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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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www.ctepiscopal.org

Service Schedule

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sundays
Suspended in person
(Available on YouTube)
Zoom Coff-E hour

-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.
Suspended

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.
Suspended

Thursday, 4 June
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

Sunday, 7 June
First Sunday after Pentecost
***Service available on YouTube**
and
on our website
www.standrewskentct.org
Coff-E Hour at Noon (Zoom)

Tuesday, 9 June
Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

From the Bishops

Dear Companions in Christ,

As we continue to live into all of the challenges that the global COVID-19 pandemic has added to our lives, we find our emotions are heightened and our resilience is being tested. The Church Pension Fund in their presentation on [The Emotional Life-Cycle of a Disaster](#) highlights that we are in the stage when feelings of sadness, grief, despair, and disillusionment consume our lives. In this difficult time, we are also witnessing that those who are marginalized and oppressed in our society are being further pushed to the margins as social, economic, political, and racial divisions become exacerbated.

Racism and the resulting violence against people of color perpetrated by those who have power in our nation and state has led recently to the tragic and inexcusable deaths of George Floyd in Minnesota, Jose Soto in Connecticut, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, and Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia. Such violence is unacceptable and contrary to the

*Holy Days as
announced.*

Calendar

Sunday, June 14

*The Kent Singers
Songs of the
British Isles
3.00 p.m.*

*St John's Episcopal
Church in New Milford*

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

A.A. for Women
*Zoom meeting
email for info.*

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Suspended
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)
Suspended

Parish Staff

Thomas W. Holcombe,
*Organist & Director of
Choirs*

Margie O'Brien,
*Director of the Children's
Choir*

Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator

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Financial Secretary

Bill McLaren,
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will of God and the promise of justice and freedom central to our country's ideals. We must not let the realities of COVID-19 distract us from speaking out against, and working to dismantle, the forces of racism and white supremacy that continue to infect our lives and our nation. It is that very inaction and silence that feed into the legacy of white supremacy. **Silence is complicity and we must not participate in the forces of evil that divide us.**

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut is committed to the work of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation. For us to be the Beloved Community in Jesus that we are committed to becoming, we must act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). To be the Beloved Community, we must believe and act in a way that recognizes that every person is created in the image of God. It also means that we will speak out when we see the dignity of another person being disrespected. And it means that we will do our personal work to address our own places of both privilege and prejudice. ECCT is in the beginning stages of planning an offering related to this work and will have more information to share in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we encourage you to explore important opportunities for us to become the Beloved Community God calls us to be in our neighborhoods and our nation, such as those provided by the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. As we live into this time of heightened emotions, we invite you to pray and reflect on who God is calling us to be and then recommit to dismantling the racism manifested in our midst.

The injustice against people of color we have seen in recent weeks is not tolerable. It is contrary to the will of God and our Christian witness. We must speak up. We must work for change. And we must repent for the ways we are complicit in the ongoing violence in our society. We do this work together. We do this work for God. And we do this work so that all God's people may know safety, hope, and love.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas
Diocesan Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens Bishop

Coff-E Hour

**St. Andrew's Parish
Coff-E-hour!**



Join members of our Vestry
and wider parish family for a
virtual version of our weekly gathering
Sunday, June 7 at Noon

Zoom Online Meeting Instructions & Info
will be in this Saturday's Epistle.

Zoom Bible Study



Northwest Region Zoom Bible Study

Rev. Martha Tucker is leading a NW Region Bible Study on Tuesdays
at 4PM! We are looking at the Gospel of John! All are welcome to
join!! The zoom link is below.

<https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/786414686>

Please contact Dylan Mello with any questions at
dmello@episcopalct.org

Bishops' Book Discussion at Camp Washington (ONLINE)



The Bishop's Book Study at *Camp Washington* is a monthly gathering of clergy and laypeople who love to read.

Join us, June 26, 2020 - 9:30 AM!

