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The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ :: Christmas  
(*The Adoration of the Shepherds*, Agnolo Bronzino, 16th Century)

## From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well.

Tonight, our music changes! For the last four weeks of Advent we have been singing and praying to Jesus, "*O come, O come, Emmanuel.*" Beginning with the initial liturgies of Christmas this night, as we celebrate His Coming, indeed, our song shifts: "*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord,*" we sing in exultation to all who can hear. Alleluia and Amen!

I hope you will consider attending one of our **two Christmas Eve Eucharists**. At **4:00 pm**, there will be slightly fewer readings and a slightly brisker pace. The Gospel lesson will be read by several of our young ones, and every child will receive a Christmas activity bag. After a much-anticipated choral prelude at 8:30, our **9:00 pm liturgy** will be the traditional Eucharist, with anthems provided by the Choir and George Potts on the guitar. At *both* services we will sing many beloved carols, and we will greet the dawning of Christmas by singing "Away in a manger" by candlelight. (Both services will also be

livestreamed and recorded.)

Perhaps only the intrepid will join us again at 10:00 on Christmas morning for a spoken Eucharist, but I hope many of you will return on **Sunday at 10:30** (*only one service this Sunday!*) for a service of Christmas Lessons & Carols, followed by Holy Communion.

I hope for each of you that at some point this Christmas season, time slows down a tick and you feel restored: a quiet evening by the tree ... a peaceful walk in the woods ... a joyful dinner with family and friends ... even a morning in PJs and slippers. But above all, I pray you will be with us, as a parish family, in body or spirit, during this hallowed season to both hear and proclaim the Good News that God not only chose to be with us, but also always is. The Holy Infant Whom the shepherds adored was born but once, but He never died and abides with us, forever. *Come, let us adore Him!*

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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## This Week at St Andrew's

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Friday, 24 December	Family Christmas Eve Eucharist ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	4:00 pm
Friday, 24 December	Traditional Christmas Eve Eucharist - Choral Prelude Begins at 8:30 ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	9:00 pm
Saturday, 25 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of the Nativity</i> ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	10:00 am
Sunday, 26 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Christmas 1 - Lessons &amp; Carols and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	10:30 am
Monday, 27 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St Stephen (transferred)</i> ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Tuesday, 28 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St John the Evangelist (transferred)</i> ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm

Wednesday, 29 December

Holy Eucharist: *Feast of the Holy Innocents (transferred)*  
*(in person and live-streamed)* 6:00 pm

Wednesday, 22 December

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

Thursday, 23 December

A.A. Meeting (*Parish House*) 7:30 am

Thursday, 23 December

Al-Anon Meeting (*Old Vestry Room*) 7:00 pm

Friday, 31 December

New Year's Eve Service of Self-Dedication (*in person and live-streamed*) 6:00 pm

## Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Thursday, 06 January

Holy Eucharist: *Feast of the Epiphany (in-person and live-streamed)* 6:00 pm

Wednesday, 02 February

Holy Eucharist: *Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) (in-person and live-streamed)* 6:00 pm

Sunday, 06 February

Annual Meeting of the Parish 11:40 am

Sunday, 27 February

New Year's Eve Service of Self-Dedication (*in person and live-streamed*) 4:00 pm

## 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 **Substantial** (or higher)
- 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.

## Afghan Refugee Resettlement:

# Please Tell Us What You Have



The Washington Refugee Resettlement Project Housing Team is happy to report that we have signed a lease for a rental property in New Milford, and we are ready to begin actively requesting donations of specific items to furnish it. Our first task will be to inventory everything, which we'd like to complete in the next 2 – 3 weeks. If you have any of the following items, either new or in good condition, and ready to donate, please send a brief description, with dimensions and photo attached, by email, to: [st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net).

## Bedrooms:

Night tables, lamps, bed frames, bureaus

## Dining room:

Table with leaves for extension

Set of chairs

## Kitchen:

Set of flatware (12)

Mixing bowls

Roasting pans

Toaster oven

Microwave

Food storage containers

We also are looking for individuals willing to buy (and either be reimbursed, or donate) either of the following:

\*Cleaning supplies (we have a list)

\*Toiletries for personal hygiene (list)

We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of our Parish members in support of this project.

-- Sid Head and Andie Sehl, *Co-chairs*

-- Judith Warrick, *Furniture and furnishings lead*

## New Year's Eve: A Spiritual Beginning of the New Year



Although the turning of the civil year carries no liturgical significance, for centuries the departure of one year and the arrival of another was, for many Christians, a suitable time to take stock: to reflect on how well we lived into our Christian commitments to love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves, in the year that has passed ... and to re-dedicate ourselves to these ends, in the year that is coming.

Standing at the threshold of 2022, we will gather to do just this on **New Year's Eve at 6:00 pm**. Our Service of Self-Dedication will consist of readings and prayers, as well as a hymn or two. A reception will follow in the Rectory, for those who would like to stay on for some time of fellowship. Please do consider joining us.

## Reverse Advent Calendar: Time to Gather In



If you have been keeping a Reverse Advent Calendar this year, with food and personal hygiene items for the Kent Food Bank, it's now time to gather in all you've collected. You may drop off your items at the Food Bank (rear of the Community House) from 9 – 12 on Thursday mornings; or you may bring your items to the church, and we'll transport them for you. And thank you, as always, for supporting the Food Bank.

## NEW: Christmas Diaper Drive, Hosted by ECCT Deacons



During Christmas we celebrate God coming to us in human form as the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes. This Christmas, in keeping our Baptismal Covenant to *care for those who are in need and respect the dignity of all* (BCP, p 305), the Diocese's deacons invite you to participate in an ECCT-wide diaper drive to benefit [The Diaper Bank of Connecticut](#)

Did You Know?

