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Who sits where?

Luke 14:1,7-14 :: Proper 17, Year C

From Katherine Almquist, Junior Warden

"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again."

"Scarlett O'Hara was not beautiful, but men seldom realized it when caught by her charm as the Tarleton twins were."

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

I love a good beginning. And a great beginning, be it in a book or in real life, sets the tone for events to unfold. I had one particular great beginning in October of 2013, and the events are still unfolding and I hope will continue to do so for many years.

We were in Shanghai. I was there in my role as Director of Admission for a private school. It was the "hey-day" of Asian student recruitment. The United States was the place to study, and Chinese students in particular were anxious to escape the endless repetition of what constituted Chinese education. That,

and the back-breaking number of hours that was required. The U.S. represented freedom, athletics, music, theatre, adventure.

That day I was meeting Mr. Gemini, an Educational Consultant with whom I had worked for the past two years. He had eight candidates for me to interview. I had booked an office in our hotel, and spent the next several hours meeting 13-year-olds, listening to their accomplishments and their hopes. The last candidate was a diminutive young girl who called herself Echo. The vast majority of Chinese students would choose a Western name, and she liked the sound of that word. She was so tiny; her feet did not touch the floor when she sat in the chair. Her parents accompanied her and spoke no English. Echo's English was not bad at all. She was shy, and looked like a large doll. She reported that her mother and father "felt she would get superior teachers and the best opportunity in the United States." She showed me a picture of her dog, Lucky, and her sketches of evening dresses. She loved to draw, dress up and follow fashion. I had a previous life in the fashion industry, and we hit it off. I found her to be an enchanting child. She was nervous to leave her home and parents and dog. She was wary about making friends. She asked if I would be her first American friend. I assured her that I would be honored and that she would be my advisee. I would watch out for her and watch over her. I would be her friend.

Echo came to boarding school and had no trouble making friends. In four years, she grew into a confident, capable and beautiful young woman. She, along with my other advisees, came to our home frequently for dinner. I took her to NYC to interview for an internship with a Broadway costume designer. She aced it. She was then a senior and, on the drive home, reminded me that I was her first American friend. She would never forget me. I met her several times her first two years at Parson's School of Design and saw her parents when I went to Shanghai.

When Covid hit, and the subsequent lock-down in March of 2020, I got an email from Mr. Gemini. Echo's parents were frantic: she could not return to China. Could she stay with us? I said "Yes." I recalled a year earlier she had written to me after I was unceremoniously dumped from said boarding school. Her outrage on my behalf was palpable. She assured me she would never abandon me. She was my friend.

Earlier this month, Echo came to our house for lunch. She brought her two new dogs, her portfolio, and gifts. She graduated from Parson's last spring, and is taking a year off from her studies before she returns for a Master's degree. She is immersed in developing her own accessory collection. She gifted me with an intricate pendant she made. The afternoon was so lovely, and when she left, she told me we would always be friends.

I cherish that. A great beginning, and no end in sight.

Let's cherish our friends. Blessed be those ties that bind.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 28 August :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 28 August :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 28 August :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 28 August :: 11:40 am

Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Monday, 29 August :: 11:00 am

Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke*

Monday, 29 August :: 4:30 pm

Facilities Use Committee

Monday, 29 August :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 31 August, 9:00 am

Mid-week Holy Eucharist (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Wednesday, 31 August :: 7:00 pm

A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 01 September :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

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Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Saturday, 03 September

12:00 – 4:00 pm

St Andrew's Bake Sale at the KLM Carnival

Beginning 06 September – Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Sunday, 11 September

Homecoming Sunday – One Eucharist, at 10:00 am

*Let's gather as one large family to kick off the new 'church year' and greet those we may not have seen in some time
Lunch will be provided following our worship*

