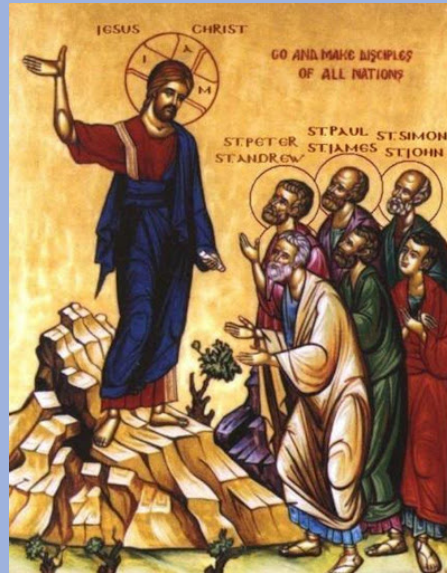




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Jesus Gives the Great Commission

## From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well. This past Sunday's monthly Vestry meeting was an exciting moment in the life of our parish family, and I am eager to share the news with you.

As you may know, our Visioning Team (John Barton, Nick Downes, George-Ann Gowan, Alice Hicks, Sarah Marshall, Lynn Perry, George Potts, Barbara Psarakis, Marel Rogers, Eric Roper and Michael Ward) has been meeting every two weeks since March. We have explored the history of St Andrew's and the Town of Kent; trends in our membership, participation, pledging and finances over the last two decades; and what St Andrew's has meant, over the years, both to us individually and to the wider community.

We also became familiar with some important new thinking about the Church —*all* churches—in the 21st century: We no longer live in a "convergent" culture of joiners ... of people who trust in and seek out institutions ... who look for validation and personal growth in group settings. Rather, we live in a "divergent" culture of hyper-individualism ... of people who question, distrust and discount most organizations ... who highly value personal expression and personal relevance. In a nutshell, the 20th century model of church, which largely relied on people taking social cues that led them right through our doors, is dead. Instead, to do the mission of God today, we must seek people where they are in their lives and attract them to us, so we can then share the

Good News of Christ with them.

To this end, on Sunday, after a lot of dreaming and reflection, the Visioning Team presented to the Vestry ... and the Vestry *approved* ... four specific recommendations for how the St Andrew's family can bring our neighbors into our midst and engage them in ways that open their hearts to faith, worship and service:

1. **Connecting People with Jesus: Christian Education.** One of our foremost duties as Christians is to help make new Christians! Therefore, we will pursue the hiring of a part-time Christian educator to connect with local families with children and plan and coordinate Christian education and activities for children and youth. (This person may also spend time on adult formation, as well.) **Randy DiPentima, Ron Marasco** and **Chris Rehow** will head up this work.

2. **Connecting Us to People in Need: Community Mission.** We ourselves are the best tool we have for serving the local community, and therefore, the Mission & Outreach Commission will expand its remit. Currently M&O primarily makes cash donations to non-profits who request our assistance. Now, in addition, M&O will be responsible for connecting with local individuals and charities who need people to help them—with hands, minds, specific skills, etc—with parishioners who will go out, in the parish's name, to provide that help. (We may even wear St Andrew's T-shirts!)

3. **Connecting People with Us: Community Events.** We would like to become a regular destination for people and families who are not inclined to attend worship or ask us for help, so they get to know us and become a part of our family. To this end, we will put on a series of community events in the parish house, probably on Sunday afternoons—maybe several times a year or even once-a-month. The content will vary: perhaps recreation, perhaps a speaker or a discussion, perhaps a movie ... with parallel activities for children, so parents are always free to participate. These events will include a snack or light supper and conclude with prayer. **Nick Downes, Janet Rivkin** and **Eric Roper**, with an assist from **Katherine Almquist's** Hospitality team, will lead this work.