- The Diaper Bank works to bring basic health needs, including **75,000 diapers each week**, to low-income individuals in our state who are struggling to make ends meet.

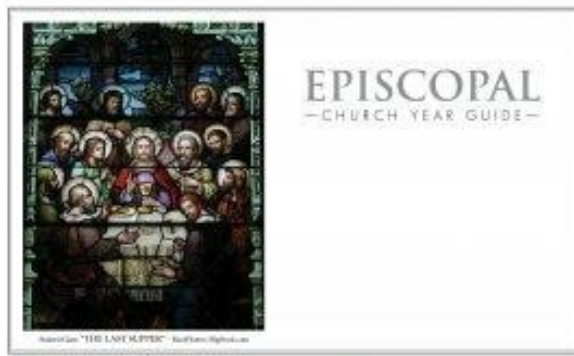
- Most clients who frequent the diaper bank do not have laundry facilities, and laundromats do not allow the washing of cloth diapers.
- Prior to the pandemic, **one in three Connecticut families couldn't afford enough diapers** for their infants and toddlers, and the need has skyrocketed over the past year.
- Diapers can cost **up to \$100 a month** and for those who have no choice but to buy them at local convenience stores rather than big-box retailers, the cost can be even higher.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (**WIC**) **do not cover the cost of diapers.**
- Without an adequate supply of clean diapers, **babies are more likely to suffer from diaper rash, urinary tract infections and other medical problems.**

No one should have to worry about affording these basic needs.

How can you participate?

- Bring a package of diapers (sizes 3-6) to your parish's services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Christmas 1 (Sunday, 26 December), Christmas 2 (Sunday, 02 January) or the Epiphany (Thursday, 06 January).
- Make a financial donation to **The Diaper Bank of Connecticut** and note "ECCT Diaper Drive" in the "Memo" line.

**Now Available:  
2022 Liturgical Calendars**



JANUARY 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Epiphany, Epiphany Sun 1 Christ the King Sun 2 Theological Reflections Readings for the Epiphany of the Year are found in LIT. 296, pages 19–20. See Further Below.						1 The Lord's Supper of the Epiphany, 2022 LEADERS' GUIDE
2	3	4	5	6*	7	8
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day		The Third Sunday after Christmas	Fourth, Thursday, and Holy Saturday (2022) (2022-2023)	THE EPIPHANY (2022-2023) (2022-2023)		The Last Sunday after Christmas
9	10	11	12	13*	14	15
The First Sunday after Epiphany The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ	Second Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)		Third Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	THE FIRST SUNDAY after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	
16	17	18	19	20*	21	22
The Second Sunday after Epiphany	Third Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)		Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)
23	24	25	26	27*	28	29
The Third Sunday after Epiphany	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)		Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)	Eighth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)
30	31					
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Ninth Sunday after Epiphany (2022-2023, 2023-2024)					

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.)

## Are You Slightly Coffee-Phobic??



Many of us love coffee, but some of us are a little fearful of making it for others—especially in quantity. And we know that may be holding some of you back from volunteering to host a coffee hour.



Well, fear not! On **Sunday, 09 January**, during Coffee Hour, our own **Katherine Almquist** will offer a very brief lesson on how to make coffee in the Parish House kitchen. It's actually much easier than you may think! Please come on by and see what's perking!

## Save the Date: Annual Meeting of the Parish, Sunday, 06 February



Mark your calendars: The parish's Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 06 February**, 2022, immediately after the 10:30 Eucharist. The annual reports of the Priest-in-Charge, the Senior Warden, the Treasurer and the commissions will be received; new officers and four new vestry members will be elected; and the budget for 2022 will be presented. (The snow date will be Sunday, 13 February.)

## 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

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro. In addition, Leah has told us how useful it is for her 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 Leah'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 Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00 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

### Christmas Eve

Year C

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20



## 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.



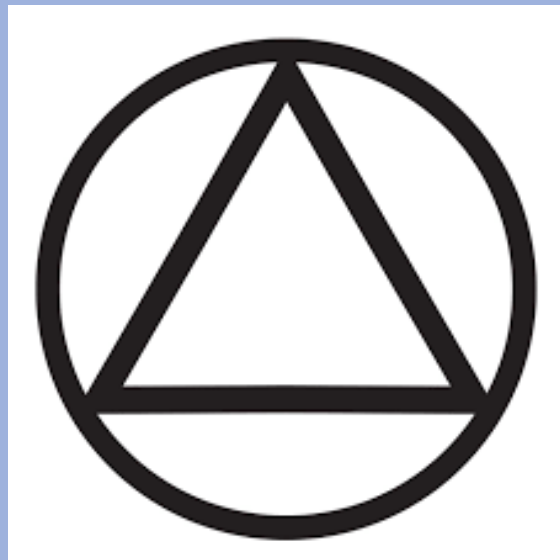
**-Holy Days-**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.

## 12 Step Meetings

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

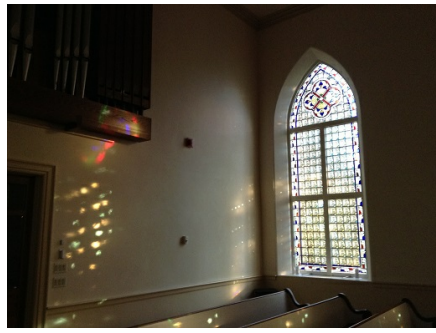
**Thursdays**  
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Parish House)  
*resumed*  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Old Vestry Room)  
*resumed*

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



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