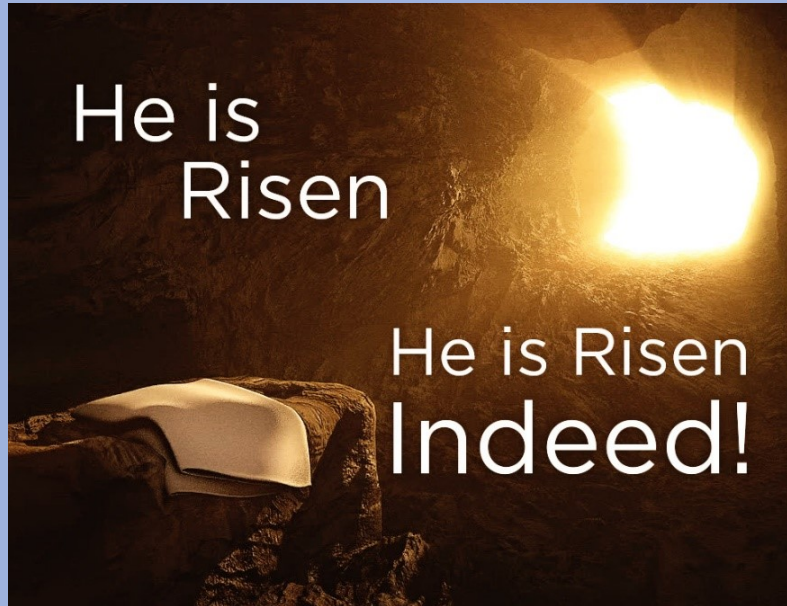




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He is
Risen

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Indeed!

From Katherine Almquist, Junior Warden

I recently watched "Gentlemen's Agreement." It certainly was not the first time I had seen it. I am a huge fan of "Hollywood's Golden Age" and this 1947 movie was considered ground-breaking in its day. It was mentioned in a memoir I was reading, and it piqued my interest and bore another viewing. Gregory Peck plays a writer assigned to investigate Anti-Semitism—at work, hotels, country clubs. Gregory's fiancée, Dorothy McGuire, floats through, always elegantly attired, perfectly coiffed, looking as though she should have a champagne flute in hand, whatever the hour. To say the script is not exactly nuanced is an understatement. Bombastic is more its approach. There is one scene, however, that completely captivated me, because it struck such a real note. After a frothy cocktail party, Dorothy bemoans the Anti-Semitic comments she heard. The casual cruelty, so taken for granted. The arch, veiled remarks that pass for wit. The John Garfield character gives it right back to her: "What did you do about it?"

What did you do about it?

It just stuck in my mind. What did you do about it?

It also reminded me of what a friend (a very young friend, a six-year-old friend) told me about a daily reminder that his teacher gives her class: "Be Kind." His dear mother has added another phrase to this: "If you can't be kind, be quiet."

How many times have we heard unkind words said? Not an all-out attack, mind you, but unthinking, at someone else's expense? Someone else who is not there. What is the "right" reaction? Pointing out the error of the speaker's ways will get you nowhere fast, earn you an enemy and usually guarantee that you will be the next target.

What if Dorothy McGuire's character had simply said, "Why do you feel that way?" And waited for an answer?

We have all just come through Holy Week. Truly, a roller-coaster of emotions. Father Douglas brought to vivid, blazing life the events that took place over two thousand years ago—the devastation when betrayed by one who was thought to be a dear friend, the humiliation of being mocked, the agony of physical pain—and through it all, how many people DID anything about it? Who SAID anything about it?

Spring is here, although it seems rather reluctant at times. It is the blessed season of hope. The triumph of renewal. Let's embrace the sunshine and the bounty that is to come.

Let's do something about it.

This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 22 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Sunday, 24 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 2</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 24 April	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Sunday, 24 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 2</i> (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, 24 April	M&O Commission	12:00 noon
Sunday, 24 April	Easter tide Evening Prayer and Benediction (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	4:30 pm
Monday, 25 April	Bible Study: <i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	11:00 am
Monday, 25 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Feast of St Mark</i> (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Monday, 25 April	LGBTQ+ A.A.	8:00 pm
Tuesday, 26 April	<i>The Way of Love</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 27 April	Midweek Holy Eucharist (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm

Wednesday, 27 April	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 28 April	A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 28 April	A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 28 April	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>Old Vestry Room</i>)	7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Sunday, 01 May	Sherman Chamber Ensemble: <i>Best of Baroque</i>	4:00 pm
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Sunday, 22 May	<p>Visit to St Andrew's by the Rev Tim Hodapp, ECCT's Canon for Mission, Advancement & Coaching – Tim will preach at both Eucharists and then meet with the parish during coffee hour to talk about the priest-in-charge transition process we're in the midst of; later, he will meet with the Vestry, as well</p>	
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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!