4. **Connecting in Thanks: Community Appreciation Events.** There are so many people who do so much for the Kent community. As a leading organization in Kent, we should be sure they are honored and thanked. Thus, we will hold two or three community appreciation events each year for our first responders, our schoolteachers, our town employees, etc. We will begin in a couple of weeks with our Veterans' Day Appreciation Luncheon. **George-Ann Gowan** and **Marel Rogers** will coordinate these efforts.

Through discernment, our visions have now yielded tangible, particular paths to action. We stand at the threshold of a new era of community, of education, of charity, of hospitality and of discipleship. And with God's help and not a little prayer, we will become a beacon of hope ... a place of respite ... a source of growth for many in and around Kent who may not even know they need us. And how this will make Jesus smile!

If you would like to learn more and/or become in one of these activities, please reach out to any of the folks listed above, or to me, and we will get you connected, too.

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,

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## This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 22 October	Prayer & Meditation ( <i>Nave</i> )	5:30 pm
Saturday, 23 October	ECCT Convention ( <i>Zoom</i> )	9:00 am
Saturday, 23 October	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	9:30 am
Saturday, 23 October	WCC Refugee Resettlement Meeting ( <i>Washington, CT</i> )	3:00 pm
Saturday, 23 October	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St James of Jerusalem ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Sunday, 24 October	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 22 ( <i>in person only</i> )	8:30 am
Sunday, 24 October	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 22 ( <i>with music</i> ) ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	10:30 am
Sunday, 24 October	Coffee Hour ( <i>Great Room</i> )	11:35 am
Sunday, 24 October	Mission & Outreach Commission ( <i>Great Room</i> )	12:00 pm
Sunday, 24 October	Altar Server Training	2:00 pm
Wednesday, 27 October	Stewardship Commission Meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	10:00 am
Wednesday, 27 October	Mid-week Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 27 October	A.A. for Women ( <i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i> )	7:00 pm
Thursday, 28 October	A.A. meeting ( <i>Parish House</i> )	7:30 am

Thursday, 28 October	Altar Server Training	10:00 am
Thursday, 28 October	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St Simon and St Jude ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Thursday, 28 October	Al-Anon ( <i>Old Vestry Room</i> )	7:00 pm

## Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Saturday, 30 October	Fall Clean-up Day (with lunch)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday, 31 October	All Hallows' Eve: A Liturgy of Saints and Bonfire Reception	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 02 November	Holy Eucharist: All Souls' Day, with a Remembrance of the Departed ( <i>reception to follow</i> )	2:00 pm
Sunday, 07 November	Special Presentation on IRAs and Charitable Giving	9:30 am and 11:40 am
Thursday, 11 November	Veterans' Day Commemoration and Luncheon	11:00 am
Saturday, 13 November	Parish Potluck and Evening of Pops Music to Celebrate Tom Holcombe	6:00 pm
Saturday, 20 November	Annual Christmas Bazaar Returns!	10:00 am-2:00 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.

## From the Stewardship Commission

When I returned to church after the easing of COVID restrictions in the spring, I was flooded with memories. Roger White's thoughtful sermons. Pleasant conversations during coffee and light refreshments. My wife Sarah's involvement with the nursery school. The joy on my children's faces during Easter egg hunts. Selling Christmas trees under the lights and in the snow. Feeling the peace that comes with worshipping God along with friends and neighbors. For a time COVID took much of this away from me, but, when I finally returned, I realized how much I had missed St Andrew's. I realized how much I missed my spiritual home.

This summer I was asked to join the Stewardship Committee, and I jumped at the opportunity for all of these reasons. This is why I appeal to you today. St Andrew's is a very special place that has touched the lives of many, and I hope that it remains healthy and vibrant. Together, we can keep it so. If you have already made a pledge, thank you for your support. If you have yet to do so, please consider making a pledge. Thank you so much.

*Glenn Sanchez*

## Next Saturday, 30 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, 30 October, from 9:00 – 12:30!** Please come join Charmian Place 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!

