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## From Randy DiPentima, Junior Warden

“Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal.”

*The Book of Common Prayer*, p 371

These past four Sundays we have heard these words as we prepare for Holy Communion using Eucharistic Prayer C, beginning on page 369 of the Prayer Book. It is not as familiar to me as the other three prayers of the Great Thanksgiving, and, perhaps like some of you, I was not as prepared for the congregational responses as I should have been. Perhaps also because of its unfamiliarity, I am hearing the words more fully. I have a tendency to listen to the familiar words of the words of Prayers A, B and D in comfortable anticipation of the Eucharist. The words I have quoted above from Eucharistic Prayer C remind me that it is not just about comfort or solace. Holy Communion is for strength and renewal as we take on God's work.

We will pray Eucharistic Prayer C for a few more Sundays, and as a congregation, we're invited to actively participate in this prayer in a different way from the other eucharistic prayers. I will remember to open the Prayer Book and do so.

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Also, just a reminder that this Sunday, 31 October, we begin distributing the Wine in addition to the Bread at Holy Communion.

## This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 29 October

Prayer & Meditation (*Nave*)

5:30 pm

Saturday, 30 October

Fall Clean-up Day (with lunch)

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Saturday, 30 October	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	9:30 am
Saturday, 30 October	Music Commission ( <i>Library</i> )	10:45 am
Saturday, 30 October	Altar Server Training ( <i>Nave</i> )	12:00 noon
Saturday, 30 October	Properties Commission ( <i>Library</i> )	12:30 pm
Sunday, 31 October	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of All Saints (observed) (in person only)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 31 October	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of All Saints (observed) (with music) (in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 31 October	Coffee Hour ( <i>Great Room</i> )	11:35 am
Sunday, 31 October	KECNS Fall Games ( <i>North Lawn</i> )	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday, 31 October	All Hallows' Eve: <i>A Liturgy of Saints and Bonfire Reception</i>	7:00 pm
Monday, 01 November	Bible Study: <i>Genesis (Great Room)</i>	11:00 am
Tuesday, 02 November	Holy Eucharist: All Souls' Day, with a Remembrance of the Departed ( <i>reception to follow</i> )	2:00 pm
Wednesday, 03 November	Mid-week Evening Prayer	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 03 November	A.A. for Women ( <i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i> )	7:00 pm
Thursday, 04 November	A.A. meeting ( <i>Parish House</i> )	7:30 am
Thursday, 04 November	Al-Anon ( <i>Old Vestry Room</i> )	7:30 am
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## Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Sunday, 07 November	Special Presentation on IRAs and Charitable Giving	9:30 am and 11:40 am
Thursday, 11 November	Veterans' Day Commemoration and Luncheon	11:00 am
Saturday, 13 November	Parish Potluck and Evening of Pops Music to Celebrate Tom Holcombe	6:00 pm
Saturday, 20 November	Annual Christmas Bazaar Returns!	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Saturday, 27 November	Annual Christmas Tree Sale Begins	10:00 am

## St Andrew's Current COVID Status

### THE PARISH IS OPEN.

- Pursuant to CDC guidelines, we are asking *everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status*, because the level of community transmission in Litchfield County is **Substantial** (or higher)
- There is **congregational singing**, at the 10:30 service only

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 the Stewardship Commission

When I returned to church after the easing of COVID restrictions in the spring, I was flooded with memories. Roger White's thoughtful sermons. Pleasant conversations during coffee and light refreshments. My wife Sarah's involvement with the nursery school. The joy on my children's faces during Easter egg hunts. Selling Christmas trees under the lights and in the snow. Feeling the peace that comes with worshipping God along with friends and neighbors. For a time COVID took much of this away from me, but, when I finally returned, I realized how much I had missed St Andrew's. I realized how much I missed my spiritual home.

This summer I was asked to join the Stewardship Committee, and I jumped at the opportunity for all of these reasons. This is why I appeal to you today. St Andrew's is a very special place that has touched the lives of many, and I hope that it remains healthy and vibrant. Together, we can keep it so. If you have already made a pledge, thank you for your support. If you have yet to do so, please consider making a pledge. Thank you so much.

*Glenn Sanchez*



## Tomorrow, 30 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, 30 October, from 9:00 – 12:30!** Please come join Charmian Place 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!

*Note:* If it is raining at 8:00 am on Saturday, please assume Clean-up Day is Cancelled.

## Looking for Halloween Plans? Come to St Andrew's!



It's always fun to greet the little ones on Halloween and pass out treats. But if that isn't your cup of tea ... or if you don't get many trick-or-treaters ... then come to church at 7:00 on **Halloween** for a special Liturgy of the Saints. In a

quiet, contemplative Evening Prayer-like service, we will recall the lives of Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth / fifteenth century English mystic; David Pendleton Oakerhater, an early twentieth century Native American deacon and missionary; and Jonathan Myrick Daniels, an Episcopal seminarian who lost his life during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s. After that, weather permitting, we'll have a bonfire in the parish yard, by the Close, where we'll feast on cider and soul cakes ... and some other goodies, too: no tricks, but plenty of treats!

