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**Zacchaeus Up in the Tree**  
**Luke 19:1-10 :: Proper 26, Year C**

## From Katherine Almquist, Junior Warden

Two weeks ago, we were graced with the presence of Canon Tim Hodapp. This clearly was not his first rodeo. After a question-and-answer session with the parish at large, he met with the Vestry. There were not many further questions. Before he left us, he made a request: "Think about what makes you thankful for St. Andrew's."

We have so much to be thankful for.

St. Andrew's is (to my mind) the most beautiful building in Kent. The picture-perfect country church. The grounds are lovely, park-like. It is a place of prayer, reflection. It is open to the public. Non-judgmental. It is also home to many other events, and acts as a Community Center. Just this last year St. Andrew's hosted Shakespeare's monologues, Suzanne Tanner's "Her-Story", Georgianne Kent's Library Tribute, The Sherman Ensemble, to name a few.

Our parish had Roger White as our Rector for three decades. In a word, he was beloved. His retirement sent shock waves.

A tough act to follow?

You bet.

I am thankful that Father Douglas and Jim (to use a dear friend's favorite expression) "thought about everything that could go right and not everything that could go wrong" and made to move to St. Andrew's.

I am thankful that Father Douglas was not intimidated, and set about putting his own stamp on things.

I am thankful to Jim for his impeccable eye, and the hours he puts in to keep St. Andrew's so stunning.

And it is a joy to see Cooper scampering around the grounds. He is one happy little dog.

This is an unabashed "Thank You" to both of them. I hope you stick around. Come for cocktails and stay for dinner. And then stay some more. At least another two decades or so. You are doing the work of the Lord, and doing it with elegance and grace.

And thank you, Canon Hodapp, for posing the question.

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Sunday, 30 October :: 8:30 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*** (spoken)

Sunday, 30 October :: 9:15 am

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 30 October :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 30 October :: 10:30 am

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

Sunday, 30 October :: 11:40 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 31 October :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Tuesday, 01 November :: 9:00 am

**Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of All Saints*** (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Tuesday, 01 November :: 11:00 am

Class: *Introduction to The Book of Common Prayer* (final class)

Wednesday, 02 November :: 2:00 pm

**Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of All Souls*** (with music) (*in-person and live-*

*streamed)*

Reception follows in the Parish House

Wednesday, 02 November :: 6:00 pm

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

Wednesday, 02 November :: 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, 03 November :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 03 November :: 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***

Wednesday, 02 November 2:00 pm

*All Souls' Day Eucharist for the Departed, with Reception to follow*

Saturday, 19 November

*The Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar*

## All Souls' Day: Wednesday, 02 November



Each year, two days in the liturgical calendar are devoted to prayers for those who have died in the faith. Allhallowtide (or Allsaintstide) occurs on the first and second days of November (with, much more famously, All Hallows' (*that is, Saints*) Eve beginning after sunset on 31 October). On *All Saints' Day, 01 November*, we remember all of the apostles, prophets, martyrs and heroes of the Church who have taught us so much, by word and example, through their living (and, sometimes, dying) among us. As a parish, we'll celebrate All Saints' twice this year: with a small, weekday Eucharist at 9:00 on the first, and also at both Eucharists on Sunday, 06 November.

On *All Souls' Day, 02 November*, we recall all of those who have passed on before us and now feast at the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for all of us. Also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, this day, for us, no longer dwells in notions of purgatory or harbors any *ifs* about salvation, for we know it is *assured* by our baptisms! But even so, there is something comforting, reassuring and even unifying in coming together each year to be in spiritual communion with our departed loved ones ... lift up their memories ... and pray for them just as we also pray for those whom we see in this life.

We will gather for our *Remembrance of the Faithful Departed at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, 02 November*. ***If you would like to submit the names of loved one who have died, we will include them on our Necrology, praying and tolling the church bell for each one by name. Please email the Parish Office or leave a voicemail, by Sunday, 30 October.*** A quiet reception in the Parish House will follow this liturgy.

## It Takes a Parish: From the Stewardship Commission



You have been hearing and reading about Stewardship and have been asked to pledge to sustain and grow our parish. The theme of Stewardship is that pledging is a way to express commitment to St Andrew's, to all it is to each of us and to all we do and aspire to do for others.

Less often talked about is Stewardship as part of Fellowship, defined as "a community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience." St Andrew's is all of those.

This year, the Stewardship Commission included a brochure in our pledge materials—its preparation embodied Fellowship. In addition to the Commission, a dozen people of St Andrew's participated in putting that brochure together and sending it on its way to all of us. Charmian Place and Michael Ward designed the layout. Karen Chase gave us her wonderful photo of the steeple that graces the front cover and George Potts, Michael Ward and George-Ann Gowan sent the other photos that show us at worship, work and play. Jean Martino, Bob McDowell and George-Ann generously shared their feelings about faith and St Andrew's. Mark and Patricia Nordskog, Judy Perkins and Bill Dillon filled envelopes. Douglas and KC were guiding hands throughout.

