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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

From the Wardens

It is hard to believe that we are but one Sunday away from Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Please join us for Palm and Easter Sunday services as well as the services listed below during Holy Week. On Palm Sunday we plan a procession from the Rectory lawn, and for Easter Sunday the lawn is the site of the traditional Easter egg hunt; that and our festive paschal coffee hour begin right after the 10:30 service.

Some may have noticed that last Sunday's service was not available on YouTube for either live streaming or later viewing. Unfortunately, this Sunday will also not be available for remote viewing. We suddenly encountered technical problems and are working hard to have the problem solved no later than Palm Sunday. Our apologies.

Upcoming Services

This week we welcome the Reverend Steve Klots as our celebrant and preacher.

Our Holy Week Schedule

02 April - 07 April

Palm Sunday (8:30, 10:30)

Wednesday 6p Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 6pm

Good Friday 6pm
and Tenebrae 8pm

Our celebrant on Palm Sunday is the Rev. David McIntosh who will also lead Tenebrae on Friday. On Maundy Thursday, Good Friday 6pm and Easter Sunday the Rev. Steve Klots is our celebrant.

We are most grateful to all our visiting priests.

St. Andrew's Annual Easter Egg Coloring Event and Hunt!



Spread the word to friends, neighbors, grandchildren, etc: Once again, St Andrew's will be having a **Great Family Easter Egg Hunt**. Parents and children will gather in the Parish House **at 10:30 on Saturday, 08 April to dye dozens of eggs and feast on pizza**. And then, on Easter Day, **following the 10:30 Eucharist on Easter Day**, they'll search the parish yard to find where the Easter Bunny(ies) have hidden them. There will *also* be a wonderful Easter Coffee Hour for those who may be a little past the age (or the spryness) to hunt for colored eggs under bushes and in flower beds.

This is a great way to help introduce families to St Andrew's!

Bible Discussion: Wednesdays in Lent at 4:30 pm

Each Wednesday parishioners are invited to discuss the readings that will be a part of the Liturgy of the Word on the following Sunday. This coming Wednesday, March 22nd, we will discuss these readings (for Palm Sunday, April 2nd).

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14- 27:66
or Matthew 27:11-54
Psalm 31:9-16

Please come and add your voice! We meet in the parish hall, but may use the library for a cozier atmosphere (and reference books if we get into the weeds).

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 26 March :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fifth Sunday in Lent* (spoken)

Sunday, 26 March :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 26 March :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fifth Sunday in Lent* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 26 March :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 26 March :: 11:30 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 27 March :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 29 March :: 4:30 pm

Lenten Scripture Bible Discussion

Wednesday, 29 March :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 30 March :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 30 March :: 7:00 pm

Easter Flower Offering Envelopes and Easter Flower Memorials



Please feel free to make a contribution in any amount for the memorial flowers. We ask that you provide the names you would like included in the Easter bulletin no later than Monday, April 3.

Envelopes for special Easter offering are available in the narthex.

Please consider an Easter flower memorial in memory of a loved one. Please email KC at **office.sa.kent@gmail.com** with your Easter flower memorial names and mail a check, or drop an envelope in the offering plate with the names and a check.

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

Sunday, 02 April

Palm Sunday

Thursday, 06 April

Maundy Thursday

Friday, 07 April

Good Friday

Sunday, 09 April

Easter Sunday

Gas Cards Needed for Kent Social Services

Our town Social Worker, Samantha Hasenflue, asked whether St. Andrew's

members might like to purchase prepaid gas cards at the Mobil station, which she would give to needy Kent residents who have to drive to medical appointments outside of Kent. Some people are really feeling the impact of rising food and fuel costs, and an extended drive to seek medical care puts strain on already tight budgets.

If you would like to help in this way, please place the gas card in an envelope, labelled "Kent Social Services" and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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.

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 new Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. 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 Samantha's office in Town Hall, or placing 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.

Lectons for this Week

The Fifth Sunday in Lent *Year A*

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



Worship Services

-Sunday-
Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

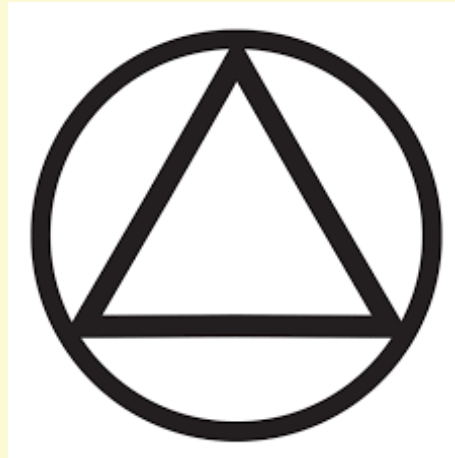




12 Step Meetings

Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A.
(Parish House)

Thursdays
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm
(Parish House)



Parish Staff

Susan Guse
Organist & Director of Choirs

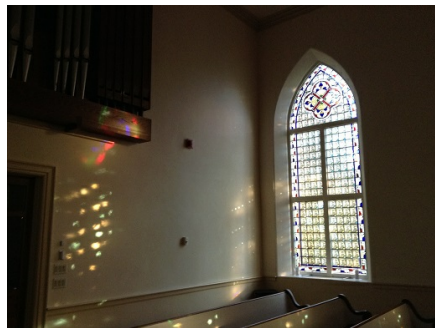
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