**RSVP Now: Parish Potluck for Tom Holcombe  
on Saturday, 13 November**



The beloved St Andrew's Potluck returns, on Saturday, 13 November, at 6:00 pm!

The entire parish is invited for an evening of good food, good fellowship and good music. As Tom prepares for his retirement in February, he'd like to share with us one of his many gifts that we don't know much about. For years at Kent School he arranged folks songs and pop music for *a cappella* ensembles. So, after our supper, Tom and members of the Choir will perform a short concert of some of Tom's favorites – running the gamut from "Shenandoah" and "Edelweiss" to "Spanish Flea!"

Please make a reservation with the Parish Office ([st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net) or 860-927-3486) and bring a dish to share. It's sure to be a delicious, fun-filled evening!

## Help Wanted: Community Veterans' Day Luncheon, 11 November



Back in 2019, St Andrew's put on a Veteran's Day Remembrance and Luncheon that was very well received. We could not reprise our efforts last year, but this year we will holding a remembrance at the Veterans' Memorial at 11:00 am, followed by a delicious luncheon in the Parish House.

**George-Ann Gowan** is taking the laboring oar in organizing this year's luncheon, and she is looking for volunteers to help out. If you're able to pitch in, please be in touch with George-Ann ([gagowan@mac.com](mailto:gagowan@mac.com)).

## The Music Commission Is Soliciting Recommendations

The Music Commission has officially launched its search for our Director of Music. There is a now [a page dedicated to this search](#) on the parish web site.

The Commission wants to consider as deep a list of potential candidates as possible. If you know a church musician who is (or may be) looking for a new position ... or whom we should otherwise be sure to consider ... please let Lynn Perry know. Lynn is chairing the Commission.

## Do You Know What a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" Is? Maybe You Should!

Beginning at age 72, IRA holders must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRAs.

After *both* services on **Sunday, 07 November**, parishioner Paul Orme, a Wealth Management Educator, will lead a discussion on how charitable giving and the RMD are related and can be of benefit to you and save you taxes as well. It may be a convenient way for you to pay your pledge to St Andrew's and to make other charitable donations, as well.

This discussion is for all parishioners—those who are 72 or older (or will be in a few years) and those are just interested.

You may be thinking: "How does this work?" Come and see. All are welcome!

## Let the KECNS Fall Games Begin!



The Kent Education Center and Nursery School, long a resident of the lower floor of our parish house, is putting on an afternoon of fun and games for the whole family during the Kent Pumpkin Run on Sunday, 31 October. These will be held on the north lawn of the parish yard (where the Christmas Tree Sale takes place). We invite you to help spread the word: If you're a parent or grandparent, plan to bring the little ones. If you know families with young children, let them know.

We also have complimentary tickets for this event for families who cannot afford to purchase tickets themselves. Just be in touch with Fr Douglas to obtain these.

**Looking for Halloween Plans?  
Come to St Andrew's!**





It's always fun to greet the little ones on Halloween and pass out treats. But if that isn't your cup of tea ... or if you don't get many trick-or-treaters ... then come to church at **7:00 on Halloween** for a special Liturgy of the Saints. In a quiet, contemplative Evening Prayer-like service, we will recall the lives of Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth / fifteenth century English mystic; David Pendleton Oakerhater, an early twentieth century Native American deacon and missionary; and Jonathan Myrick Daniels, an Episcopal seminarian who lost his life during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s. After that, weather permitting, we'll have a bonfire in the parish yard, by the Close, where we'll feast on cider and soul cakes ... and some other goodies, too: no tricks, but plenty of treats!

## Remembrance of the Departed: All Souls' Day, 02 November

On Tuesday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls, the day on which the Church remembers all Christians who have died, and especially those whom we personally have known and loved. *We invite all parishioners to submit names of family, friends and other loved ones who have died.* We will read their names, tolling the bell for each one of them, during Holy Eucharist this day. You may submit as many names as you wish to the Parish Office at [st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net). Please send in all names by **Friday, 29 October**.