Friday, 07 October, 8:00 pm

Music in the Nave presents Livingston Taylor

**Beginning 06 September:
Introduction to the Prayer Book**

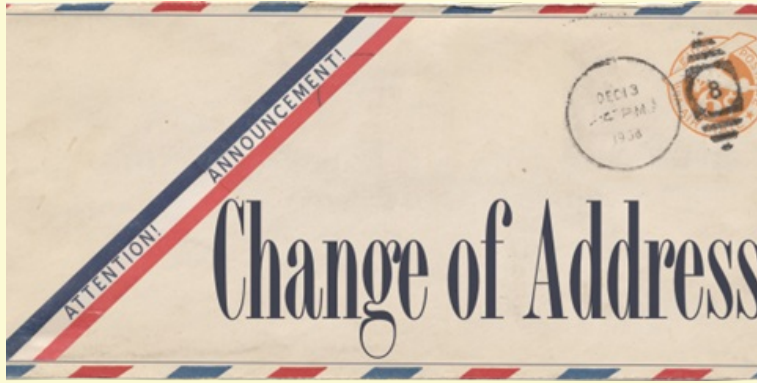


Have you always wondered what *else* is in the 1,000 pages of the *Book of Common Prayer*, in addition to the few pages we use on Sunday morning? Does the fact that it even has 1,000 pages intimidate you a little? Have you tried praying Morning or Evening Prayer on your own but ended up a bit bewildered? Would you like to know more about the Church's calendar and psalms and prayers?

Well, you're in luck! **For five consecutive weeks, beginning on Tuesday, 06 September, at 11:00 am**, we will explore the wonderful heritage and thoughtful theology that is our *Book of Common Prayer*. Each class will be a self-contained unit, focusing on one aspect of the BCP, starting with its history: how it came to be ... and to be revised ... over the last 450 years. (In November, we'll offer a few 'bonus' sessions on some lesser-known features of the BCP. But the September / October classes will cover all the fundamentals.)

It is an ancient adage of the Church that *the way we pray*—the way we worship—*constitutes what we believe*. For Episcopalians, the BCP is the way we pray. So, if you'd like to know more about what we believe (and, thus, why we pray as we do), please be sure to join us!

Make a Note: New Parish Email Address



After many years of faithful service, our snet.net email address has gone the way of the dodo. *We can no longer read or respond to any messages sent to this address.*

We now have **a NEW general parish email address:** saintandrewskent@gmail.com. Please make a note of this. You can use this for general questions or information ... or if you don't know where else to send your message.

As always, you can email Fr Douglas directly at frdouglas.sak@gmail.com and KC Compton, our parish administrator, directly at office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

Sunday, 11 September: Homecoming Sunday



You will want to be in church on **Sunday, 11 September**, which is **Homecoming Sunday!** This day marks the kick-off of the parish's program year. The Choir will return ... adult education classes will begin ... the vestry will resume from a summer break. We will have **one Eucharist, at 10:00 am**, on this Sunday, so that we can all come together as one big St Andrew's

family. An **all-parish brunch** will follow. (Please plan to bring a dish to share, if you're able.)

As we prepare for this year's return, *please think about someone who used to attend worship at St Andrew's whom you haven't seen in a while.* Maybe they haven't come back after our COVID shut-down. Maybe they need a ride to church or some help getting around. Maybe they wonder whether there will be anyone to sit with. Whatever the reason, give them a call ... send them an email ... or—how retro!—send them a handwritten note ... and invite them to come to church with you on 11 September. Let's make this a true homecoming and fill the pews with as many of our family members as we can!

Bakers Needed: KML Fundraiser Planned for 03 September



Kent Memorial Library is having a fund raiser on **Saturday, September 3rd** and St. Andrew's is participating in it. We are hosting a Kid-Friendly Bake Sale! Bakers are needed to make cookies, brownies and cupcakes. Cookies will be priced at \$1.00 apiece, brownies at \$2.00 and cup cakes at \$3.00. All proceeds to the library.

Please let **Katherine Almquist** know if you can bake something!
Contact: kt_almquist@hotmail.com

In October: Livingston Taylor, Live at St Andrew's!



For fifty years, Livingston Taylor has been serving up a brew of rock, folk, Broadway and gospel while charting Top-40 hits such as "I Will Be in Love with You." Massachusetts even declared an official Livingston Taylor Day! To kick off Music in the Nave's 2022-23 season, he'll be playing St Andrew's on Friday, 07 October, at 8 pm. Make that your Livingston Taylor Night!

We're sure these tickets will go fast, so from now through Labor Day, St Andrew's members will be able to purchase tickets in advance, before they go on sale to the general public. Just click on [this link](#), and then enter the password andrew (all lower-case). All tickets are \$30.