## Remembrance of the Departed: All Souls' Day, 02 November



On Tuesday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls, the day on which the Church remembers all Christians who have died, and especially those whom we personally have known and loved. *We invite all parishioners to submit names of family, friends and other loved ones who have died.* We will read their names, tolling the bell for each one of them, during Holy Eucharist this day. You may submit as many names as you wish to the Parish Office at [st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net). Please send in all names by **Friday, 29 October**.

There will be a reception in the Parish House following our All Souls' Eucharist.

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS: Submit Nominations for Parish Elections



At our annual meeting in January, we will elect three members of the vestry; a new senior warden; a new junior warden; and delegates and alternates to the 2022 diocesan convention. If you would like to suggest any names (including your own) to the Nominating Committee, please provide them to **Charmian**

Place, who chairs the Nominating Committee, by 15 November. The Committee will consider all of the names submitted as it compiles the slates for the election in January. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charmian.

## Afghan Refugee Settlement: An Opportunity to Get Involved

This past Saturday, eight folks from St Andrew's traveled to Washington Depot to learn about plans for helping a refugee family, most likely one from Afghanistan, resettle in the Northwest Corner. The Washington Consortium of Congregations is partnering with [Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services](#) (a charity St Andrew's regularly supports) in this effort, and St Andrew's has been invited to participate, as well.

The need is urgent. There are 125,000 refugees currently living on U.S. military bases, and the deadline for relocating them is this year-end. If you would like to learn how you can become involved, visit the Washington Refugee Resettlement Project's web site, which you can access [here](#). On the site you can also volunteer to get involved in a range of ways: helping families with housing, education, job placement, household finances, cultural orientation, etc.

If you have questions or would like to know more, Fr Douglas would be happy to speak with you.

## RSVP Now: Parish Potluck for Tom Holcombe on Saturday, 13 November



The beloved St Andrew's Potluck returns, on Saturday, 13 November, at 6:00 pm!

The entire parish is invited for an evening of good food, good fellowship and good music. As Tom prepares for his retirement in February, he'd like to share with us one of his many gifts that we don't know much about. For years at Kent School he arranged folks songs and pop music for a *cappella* ensembles. So, after our supper, Tom and members of the Choir will perform a short concert of some of Tom's favorites – running the gamut from "Shenandoah" and "Edelweiss" to "Spanish Flea!"



Please make a reservation with the Parish Office ([st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net) or 860-927-3486) by Wednesday, 10 November, and bring a dish to share. It's sure to be a delicious, fun-filled evening!

## Help Wanted: Community Veterans' Day Luncheon, 11 November



Back in 2019, St Andrew's put on a Veteran's Day Remembrance and Luncheon that was very well received. We could not reprise our efforts last year, but this year we will holding a remembrance at the Veterans' Memorial at 11:00 am, followed by a delicious luncheon in the Parish House.

George-Ann Gowan is taking the laboring oar in organizing this year's luncheon, and she is looking for volunteers to help out. If you're able to pitch in, please be in touch with George-Ann ([gagowan@mac.com](mailto:gagowan@mac.com)).

## A Treat in Store for Us: Organ Recital on Sunday, 14 November

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH, KENT  
*presents*

### ORGAN RECITAL

Buck McDaniel  
*Organist & Director of Music*  
The Church of St. Edward the Martyr  
New York City



This past summer, we have been happy to provide a rehearsal space to Thomas "Buck" McDaniel, who is the [Organist and Director of Music at St Edward the Martyr Parish in New York City](#), as he prepared for an upcoming recital tour. Buck was all set to share some of the fruits of his labors with us in a recital in August when predictions of severe weather (which never

materialized!) forced us to cancel.

We are, therefore, excited to announce that Buck will be giving a recital at St Andrew's on Sunday, 14 November, at 4:00 pm. He will play works by J S Bach, William Byrd, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Jean Langlais and Marcel Dupré. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend – you'll be happy you did!

## Do You Know What a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" Is? Maybe You Should!

Beginning at age 72, IRA holders must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRAs.

After *both* services on **Sunday, 07 November**, parishioner Paul Orme, a Wealth Management Educator, will lead a discussion on how charitable giving and the RMD are related and can be of benefit to you and save you taxes as well. It may be a convenient way for you to pay your pledge to St Andrew's and to make other charitable donations, as well.

This discussion is for all parishioners—those who are 72 or older (or will be in a few years) and those are just interested.

You may be thinking: "How does this work?" Come and see. All are welcome!

## Let the KECNS Fall Games Begin!

**SAVE THE DATE: Fun Fall Games  
at the Pumpkin Run 11am-3pm**

# KECNS Fundraiser

**October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

**\$1 Play for Kids & \$10 Play for Adults**

**Top players take home  
\$25 gift cards & more**

**Proceeds Benefit Kent Nursery School**

**Located @ St Andrews Church**

View More Info



The Kent Education Center and Nursery School, long a resident of the lower floor of our parish house, is putting on an afternoon of fun and games for the whole family during the Kent Pumpkin Run on Sunday, 31 October. These will be held on the north lawn of the parish yard (where the Christmas Tree Sale takes place). We invite you to help spread the word: If you're a parent or grandparent, plan to bring the little ones. If you know families with young children, let them know.

