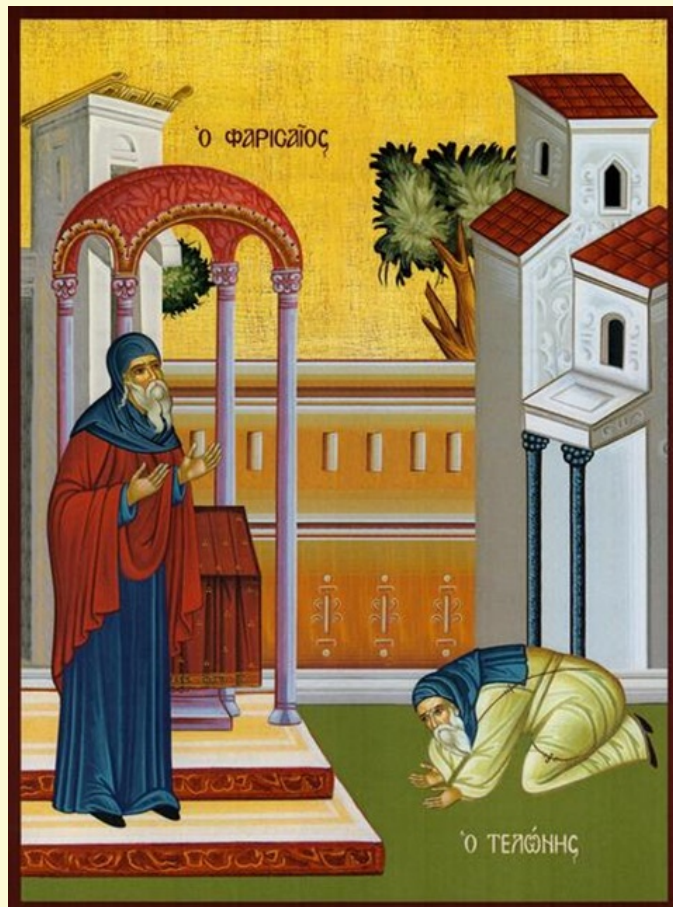




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**The Pharisee and the Publican (Tax Collector)**  
**Luke 18:9-14 :: Proper 25, Year C**

From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden

We, as baptized Christians, have the power to sanctify any moment. *The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp.*

I listened again to Canon Hodapp's homily from two weeks ago and was struck in particular by these words. They brought to mind blessed moments I have experienced due to the remarkable insight and empathy of many of you.

That same Sunday Canon Hodapp met with the vestry to discuss the mutual ministry review process that we must begin this January as part of Father Douglas and St. Andrew's journey together. We will also be electing a new class of vestry members (3 in total) at our 2023 annual meeting, and I hope that you will consider whether you yourself would serve or if there is some other parishioner who would serve St. Andrew's as a vestry member for the good of

our common life.

Speaking of our common life, there is a prayer from Compline that I think captures the spirit of our common life at St. Andrews. It contains the following phrase: "Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil."

Such toil includes the work of our properties commission to preserve and enhance our campus, the wise and compassionate care of all involved in ministering parish finances, the music commission in opening our doors, the altar guild in its preparing our beautiful church for worship, the Sunday service greeters and servers in enhancing our worship, the weekly efforts of our vergger and sacristan, those often unheralded who do so much behind the scenes for our weekly coffee hours, annual tag sale and bazaar, monthly soup kitchen service and care for those in need. There is a lot to do to keep a parish thriving, and I am quite sure I have missed something, like our church school leadership and our community outreach for example! I urge you to get in touch with Father Douglas or me if you are eager to be more a part of the common life of the parish as we head towards Advent.

Finally, one more example of that common life sustaining toil will occur on **Saturday October 29th**, beginning at 9:30 am and concluding with a pizza lunch when Michael Ward leads us in our autumnal cleanup. Please join him!

P S Father Douglas and Jim will be away on vacation through October 29. If you urgently need to speak with Douglas while he is gone, please call 860-592-0171. He has also arranged for clergy coverage in case of pastoral emergencies: Please call Douglas or me, and we'll connect you with a local priest right away.

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Sunday, 23 October :: 8:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*** (spoken)

Sunday, 23 October :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 23 October :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 23 October :: 10:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*** (with music)  
*(in-person and live-streamed)*

Sunday, 23 October :: 11:40 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 24 October :: 8:00 pm  
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 26 October :: 6:00 pm  
**Mid-week Evening Prayer**

Wednesday, 26 October :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 27 October :: 1:00 pm  
Thursday Afternoon Club (porch of Kingsley Tavern)

Thursday, 27 October :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 27 October :: 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***

Wednesday, 02 November 2:00 pm  
*All Souls' Day Eucharist for the Departed, with Reception to follow*

Saturday, 19 November  
*The Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar*

## All Souls' Day: Wednesday, 02 November



Each year, two days in the liturgical calendar are devoted to prayers for those who have died in the faith. Allhallowtide (or Allsaintstide) occurs on the first and second days of November (with, much more famously, All Hallows' (*that is, Saints*) Eve beginning after sunset on 31 October). On *All Saints' Day, 01 November*, we remember all of the apostles, prophets, martyrs and heroes of

the Church who have taught us so much, by word and example, through their living (and, sometimes, dying) among us. As a parish, we'll celebrate All Saints' twice this year: with a small, weekday Eucharist at 9:00 on the first, and also at both Eucharists on Sunday, 06 November.