Now on Fourth Thursdays: The Thursday Afternoon Club



The Thursday Afternoon Club, a fellowship group for all widows, is *now meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month*. Our next meeting is on this Thursday, **23 September**. We bring our own lunches and beverages to the porch of the Kingsley Tavern, 14 North Main Street, and gather for

great conversation, mutual support and a good time. Please consider joining us.

What's Your Favorite Hymn? Help us Sing It This Summer!



In the Episcopal Church, we're truly blessed with a wealth of hymns. Well over one thousand hymns appear in our three main hymnals (and over 250 more in hymnals that are, sadly, little known). With such a feast spread before us, there are many hymns we never get to sing at all—perhaps some of your personal favorites.

In addition, many of us have come to the Church from other denominations whose greatest hymns aren't in our hymnals. You might sing or hum them to yourself from time to time, but we never get to hear them.

Well, this summer we're going to try to fix this! **Each Sunday, beginning 19 June, we'll sing a favorite hymn nominated by a St Andrew's parishioner** (with a little shout-out in the bulletin to whoever suggested it). You can nominate a hymn(s) by using one of the forms now in the Narthex ... or you can email Fr Douglas directly.

So, take that trip down memory lane, remember the songs you used to love to sing in church and let us all share in your musical joy!

EdAdvance: Offering Important Services to Adult Learners



Are you interested in completing the requirements for a high school diploma, studying for citizenship, learning or improving your English, or developing your math and reading skills? Anyone adult (18+) who lives in the towns that make up Region 1 (Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon) can take classes paid for by local and state funds. There is no cost to the student for the class or materials. Classes are available in person at Housatonic Valley Regional High or online. Visit our website at www.edadvance.org/adulted, email adulted@edadvance.org, or call 860.567.0863 and ask for Adult Education.

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 and our mid-week services.

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 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 Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon 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.

Lections for this Week

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost *Year C*

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1,10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1,7-14



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)

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



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

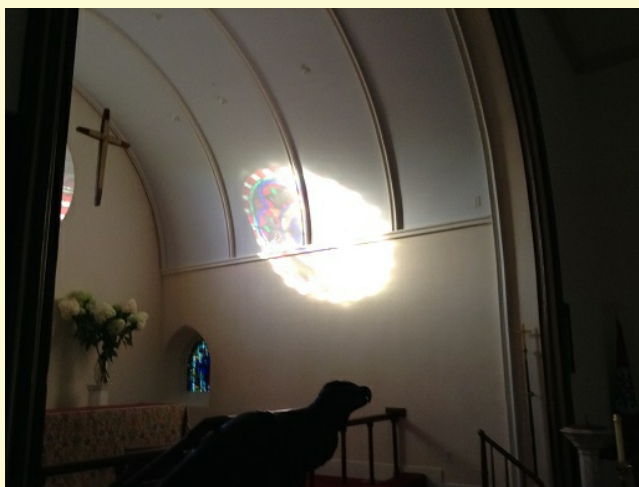
6.00 p.m.



-Holy Days-

Holy Eucharist

9.00 a.m.



12 Step Meetings

Mondays

LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

Wednesdays

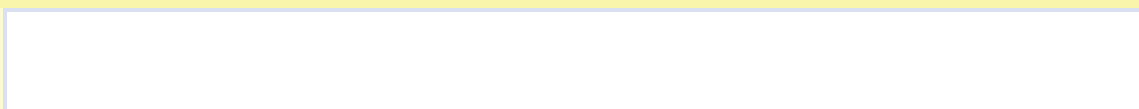
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting
email us for info.

Thursdays

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



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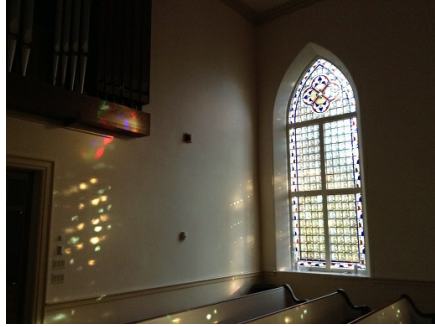
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