We also have complimentary tickets for this event for families who cannot afford to purchase tickets themselves. Just be in touch with Fr Douglas to obtain these.

## IT'S BACK! The Annual St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar!



Please consider this Sunday to be Stir Up Sunday for your baked goods, jams, jellies, chutneys and other delicacies for the Bazaar. Those items should be delivered to the Parish Hall on **Friday, 19 November, or before 9 am on Saturday, 20 November**. If you care to write up something about your offering, all the better!

**Donations:** We are offering Christmas ornaments, Christmas décor, Jewelry and Golden Treasures this year. Donations will be accepted beginning **Monday, 15 November, from 10 am until 2 pm every day, until noon on Friday, the 19th**. Please note that the Bazaar is a collection of gift-worthy items, not a tag sale.

There will be a cheese cart, and also lunches. However, lunches will be take-out only.

We will request that all attendees wear a mask.

If you would like to help with arranging for the Bazaar or help during the Bazaar itself, please contact **Marel Rogers** ([marelrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:marelrogers@yahoo.com)).

Thank you all!!!

## Time to Start Thinking About the Christmas Tree Sale, Too!



The order has been placed, and soon the racks will be going up on the North Lawn. Yes, the annual Christmas Tree Sale is less than a month away!

We have between 250 and 300 trees coming this year. They will be arriving on the morning of Saturday, 27 November, and the sale will kick off at 10 am that day. It will then continue every Friday (4 – 6 pm), Saturday (10 am – 6 pm) and Sunday (12 – 5 pm) until we run out of trees. We need plenty of volunteers to help sell. If you can help, please be in touch with **Chris Rehow** ([crehow@ncsplus.com](mailto:crehow@ncsplus.com) or 917-544-1763).

## 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 Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro. In addition, Leah has told us how useful it is for her 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 Leah'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 Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00 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 Feast of All Saints (Observed)**

*Year B*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21: 1-6a

John 11:32-44



## 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



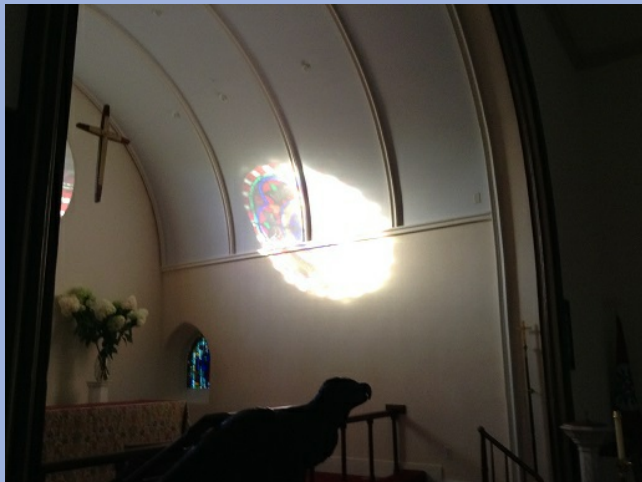


stream on YouTube)

**-Wednesday-  
Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.

**-Friday-  
Prayer & Meditation**  
5.30 p.m.

**-Holy Days-  
Holy Eucharist**  
6.00 p.m.

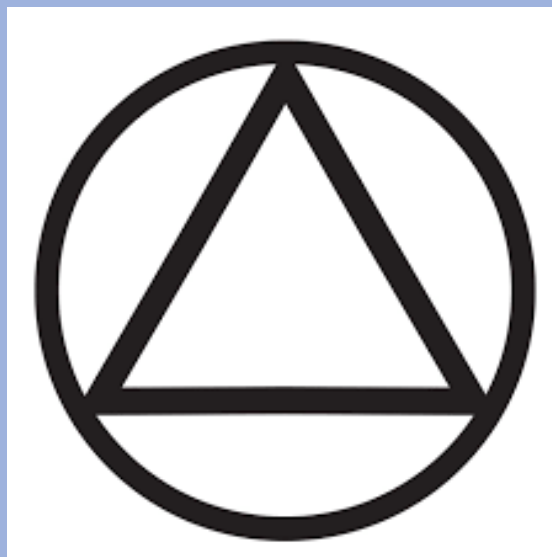


## 12 Step Meetings

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

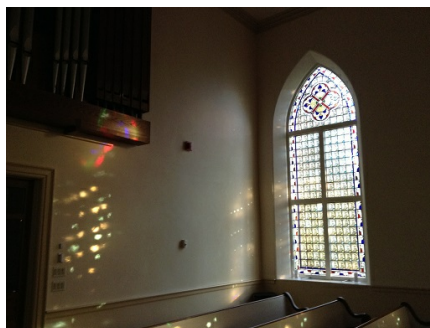
**Thursdays**  
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Parish House)  
*resumed*  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Old Vestry Room)  
*resumed*

**Fridays**  
A.A. at 8 p.m.  
(Great Room)  
*temporarily until First Church opens*  
*resumed*



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