On *All Souls' Day, 02 November*, we recall all of those who have passed on before us and now feast at the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for all of us. Also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, this day, for us, no longer dwells in notions of purgatory or harbors any *ifs* about salvation, for we know it is *assured* by our baptisms! But even so, there is something comforting, reassuring and even unifying in coming together each year to be in spiritual communion with our departed loved ones ... lift up their memories ... and pray for them just as we also pray for those whom we see in this life.

We will gather for our *Remembrance of the Faithful Departed at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, 02 November*. ***If you would like to submit the names of loved one who have died, we will include them on our Necrology, praying and tolling the church bell for each one by name. Please email the Parish Office or leave a voicemail, by Sunday, 30 October.*** A quiet reception in the Parish House will follow this liturgy.

## Thank You, Kent School Students!



*Michael Ward made the following report about several Kent School students who worked hard on our campus last week:*

I had the honor and pleasure to spend a few hours cleaning up the precinct at Saint Andrews on Main Street today.

Physics teacher and coach Mike Green arrived with many able-bodied students who did amazing work. We loaded and took one pick up truck full of compacted maple leaves to a local vegetable garden to compost. Those were all the leaves between the church and the rectory.

Then we attacked the two neglected corners of the back parking lot—one

behind the dumpster and one at the corner of the cemetery. Cleaned them all out and loaded up the brush.

The place is looking quite fresh! Thank you, thank you and thank you to Renee, Rocco, Blake, Peter, Robert, Engel and Mr Green.

I am attaching a couple of photos. I had a blast and hope the students had a little fun. We certainly appreciate their making the effort!!



Next Saturday, 29 October:  
Fall Clean-Up Day



Break out the rakes, brooms and gardening gloves, for it's once again time for Fall Clean-up Day, on **Saturday, 29 October, from 9:30 – 12:30!** Please come join Michael Ward and the Properties Commission for this important—and fun!—morning of cleaning up, sprucing up and polishing up our beautiful campus. There is plenty of work to do, for all levels of ability and interest. And when we're done, we'll have a pizza lunch at 12:30. See you there!

## Bringing Back the Flower Ministry: A Thought from Marel Rogers



I'd like to speak about flowers. I have been able to find only two references to flowers in the Gospels: both Matthew and Luke tell of Jesus speaking of the lilies of the field. And that's it. But flowers are a part of our worship, and as we begin the season of autumn, when the flowers growing around us are fading, perhaps we should think how we might bring the joy and beauty that they contribute to our Sunday worship to those who cannot attend St Andrew's.

There is a long list of names on the Prayer List. My suggestion to all of us is to find a person on that list, perhaps an old friend or perhaps someone you have not met, and take the Sunday flowers to them. Vases will be available in the Narthex: simply arrange one vase and make that visit. It can be Sunday

immediately after the 10:30 service, Monday or whenever you can visit that person.

Taking flowers to shut-ins, those recovering from an illness or welcoming a new baby, someone mourning a loss or someone who could just use a lift used to be a regular part of how St Andrew's parishioners cared for each other. We can do it again, and I predict we'll find as much joy in making these visits as those we visit find in receiving them.

— *Marel Rogers*

## Just Around the Corner: The Annual Christmas Bazaar



Each year St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar signals the approach of Advent. And before the Bazaar can welcome shoppers, we will be arranging donations of Christmas décor, Golden Treasures, jewelry and Christmas tree ornaments. Please take some time this month to look over your own treasures and set them aside for the Bazaar. We will begin accepting donations on 01 November, and the Bazaar will be held on 19 November.

The Bazaar is also filled with good food! Baked good, preserves and relishes all will be accepted all day on the 18<sup>th</sup> and also before 9 am on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this coming weekend to be 'stir up Sunday' for finding recipes and planning on your culinary donations.

The funds raised by the Bazaar support worthy charities close in Kent and the surrounding region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## 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-

## 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.

## Lectons for this Week



**The Twentieth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Year C**

Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65:1-8  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18  
Luke 18:9-14



## 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. - **new**  
(Parish House)

### **Wednesdays**

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

### **Thursdays**

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



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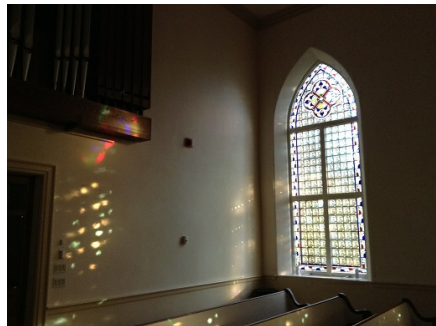
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