrow and sadness. We find ourselves grieving over the loss of life, destruction of homes and the fear that lives in the hearts of tens of thousands of innocent people. We join all people of faith to offer up prayers for healing, wholeness, restoration and reconciliation.

"And we pray God to grant wisdom and courage to all those in authority to seek peace and pursue it without delay, without excuses, without confusion and with only one agenda: a negotiated and equitable agreement for peace between Israelis and Palestinians — once and for all."

IT'S BACK!! Tag Sale 2021

The Tag Sale will resume this year! Here is a quick look-ahead from Marel Rogers, who's heading up this year's sale.

Things to remember:

- The Sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 6, 7, and 8
 - 8 am - 4 pm on Friday
 - 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday
 - Noon - 2 pm on Sunday
- Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage
- Masks and social distancing will be required

For those wishing to donate:

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, July 5. Donation hours are 9am – 2pm Monday – Friday and 9 am – noon Saturday
- No mattresses, books, clothing or computers can be accepted
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken
- Those wishing to have larger items picked up should call Bob McDowell (860-488-1635) to arrange a time for pick up
 - All items must be outside for the volunteers to pick up
 - Items must be of a size and weight that can be lifted by not-so-young volunteers
 - No upholstered items can be accepted

For those who'd like to volunteer:

- Those who went to help with pricing, cashiering, wrapping and all the other things that happen before and during the Tag Sale should call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635). Pricing will begin on July 5th, and hours are flexible
- The POD will be unloaded and furniture place under the tent on Wednesday, August 4, starting at 4:30 pm

NOW AVAILABLE: Rogationtide Blessings of Gardens

This year, the Church will celebrate the Rogation Days—traditionally, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension—during the week of 09 May. During Rogationtide, prayers are lifted up especially for the crops, flowers and other plantings that are beginning to blossom and bloom: for their health, heartiness and abundance. There are many wonderful prayers for this.

Do you have a vegetable garden or a flower bed or even a yard that you've been laboring on this spring that you would like to have blessed? Father Douglas would be happy to come by and offer an outdoor blessing anytime. Just be in touch with him: Frdouglas.sak@gmail.com or 860-592-0171.

(We will also be making a special parish procession to the Kent Community Garden, where St Andrew's tends several plots, after the 10:30 service on the 9th.)

SAD NEWS IN OUR DIOCESE: Christ Church, Norwich, to Close



Christ Church, Norwich, shared the following news last week:

After months of talking and discerning together, thirty-five parishioners met via Zoom on Sunday, April 25, 2021, for an All-Parish Meeting. After a time of prayer and reflection, followed by the opportunity for questions and responses, a resolution to close the parish was presented and seconded. The vote in favor of closure was unanimous. Christ Episcopal Church, Norwich will have a final service planned for Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Bishop Laura Ahrens shared, "I have been inspired by the faithful parishioners of Christ Episcopal Church who have prayerfully walked this holy journey. For centuries, they have shared God's love with the City of Norwich and beyond.

The sadness in this moment is real and so too is the wonder and curiosity about how God is calling us to share the message of new life in new ways. We are a people of hope and resurrection and we will continue to walk together to listen to God's call." [Read more here.](#)

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Kimberly know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

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.*

Lectons for this Week

Day of Pentecost

Year B

Acts 2:1-21;
Psalm 104: 25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27;



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
for 25 people with masks at
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.
(25 people with masks)

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.
(25 people with masks)

-Holy Days-

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



12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting
email us for info.

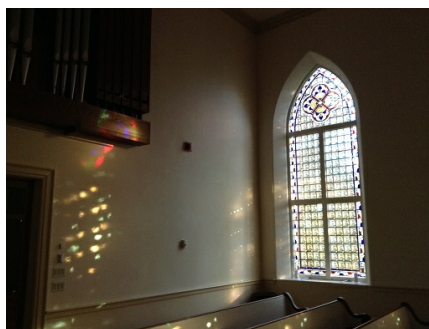
Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
resumed
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)
resumed

Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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