What a moving Holy Week ... and glorious Easter ... we had here at St Andrew's! The week from Palm Sunday through Easter Day was packed with liturgies and events that expressed the emotions, captured the meanings and shared the joy of this most special time of the liturgical year. And this happened only because of the tireless efforts of so many volunteers who dedicate themselves to serving our parish family:

- **Marel Rogers, George-Ann Gowan, Candace Conard and the whole Altar Guild**, who set the Sanctuary for each service; clean and put away everything after every Holy Communion; create amazing floral displays; polish and shine; launder, fold and iron – they make it look so easy when, in fact, it takes many, many hours of work and years of experience
- **Susan Guse and our Mighty Choir**, who supplied hymns, anthems, voluntaries, psalms and responses for all of our liturgies, one day after another. It is the most demanding time of year for any choir ... and all the more so this year, as Susan joined us only on Ash Wednesday: She had to get to know the choir, our repertoire, our organ ... and just about everything else! And she and the Choir pulled it all off just wonderfully. And special thanks to **Herman Compton** for the trumpet on Palm Sunday and Easter; to **Matt Guse** for the double bass on Good Friday; and **Michael Chamberlin** for the exquisite rendering of Psalm 22 on Maundy Thursday during the Stripping of the Altar
- **Katherine Almquist and her Hospitality volunteers** for organizing both the Maundy Thursday Parish Potluck and the Easter Grand Coffee Hour with such panache and aplomb
- **George Potts, Sarah Marshall, KC Compton, Michael Chamberlin, Elise and Eric Cieplik, Mark Hanley and so many others** for organizing a wildly successful Easter Egg dyeing on Saturday and Egg Hunt on Sunday ... and to the **anonymous donors** who generously supplied all the candy!
- And, of course, all the **greeter/ushers, readers, servers and acolytes** who staffed every liturgy and made these complicated, once-a-year services run like clockwork

Thank *you*, as well—all of you who generously donated sneakers, shoes and socks to Abraham House for our Maundy Thursday 'feet offering.' We collected **43 pairs of shoes and a healthy crop of socks**, which we'll deliver early in May—perhaps with some members of Sr Mary Lanning's family.

My heart is full of joy, of praise and, most of all, of gratitude for all who contributed so much to make this season what it has been. We could not—and would not *want* to—do it without any of you! THANK YOU!!

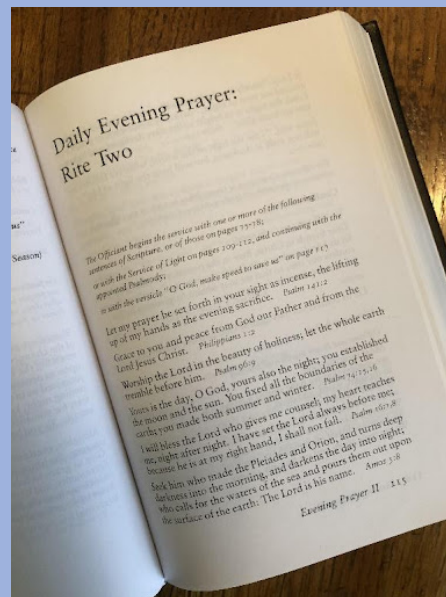
-- Fr Douglas

The Thursday Afternoon Club: A New Fellowship Group



Over the past couple of months, we have begun a new fellowship group at St Andrew's, called the **Thursday Afternoon Club**. This is an informal, unstructured time for women who have been widowed to come together to talk, to share, to laugh and, perhaps, to make some plans for an evening out or a walk in the woods. The Thursday Afternoon Club will now meet **every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm, in the Parish House Great Room**. If you are interested, please drop by any Thursday. There is nothing to prepare, nothing to bring and nothing you need to do. Just come by for some conversation, some caring and some great company!

During Eastertide: Evening Prayer and Benediction



Each Sunday during Eastertide this year, we will be praying Evening Prayer at 4:30. Some think of this office as the quintessential Anglican liturgy: quiet in tone, relaxed in pace and reflective. On 15 May, we will hold the office of Evensong—*sung* Evening Prayer—led by the visiting ensemble Saecula Schola Cantorum.

