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The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for inviting Jim and me to be a part of your life. Thank you for befriending us. Thank you for the privilege of ministering to, and with, you. Thank you for your appreciations and your critiques. Thank you for sharing your joys and your sorrows; your celebrations, your illnesses and your griefs. Thank you, so very much, for the perfectly beautiful watercolor of the church and rectory, by Ned Reade; it will have a place of honor in the new rectory. Above all, thank you for sharing the gift of your faith.

From the bottom of my heart, I love you. I love you as parishioners ... and as friends. I love you as officers, vestry members, commission chairs and administrators ... and as fellow family members. I love you as musicians, teachers, lectors and servers ... and as fellow heralds—we who have been commissioned to "go, tell" the Good News of Christ. I love you as meal-makers, sale-sorters, ornament-arrangers, tree-haulers and general cleaner-uppers ... and as fellow hands-and-feet of Jesus in this world. Above all, I love you as the flock that offered me the sacred, tender calling to be its shepherd.

From the bottom of my heart, I will pray for you. I will pray for your search for

a new rector: that it may blossom into a long season of wonderful mutual ministry. I will pray for your continued growth, in every dimension: that what you have and do here may set hearts afire and provide 'home' to those who are 'homeless.' I will pray that the Holy Spirit shower this blessed community with grace: that every facet of its being may be an expression of Christ's love. Above all, I will pray for you as beloveds, who hold a special place in my heart.

And, finally, from the bottom of my heart, take good care, and may God *always* continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 29 January :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany* (spoken)

Sunday, 29 January :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 29 January :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 29 January :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany* (with music)
(*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 29 January :: 11:40 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 30 January :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 01 February :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 02 February :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 02 February :: 7:00 pm

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, 04 February, 3:00 pm
Music in the Nave Presents: The Whiffenpoofs

Sunday, 05 February
One Eucharist at 10:00 am & the Parish's Annual Meeting

Save the Date: Parish Annual Meeting, 05 February



On 05 February 2023, we hold our annual meeting. Please plan to attend. Canon Tim Hodapp and Amber Page Gehr of the Connecticut diocese will be with us, to start us on the path of calling a new rector. (We will *not* be searching for a priest-in-charge whose term as such would be limited to three years). The preliminary schedule on this Sunday following Douglas' final Sunday with us follows:

1. *There will be one service at 10:00 am*, at which Canon Hodapp will preside and preach.
2. Immediately following the service, Tim and Amber will address the parish about the rector search, the steps we will need to take and the support we will get from the diocese.
3. Immediately following that, we will hold our annual meeting, at which time we will elect a new class for the vestry, among other business. A light lunch will be served in the Parish Hall once the meeting has adjourned.

Please make every effort to attend the 10:00 am service on February 5th and what follows. Most of us have a lot to learn about the process of calling a rector. In the meantime, your wardens and vestry will do their best to keep everyone informed.

Music in the Nave Presents
The Whiffenpoofs, Saturday, 4 February



Dear Friends,

Guess what? The fabulous Whiffenpoofs are coming to town! Be sure to catch them at St. Andrew's on Saturday, February 4th at 3 p.m.

Each year, fourteen Yale seniors become the new lineup of America's oldest collegiate *a cappella* group and perform more than 200 concerts around the globe, delighting fans with jazz standards, hits through the decades, and their famous Whiffenpoof humor. Let them entertain you!

Tickets are \$30 at <https://bit.ly/whif> and the door. For more information, call 860-927-3486, email office.sa.kent@gmail.com, or visit www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html.

See you there!

Music in the Nave

Good News:
FISH Transportation Is Restarting



Kent's volunteer transportation program has started up again.

FISH volunteers provide transportation to **medical and dental appointments *only, outside of Kent***; and to medical and dental appointments, the IGA, hairdresser, Food Bank, banks, etc within Kent. Medical appointments take priority over other kinds of rides.

FISH clients must be ambulatory and able to get in and out of a vehicle on their own. The volunteer drivers are all vaccinated and ask that users be vaccinated as well. FISH provides rides when family members, neighbors, the NW Transit District bus and other options are not available—and when volunteers are available. Rides are provided Monday through Friday before 5:00 pm and not on holidays.

Rides must be scheduled as early as possible and definitely at least three-to-five days before the need. To schedule a ride, call Carol at Kent Fabrics at 860 927-3640. *The best time to call is a weekday morning.*

For longer and more distant appointments, FISH will encourage use of the Northwest Transit District Dial-a-Ride program (860-489-2535).

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 Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Year A

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12



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.
(Parish House)

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



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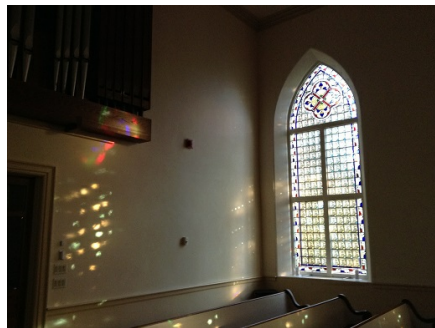
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