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Trinity Sunday: Sunday, 30 May

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN. At its meeting on 16 May, the vestry decided, in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC and at the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to more fully open the parish for worship, as follows:

- If you **are** fully vaccinated, you may attend worship without wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing, but you may do so if you choose to
- If you **are not** fully vaccinated, we request that you *either* wear a mask and maintain social distancing *or* attend our outdoor worship (Sundays at 12:30)
- We will **not** resume congregational singing at this time

In addition, it is no longer necessary to sign-up in advance to attend worship, but we will record the names of those who attend, in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

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 Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the burgeoning beauty and welcome warmth of spring.

It is with mixed emotions that I am letting you know that our esteemed organist and director of choirs Tom Holcombe will be retiring in February 2022. Tom will have served the parish for ten years as our lead musician; and for many, many years before that in the countless ways he helped Marty while she led our music program. The sad aspect of this announcement is that we will miss Tom's consummate musicianship, excellent taste, tireless work ethic and dedication to the high caliber of the St Andrew's music program. He will be an extremely hard act for anyone to follow! The joyful aspect is that after decades of liturgical music leadership—in the Army, at Exeter, at Kent School and here—Tom will have more time to attend to his composing and arranging, as well as to all the pleasures and pursuits that make his a well-rounded life.

We are making this announcement now—some nine months in advance—for two reasons. The first is that securing Tom's successor (I cannot say "replacement," as he is irreplaceable) will be quite challenging, given today's church music environment. Beginning the search early and conducting it openly—including gathering feedback and soliciting suggestions from you—will be much to our benefit. The second is that I want to be sure we have *plenty* of opportunities to thank and honor Tom for his mighty ... and mighty successful ... work. In particular, we are planning some sort of fun, informal parish supper in November when Tom will share with us a sampling of the secular music he's arranged over the years: from "Edelweiss" to "If I could put time in bottle." And then, on a Sunday afternoon in late February, we will gather for a formal concert of some of Tom's most beloved and beautiful sacred music.

For me, personally, Tom has been a real boon to a newbie priest: his deep knowledge of the sacred repertory (both choral and organ); his having lived Episcopal liturgy for decades; his willingness to try on new things ... and also to tell me when my ideas wax unrealistic; and his ceaseless striving for as good a musical performance as possible. But above all, I value Tom as a colleague and a friend. We meet every Tuesday morning for almost 90 minutes. We gladly and easily collaborate to plan the musical life of the parish—even in these tortured COVID times. Plus, I never fail to learn something from him, including precious lessons in parish dynamics they never taught us in seminary!

There will, of course, be ample time for accolades, testimonials and thank-yous as February draws nigh, and we are *months* away from saying our good-byes to Tom as our musician. But if you are so inclined, I'm sure he wouldn't mind your letting him know, now, how grateful you are for all that he's done for St Andrew's over the years and how well he has stewarded and developed the musical life of this parish.

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

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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Weekly Calendar

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| Friday, 28 May | Prayer & Meditation <i>(Nave)</i> | 5:30 pm |
| Friday, 28 May | A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i> | 8:00 pm |
| Saturday, 29 May | Choir Rehearsal / Recording <i>(Nave)</i> | 9:30 am |
| Sunday, 30 May | Holy Eucharist: Trinity Sunday (spoken) <i>(in person only)</i> | 8:30 am |
| Sunday, 30 May | Holy Eucharist: Trinity Sunday (with music) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i> | 10:30 am |
| Sunday, 30 May | Coffee Hour | 11:35 am |
| Sunday, 30 May | Holy Eucharist: Trinity Sunday <i>(outdoors)</i> | 12:30 pm |
| Monday, 31 May | Holy Eucharist: The Feast of the Visitation <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i> | 12:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 2 June | Mid-week Eucharist <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i> | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 2 June | Visioning Team Meeting <i>(Great Room)</i> | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 2 June | A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i> | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, 3 June | A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i> | 7:30 am |
| Thursday, 3 June | Al-Anon <i>(Great Room)</i> | 7:00 pm |

IT'S BACK: COFFEE HOUR



This past Sunday we revived a cherished St Andrew's tradition: coffee hour after the 10:30 liturgy. It was wonderful to be out on the lawn, enjoying a cup of something and sharing a time of fellowship. It is not for nothing that the earliest Christian churches not only worshipped together but also ate together! Many thanks to Randy DiPentima, Lynn Perry, Bill Dillon and Jeff West for putting together our inaugural Sunday.