Following Evening Prayer, we will offer the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, for those who wish to stay. This is a brief but powerful liturgy in which we reverence and contemplate the Presence of Christ ... the Risen Christ ... in the consecrated Bread. We'll use a bit of incense during Benediction, but not during Evening Prayer.

We invite you to try on these liturgies ... and the practice of concluding your Lord's Day in some quiet, joyful worship ... during the season of Easter.

Coffee Hour: Hosts Needed!



Do you enjoy Coffee Hour? It's even more fun when you host! Please sign-up now to host a Sunday in May or June!!

Sunday, 01 May: The Sherman Chamber Ensemble Returns



The Sherman Chamber Ensemble's "Best of Baroque" concerts have been praised as "stunning performances ... inspiring and uplifting." This year promises the same. Usually held in early January to herald in the New Year, this year's Baroque concerts were postponed to the spring out of caution due to the COVID pandemic.

Audiences will be treated to works by masters of the Baroque era played by the best of today's chamber music artists. The concert is in memory of the Ensemble's long-time friend and performer, harpsichordist Ken Cooper, and is dedicated to Bill McGoldrick, remembered for his commitment to the Ensemble.

The program will include music for piano, flute and strings by Corelli, Handel, Vivaldi. It concludes with one of the most beloved works of the Baroque repertoire – Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050* said by some to have secured his place among the greatest composers of the Baroque era.

Joining the Ensemble for the first time is Yamaha Artist and pianist Evan Shinnars, a graduate of the Juilliard School and now a mentor at the institution. Since 2010, he has devoted himself almost exclusively to the study and performance of the works of J S Bach.

The Ensemble will present this concert on Sunday, 01 May, at 4:00 pm, here at St Andrew's. General Admission tickets are \$25, and children ages 15 and under are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at www.SCEmusic.org or at the door. For information or reservations call 860-355-5930 or email info@SCEmusic.org.

The Ensemble is requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, a valid ID and masks. Children under 12 are not currently required to be vaccinated. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test will not be accepted as an alternative to vaccination.

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.

The Afghan Refugee Family Has Arrived!





Here is an update from the Washington (CT) Refugee Resettlement Project on the family we have helped relocate to New Milford:

Our long-awaited Afghan refugee family has arrived! Two weeks ago, we welcomed a family of six: Mr Alibaba Awrang, Ms Gul Ziwar Awrang, his wife, their 14-year-old daughter, and three sons (ages 10, 12 and 15). The Awrangs are now settling into their New Milford home, which was rented and furnished with your generous donations.

- Mr Awrang is known around the world as one of the most esteemed Islamic calligraphers alive today. An instructor at the Turquoise Mountain Institute of Arts and Architecture, he has participated in exhibitions around the world, including the Smithsonian. Above are two examples of his work.
- Ms. Awrang is a homemaker and talented needle weaver of local Bamiyan patterns. (Bamiyan is a region of Afghanistan known for its weaving and carpets.) We are also seeking a gently used newer model sewing machine or a sponsor for this item. You can email us at info@wrrp.net if interested.
- All members of the family are already working with Literacy Volunteers on the Green to gain English language proficiency, and we are in the process of registering the children in public schools in New Milford.
- They are one of nine families who were evacuated by the Turquoise Mountain Foundation, and are all being resettled in Connecticut (www.turquoisemountain.org). Turquoise Mountain was established in Afghanistan in 2006 by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, to revive historic areas and traditional crafts, to provide jobs, skills and a renewed sense of pride among Afghans.

We are committed to helping Alibaba's family and the other newly arrived Afghan artisans to gain self-sufficiency in their new community, and, with Turquoise Mountain, to help them get back to practicing their art, developing their art business skills, and showcasing their work in exhibitions. *If you have business contacts or suggestions that might assist in this effort, please contact us at info@wrrp.net.*

Election of Next Bishop: Candidates Announced



The Episcopal Church in Connecticut will be holding a special convention in May to elect its next bishop diocesan. The slate of candidates has now been made public. You may read all about them, [here](#).

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.

Lections for this Week

The Second Sunday of Easter

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Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



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

Mondays

LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

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)

A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)

Fridays

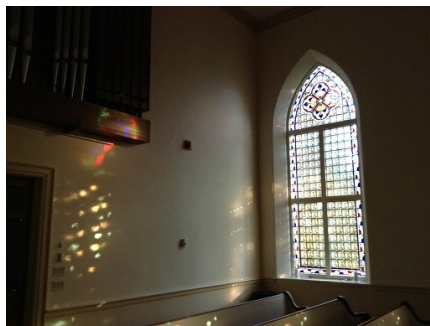
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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