



St Andrew's Current COVID Closure Status

Parish Closed. Either the Town of Kent and/or a majority of the surrounding towns is in red status on the [Connecticut COVID Data Tracker](#). Therefore *all worship services will be pre-recorded and made available on our YouTube account* at least an hour before they were scheduled to occur. In addition, all *other parish activities will either be suspended or move to online-only*; participants in those activities will be updated separately. The parish will remain in closed status until both Kent and a majority of the surrounding towns are less-than-red for two successive Thursdays.

From Fr Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

You will be hearing quite enough from me at this Sunday's Annual Meeting over Zoom (see details, below), so I'll use my space this week to pass along two quick tips I've received for those who are looking to schedule a COVID vaccination or who need a COVID test:

- The online process for scheduling a **vaccination** is proving quite a challenge for some. Another option is to schedule over the telephone. You may call the Connecticut COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224, Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. I have been told that you may be on hold for a VERY long time, but once

an operator becomes available, the scheduling is quick and easy.

- If you need to schedule a COVID test, the Town of Kent is offering free testing on Mondays from 3:00 to 7:00 at the Transfer Station. Go to [this link](#) for information and to fill out the testing form.

Take good care of yourself and do your very best to stay healthy! 'See' you on Sunday at noon!

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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Weekly Schedule for 24 January

Sunday, 24 January	Holy Eucharist (<i>online</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, 24 January	Annual Meeting (<i>Zoom; see below</i>)	12:00 pm
Monday, 25 January	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i> (<i>online</i>)	6:00 pm
Tuesday, 26 January	Anti-Racism Study Group (<i>online</i>)	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 27 January	Holy Eucharist (<i>online</i>)	6:00 pm

Parish Annual Meeting This Sunday, 24 January

This year, as with so many other cherished activities, our Annual Meeting can't be held in person, but we ARE holding it: **this Sunday, 24 January, at 12:00 noon**. We will broadcast the meeting live, via Zoom.

- To join via *computer or smart phone or tablet*, click [this link](#)
- To join via *telephone*, dial **646 558 8656** ... when prompted, enter meeting ID **883 8073 2057** ... and when further prompted, enter pass code **242494**

You do **NOT** need the Zoom app or a Zoom account in order to participate in the Annual Meeting.

You can access a copy of the Annual Report by clicking the link below. Paper copies are available for pick-up in the Parish House, by the office door.

[Annual Report](#)

NEW: Live Morning Prayer on Sundays, Beginning in Lent

In order to avoid the 'gremlins' that sometimes terminate the live broadcast of our worship over the internet, in November, we moved to pre-recording all our services and uploading them to YouTube. We know, however, that for some parishioners, recorded worship is less meaningful. We also know that for some parishioners, spiritual communion—a service of Holy Eucharist without distribution of the consecrated bread and wine—is not a satisfying worship experience.

Therefore, beginning the first Sunday in Lent, 21 February, we will read the office of Morning Prayer, *live*, via Zoom, every Sunday morning at 8:00 am. This service will last about 30 minutes. (There will be a brief meditation, but no sermon.) We will then keep the Zoom session open for a while afterwards, so members can spend some time chatting with one another and with Fr Douglas, if they'd like.

More details will follow, but **you will need a *Book of Common Prayer* for this service.** If you do not have one, please contact Fr Douglas, and he will be happy to get one to you.

Parish Office *Closed*

The parish office is temporarily closed, which means the phone isn't being answered. Father Douglas checks the voicemail once-a-day, usually around 9:00 am. If you have a more urgent need, please call him at 860-592-0171 or email him at frdouglas.sak@gmail.com.

All Recovery Meetings *Suspended*

While the parish is temporarily closed, all recovery group (AA and Al Anon) meetings have been suspended. They will resume when we re-open

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 Heather 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.*

Lections for this Week

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Year B

Jonah 3:1-5,10;
Psalm 62:6-14;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20



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
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)

suspended

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)

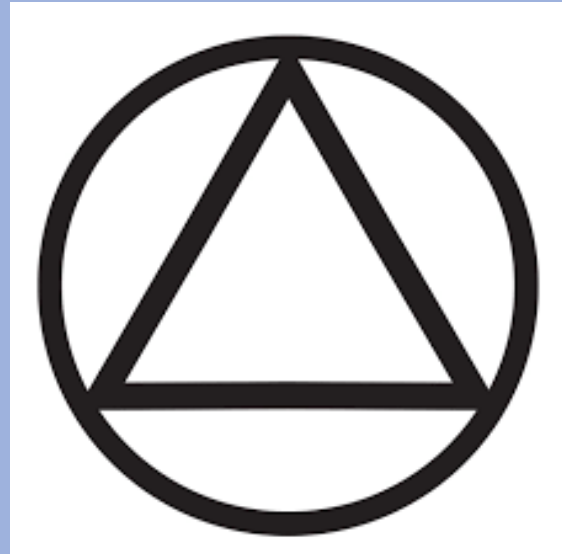
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Fridays

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

temporarily until First Church opens

suspended



Parish Staff

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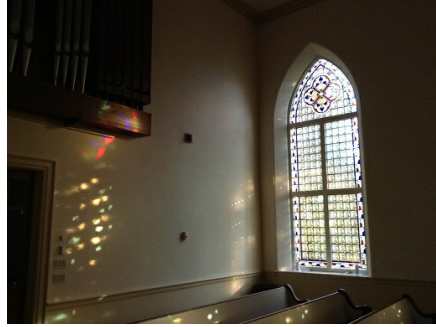
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www.ctepiscopal.org

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