That is Fellowship ... and Stewardship.

If you have not yet pledged, please pledge as generously as you comfortably can to support St Andrew's and to grow our community of Fellowship.

Although the official end of Stewardship season will be Nov. 13, when we celebrate the Feast of St Andrew, we realize that some schedules will not accommodate that date and we will gratefully receive pledges made after that.

## St Andrew's Wants *You*: From the Nominating Committee



It is, once again, the season to think about who would like to serve St Andrew's by standing for election at our annual meeting in early February. At that meeting, we will elect three new vestry members; two delegates to the diocesan annual convention; and two alternates to convention. Vestry members serve three-year terms. The vestry meets monthly, on Thursday evenings, and vestry members are also expected to chair or serve on one commission or head up a project for the parish. Convention delegates represent the parish at the two-day diocesan convention, which usually takes place in Hartford in mid-October.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charmian Place, is seeking suggestions for people it may nominate to fill all of these positions. These should be active members of St Andrews who attend worship regularly and contribute both time

and money to the parish.

The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions that are submitted, as it forms the slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting. If you'd like to suggest someone—and you may definitely toss your own hat into the ring—please complete a Suggestion Form (available in the Narthex and the parish office; or we can email you one) and give it to Charmian or KC by 20 November. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charmian directly.

## Thank You, Kent School Students!



*Michael Ward made the following report about several Kent School students who worked hard on our campus last week:*

I had the honor and pleasure to spend a few hours cleaning up the precinct at Saint Andrews on Main Street today.

Physics teacher and coach Mike Green arrived with many able-bodied students who did amazing work. We loaded and took one pick up truck full of compacted maple leaves to a local vegetable garden to compost. Those were all the leaves between the church and the rectory.

Then we attacked the two neglected corners of the back parking lot—one behind the dumpster and one at the corner of the cemetery. Cleaned them all out and loaded up the brush.

The place is looking quite fresh! Thank you, thank you and thank you to Renee, Rocco, Blake, Peter, Robert, Engel and Mr Green.

I am attaching a couple of photos. I had a blast and hope the students had a little fun. We certainly appreciate their making the effort!!



Tomorrow, 29 October:  
Fall Clean-Up Day



Break out the rakes, brooms and gardening gloves, for it's once again time for Fall Clean-up Day, on **Saturday, 29 October, from 9:30 – 12:30!** Please come join Michael Ward and the

Properties Commission for this important—and fun!—morning of cleaning up, sprucing up and polishing up our beautiful campus. There is plenty of work to do, for all levels of ability and interest. And when we're done, we'll have a pizza lunch at 12:30. See you there!

## Bringing Back the Flower Ministry: A Thought from Marel Rogers



I'd like to speak about flowers. I have been able to find only two references to flowers in the Gospels: both Matthew and Luke tell of Jesus speaking of the lilies of the field. And that's it. But flowers are a part of our worship, and as we begin the season of autumn, when the flowers growing around us are fading, perhaps we should think how we might bring the joy and beauty that they contribute to our Sunday worship to those who cannot attend St Andrew's.

There is a long list of names on the Prayer List. My suggestion to all of us is to find a person on that list, perhaps an old friend or perhaps someone you have not met, and take the Sunday flowers to them. Vases will be available in the Narthex: simply arrange one vase and make that visit. It can be Sunday immediately after the 10:30 service, Monday or whenever you can visit that person.

Taking flowers to shut-ins, those recovering from an illness or welcoming a new baby, someone mourning a loss or someone who could just use a lift used to be a regular part of how St Andrew's parishioners cared for each other. We can do it again, and I predict we'll find as much joy in making these visits as those we visit find in receiving them.

— *Marel Rogers*

## Just Around the Corner: The Annual Christmas Bazaar





Each year St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar signals the approach of Advent. And before the Bazaar can welcome shoppers, we will be arranging donations of Christmas décor, Golden Treasures, jewelry and Christmas tree ornaments. Please take some time this month to look over your own treasures and set them aside for the Bazaar. We will begin accepting donations on 01 November, and the Bazaar will be held on 19 November.

The Bazaar is also filled with good food! Baked good, preserves and relishes all will be accepted all day on the 18<sup>th</sup> and also before 9 am on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this coming weekend to be 'stir up Sunday' for finding recipes and planning on your culinary donations.

The funds raised by the Bazaar support worthy charities close in Kent and the surrounding region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## Lectons for this Week

**The Twenty-First Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
*Year C*

Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12  
Luke 19:1-10



## 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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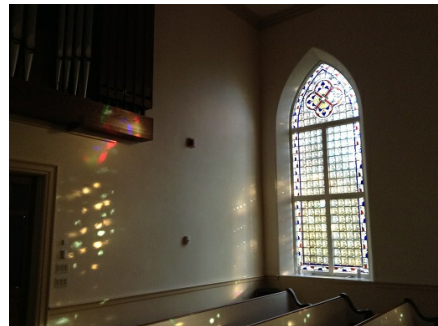
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