

E-pistle



Saint Andrew's Parish
Kent, Connecticut

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St Andrew's Current COVID Closure Status

PARISH IS NOW OPEN. The parish is now open for in-person worship. At its meeting on 21 March, the vestry voted, with the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to re-open the parish for worship. This is a permanent decision, unless the pandemic takes another dire turn. Social distancing will be required. Therefore, attendance at all services will be limited to 30 people. (Those who reside in the same household count as one person ... but we will nevertheless be prudent about the total number of people in the nave.) Masks must be worn, and the nave windows will be opened to increase air circulation. There will be no congregational singing or distribution of communion at this time.

If you wish to attend worship in-person, you *must* contact Irene Connors (860-592-0030 or collageconnors@gmail.com). Irene will be compiling a list for each service, to ensure we do not exceed our capacity limits.

We will continue to livestream all of our services, as well, as there are many parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

Weekly Calendar

Friday, 23 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Sunday, 25 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter 4 (spoken) <i>(in person only)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 25 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter 4 (with music) <i>(in person and live- streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 25 April	M&O Commission Meeting <i>(in person)</i>	12:00 noon
Tuesday, 27 April	Holy Eucharist: Feast of St Mark (transferred) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 28 April	Mid-week Eucharist: Catherine of Siena <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 28 April	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 29 April	A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	7:30 am
Thursday, 29 April	Al-Anon <i>(Great Room)</i>	7:00 pm
Friday, 30 April	A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	8:00 pm

REST IN PEACE: Ernie Schmutzler

We have received the sad news that former parishioner Ernest (Ernie) Schmutzler died on Monday. Ernie, his wife Penny and their daughter Laila were members of St Andrew's in the 1980s and 90s, and Penny also served as Warden.

Ernie was born in North Dakota in 1946 and after graduating from college, worked for IBM, where he met Penny. For many years Ernie and Penny owned and operated the Milk Pail restaurant, a mainstay of the Kent community. After they sold the business, Ernie worked for Sotheby's realty, and Penny commuted to New York where she worked for CBS. They eventually retired to Florida several years ago.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your faithful servant Ernie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HELP WANTED: Parish Administrator

Regrettably, Laura Filippi has let us know that she won't be able to stay on as our Parish Administrator. She enjoys the work and, especially, the people of St Andrew's, but other factors in her life won't allow her to continue permanently, although she will remain to see us through a seamless transition.

We are, therefore, looking for someone to fill this eight-hour-per-week position (exact days and times are flexible). The duties are mainly administrative. Working knowledge of Word and Excel and comfort in using (and learning) computer applications and a photocopier are essential. Familiarity with Episcopal worship practices is helpful but not required.

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity or know someone who is, please contact Fr Douglas directly.

BISHOP TRANSITION PROCESS: A Letter from the Standing Committee of ECCT

April 7, 2021

To the Bishops, Clergy, and People of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut:

Today, the Rt Rev Ian T. Douglas, Ph.D., announced his intention to retire as Bishop Diocesan effective October 2022. In consultation with the bishops, the Standing Committee issues this notice to announce the anticipated vacancy in the office of Bishop Diocesan.

We have begun the steps required by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (Canon XVI: Section 1-8), for the Bishop Transition Process. As part of that process, we call for the formation of a Bishop Transition Committee ("BTC"), which will be responsible for the nomination of candidates for XVI Bishop Diocesan, the consecration of the new bishop, and the transition process generally.

"The BTC shall consist of twenty-four members who are adult communicants in good standing, or members of the clergy in good standing canonically resident in our Diocese, selected as follows:

"A) Twelve members selected by the Regions, with each Region selecting one lay person who is a member of a Parish or Worshipping Community in the Region, and one clergy person living or working in the Region;

"B) Twelve members selected by the Mission Council from a pool of twenty-four lay or clergy persons nominated by the Standing Committee, giving priority to members of the Diocesan Ministry Networks; the resulting group of 12 shall include at least four lay persons and at least four clergy persons." (Canon XVI:2)

We request persons interested in being nominated by the Standing Committee to serve on the BTC to submit their names, parish or worshiping community affiliation, contact information (daytime phone, email, and mailing address), and a statement (no more than one paragraph) outlining the assets they would bring to the Bishop Transition Process. Please submit this information to the Secretary of the Standing Committee, Nancy Staniewicz at staniewicz@sbcglobal.net no later than April 19, 2021 at 12 pm.