Going forward, we will ask for a couple volunteers take each Sunday. Starting this Sunday, there will be a sign-up sheet available for the summer months, as well as some pointers on how to 'do' coffee hour. Please consider signing up!!

MEET OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: KC COMPTON



We are delighted to announce that KC Compton has joined us as our new Parish Administrator. She is highly capable, outgoing and eager to get to know everything St Andrew's. Here is a brief introduction she created so we can get to know her a little:

"Hello! My name is Kimberly (but known by most as KC), and I'm very excited to be joining the St. Andrew's community as Parish Administrator. I spent over a decade in NYC as a performer, but also worked in the marketing and business development fields for clients such as the New Meadowlands Stadium, Citi Field and the Freedom Tower. I own on a horse farm in nearby Wingdale, NY, and have been an equestrian since early childhood. Currently, I compete in Eventing (the triathlon of equestrian sport) with my Thoroughbred, Zeus. I share my life with my fiancé Herman, two children Lyra (8), and Troy (5), and future stepdaughters Ava (11), Kelsey (10), and Lexi (8). I'm looking forward to meeting you all, and very much appreciate the warm welcome from so many of you already."

If you are in town, please consider stopping by and saying hi to KC. Her hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 – 2:00. You can also reach her via email at office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

FROM OUR DIOCESAN CAMP: This Summer Is On!



Camp Washington Summer Camp begins in less than 60 days!

Are you registered yet?

Summer Camp '21 might look and feel a bit "different" than summers past and we are confident we can offer the fun, sun, friendship and memory-filled summer that has made Camp Washington famous! Sessions are filling up quickly, so [reserve your spot today](#).

P.S. In this ever-changing year, Camp Washington is desperately seeking staff: counselors, nurses, activity directors and the like. For a list of open positions, click [here](#).

EXPLORING A POSSIBILITY: A COVID Survivors Group

As we (hopefully) begin to emerge from the throes of the pandemic that has beset us these last fourteen or fifteen months, we are also aware that COVID has affected some of us very deeply, in lasting ways. Some of us are suffering from so-called "long COVID," in which sequelae of the virus linger on and on in our bodies. Some of us have lost loved ones and dear friends to this relentless foe. And some of us may be wondering why we recovered while others didn't. All of these are difficult, poignant—and also very natural—questions that it may be beneficial ... and perhaps spiritual ... to explore in a small group.

Therefore, we would like to explore the level of interest in bringing together a COVID survivors group. This would be a small group, with a trained facilitator to guide it, that would come together to ask the difficult questions; share the deep emotions; and support and care for one another. If this is a mutual ministry you would be interested in, please contact Fr Douglas.

IT'S BACK!! Tag Sale 2021

The Tag Sale will resume this year! Here is a quick look-ahead from Marel Rogers, who's heading up this year's sale.