The Bishop's Book Study at Camp Washington provides us with an opportunity to discuss how our learnings relate to self, spirituality, and God's Mission.

Join us this month ONLINE for a lively discussion!
Register first and a link to the discussion and how-to details will be sent to your email.

This month we will be discussing:
Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God
by Kaitlin B. Curtice

PraiseMoves!



Looking for a way to stretch, exercise and hear the Word of God?
Then try

PraiseMoves!

Now, easy to do right in the comfort of your own home. Mary Perry, Certified PraiseMoves Instructor from St. Paul's Brookfield will be holding Zoom classes

Saturdays at 10:00

Message her at maryperry2@me.com for the link. Come, try it out! Appropriate for all Fitness Levels!

From Webmaster George Potts

Parish member Kristin Phelps has a great idea!

We would like the members of our worldwide St Andrew's Parish to share stories of how we each have been spending our time during the current pandemic:

Where are you spending your quarantine?

How are you keeping busy?

What are you reading?

What is the biggest change you are experiencing?

Are you attending any online services, both here and worldwide?

Please email your stories to George Potts at gpotts@snet.net and he will upload them to the parish website so that we can all see them. All of them will be viewable once the page is published at

<https://www.standrewskentct.org/membersblog.html>

ECCT COVID-19 Resources

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has put together many resources for us to utilize. There are financial resources for parishes, self-care information, and livestream information as well. Please see

HERE

or the link below to explore current news, events, and offerings.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>



ECCT Stories: Covid -19 Reflections, Part 1

We asked folks from all over ECCT to submit reflections on their experiences during this time of quarantine, physical distancing, and uncertainty. We asked where you see God in this, what you are learning, and how you are caring for yourself in this time. We were overwhelmed with the response of essays, videos, poems, and more. Here are some of the reflections, more to come next week.

[Read the blog](#)

Share with ECCT

share your COVID-19 experience
WITH ECCT

SHARE A REFLECTION ON HOW YOU ARE DOING IN THIS TIME OF
CORONAVIRUS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO CARE FOR YOURSELF?

email your reflection to storytelling@episcopalct.org
please keep reflections shorter than 600 words



We invite folks from all across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut to share a reflection on your COVID-19 experience with us. We are putting together a blog series with reflections from you, to share how folks are experiencing and living into this new normal

Where have you seen God during this time?

What are you learning?

What are you doing to care for yourself?

We invite you to submit a reflection, no more than 600 words, along with a photo. The photo can be of you or something that goes with your reflection.

Please email your reflections
to storytelling@episcopalct.org

Free Online Course-Yale Divinity School



Women in the Bible, an online course from
Yale Divinity School

"Women in the Bible" sheds new light on familiar characters like Mary Magdalene in the New Testament and Sarah, Abraham's wife in the Hebrew Bible. It also studies characters who are less well known to many Bible readers, such as the city of Babylon, styled as a whore in the Book of Revelation. Through the stories of these women, discover how gender can inform your reading as you explore how these stories relate to your own faith journey.

This online course is 11 weeks and includes videos, discussion questions, a study guide, and additional resources.

Begin the online curriculum with Dr. Jacqueline Vayntrub and Dr. Yii-Jan Lin today!

Adding to the Prayer List

During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, that you would like the prayers offered.

And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).

Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.

You may also write to Heather at st.andrew.kent@snet.net

Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.

We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

The 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.

Coffee in the Commons Podcast



COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations

center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

Listen to the latest episode below!

<http://www.coffeehour.org/>

The Annual Reports for 2019

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on

[Annual Report 2019](#)

A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
FISH is very short-handed***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

*Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,
it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,*

*to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness
can never overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

Homily

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
the Homilies located on our website.*

click on [Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

**The First Sunday after Pentecost
Year A**

**Genesis 1.1-2.4a;
Psalm 8;
II Corinthians 13.11-13;
Matthew 28.16-20**