The Standing Committee will review the submissions and will nominate 24 candidates to the Mission Council by April 22, 2021, giving priority to members of the Diocesan Ministry Networks as required by Canon XVI, Section 2(B). The Mission Council will then select 12 members of the BTC from the Standing Committee's pool of twenty-four nominees by April 26, 2021, and submit them to the Secretary of the Diocese, The Rev. Sandra Cosman. The Regions will also submit the names of the members of the BTC that each Region has selected to the Secretary of the Diocese by April 26, 2021.

The Bishop Transition Committee for the Election of the XVI Bishop Diocesan will be announced to the diocese by April 27, 2021, and the first meeting will be convened by the President of the Standing Committee, the Rev Rowena Kemp, on May 6, 2021.

The Standing Committee has also consulted with and advised Bishop Ian on the electing Convention for the XVI Bishop Diocesan, and have consented to holding that convention on May 21, 2022.

We thank Bishop Ian for his faithful and innovative service to our diocese, and we ask that you pray for the leaders who will be raised up in the process.

Faithfully,

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

The Rev Rowena Kemp, President
Nancy Staniewicz, Secretary
The Rev Peggy Hodgkins
Pam Williams
The Rev Amjad Samuel
Denise Welsh
The Rev Mark Byers
Kevin Fenner
The Rev Darryl Burke
A. Bates Lyons
The Rev Geoff Hahneman
Thom Hagerth

NEW YOUTH FORMATION OFFERING: Confirmation Class Is Beginning

We are excited to announce that we have started a new **youth Confirmation Class**. The class will meet, via Zoom, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. It is open to anyone age 13 – 18 who wishes to learn more about Christian faith and belief; the Church and its sacraments; and living life as a follower of Christ. The class is designed to prepare one for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but that is *not* a requirement. Participants are free to decide whether or not to seek confirmation at the end of the course.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fr

Douglas.

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

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 Laura 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

Acts 4:5-12;
Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18



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

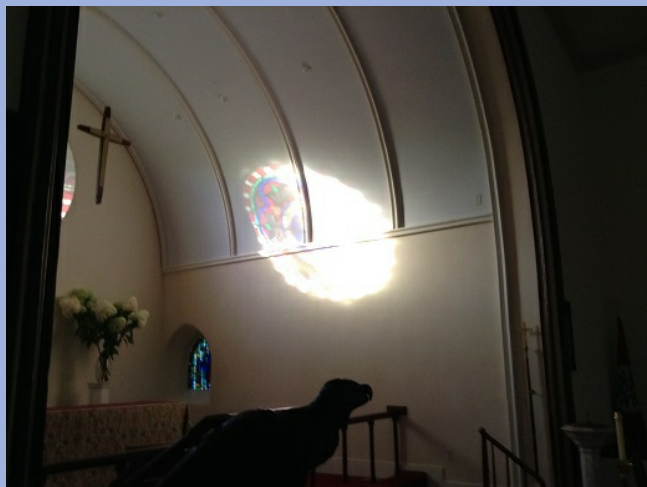
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sunday
In person
for 25 people with masks at
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-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)

resumed

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

resumed

Fridays

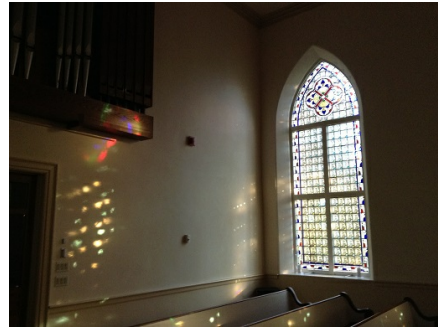
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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Parish Administrator**

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Financial Secretary**

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Sexton**

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