There will be a reception in the Parish House following our All Souls' Eucharist.

## Just Around the Corner: The Annual St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar!



It's once again time to get out your cookie sheets, loaf pans, pickling spices and jam jars: The Christmas Bazaar is back! This year's Bazaar will be held on Saturday, 20 November, from 10:00 – 2:00. If you're a baker or a cook, start thinking about what goodies you'd like to whip up.

And *everyone* can begin thinking about gift items they'd like to contribute. Anything you would appreciate receiving as a gift would make an excellent contribution to this year's effort, which will benefit the Mission and Outreach Commission.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please be in touch with **Marel Rogers**.

## Parish House Sexton

Bill McLaren, our Parish House Sexton, has resigned. We wish him well after many, many years of service. The Properties Commission has started looking for a new person to clean the Parish House.

## 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, Leah Pullaro.

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

### **The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost**

*Year B*

Job 42:1-6,10-17

Psalm 34

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52



## 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

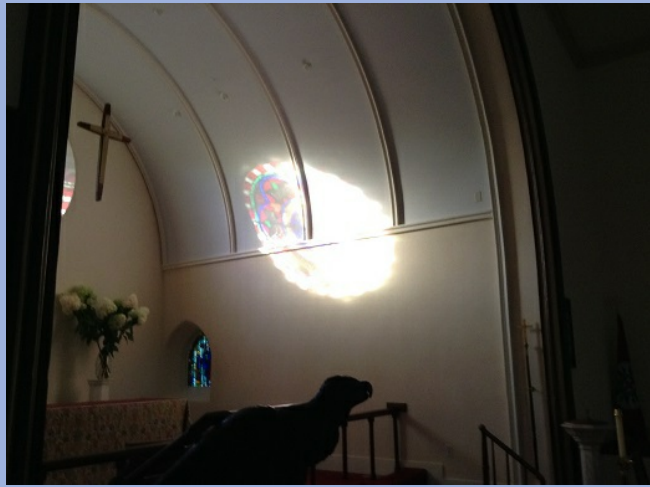
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Healing Service at 8.30,  
Third Sunday  
In person  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



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



**-Friday-**  
**Prayer & Meditation**  
5.30 p.m.



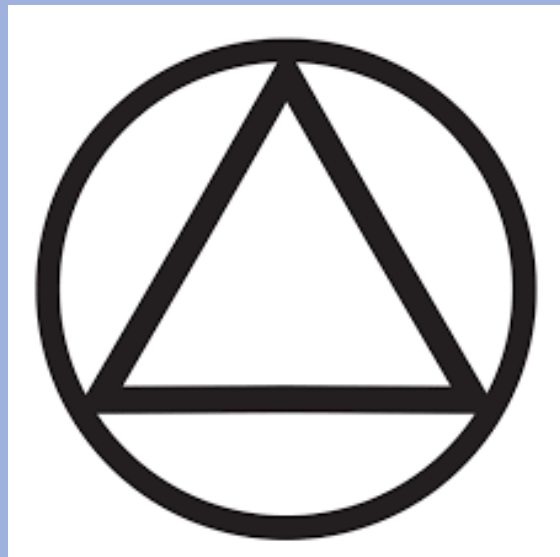
**-Holy Days-**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.

## 12 Step Meetings

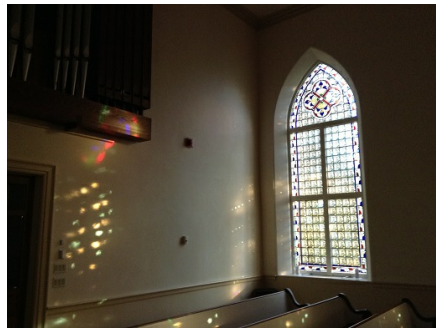
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A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.  
*Zoom meeting*  
*email us for info.*

**Thursdays**  
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(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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