Things to remember:

- The Sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 6, 7, and 8
 - 8 am - 4 pm on Friday

- 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday
- Noon - 2 pm on Sunday
- Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage
- Masks and social distancing will be required

For those wishing to donate:

- Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, July 5. Donation hours are 9am – 2pm Monday – Friday and 9 am – noon Saturday
- No mattresses, books, clothing or computers can be accepted
- Please be considerate with donations. If you would not buy it, we cannot sell it. Items should be clean and unbroken
- Those wishing to have larger items picked up should call Bob McDowell (860-488-1635) to arrange a time for pick up
 - All items must be outside for the volunteers to pick up
 - Items must be of a size and weight that can be lifted by not-so-young volunteers
 - No upholstered items can be accepted

For those who'd like to volunteer:

- Those who went to help with pricing, cashiering, wrapping and all the other things that happen before and during the Tag Sale should call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635). Pricing will begin on July 5th, and hours are flexible
- The POD will be unloaded and furniture place under the tent on Wednesday, August 4, starting at 4:30 pm

NOW AVAILABLE: Rogationtide Blessings of Gardens

This year, the Church will celebrate the Rogation Days—traditionally, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension—during the week of 09 May. During Rogationtide, prayers are lifted up especially for the crops, flowers and other plantings that are beginning to blossom and bloom: for their health, heartiness and abundance. There are many wonderful prayers for this.

Do you have a vegetable garden or a flower bed or even a yard that you've been laboring on this spring that you would like to have blessed? Father Douglas would be happy to come by and offer an outdoor blessing anytime. Just be in touch with him: Frdouglas.sak@gmail.com or 860-592-0171.

(We will also be making a special parish procession to the Kent Community

Garden, where St Andrew's tends several plots, after the 10:30 service on the 9th.)

SAD NEWS IN OUR DIOCESE: Christ Church, Norwich, to Close



Christ Church, Norwich, shared the following news last week:

After months of talking and discerning together, thirty-five parishioners met via Zoom on Sunday, April 25, 2021, for an All-Parish Meeting. After a time of prayer and reflection, followed by the opportunity for questions and responses, a resolution to close the parish was presented and seconded. The vote in favor of closure was unanimous. Christ Episcopal Church, Norwich will have a final service planned for Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Bishop Laura Ahrens shared, "I have been inspired by the faithful parishioners of Christ Episcopal Church who have prayerfully walked this holy journey. For centuries, they have shared God's love with the City of Norwich and beyond.

The sadness in this moment is real and so too is the wonder and curiosity about how God is calling us to share the message of new life in new ways. We are a people of hope and resurrection and we will continue to walk together to listen to God's call." [Read more here.](#)

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and AI 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 KC 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

Day of Pentecost

Year B

Acts 2:1-21;
Psalm 104: 25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27;
John 15:26-27;16:4b-15



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

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

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)

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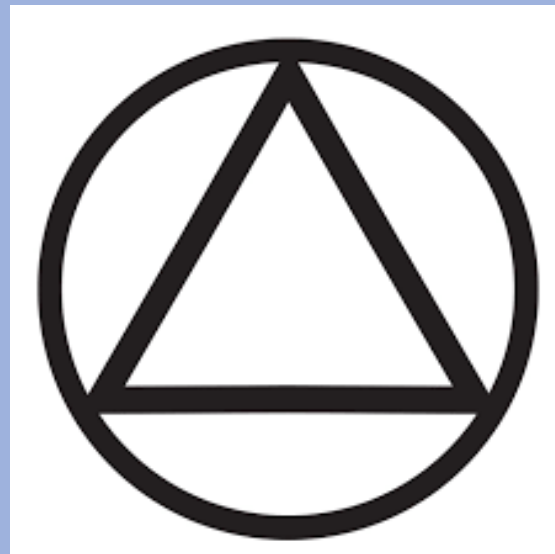
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)

resumed

Fridays

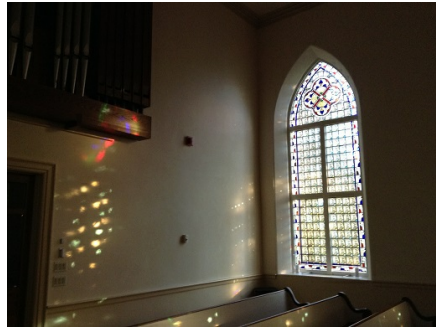
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens
resumed*



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(2 pm on Thursdays)**

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