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From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well. It's becoming more and more apparent to me—and hopefully to you, too—that our parish has entered a season of *opening*. Perhaps the way in which this is most obvious is all *there*-opening we are doing, after more than a year of COVID. Our regular Sunday and weekday worship schedule has resumed; meetings and discussion groups are being held in-person again; and Coffee Hour, following the 10:30 Eucharist, is now in full swing! We will continue to livestream and record our liturgies and to make Zoom available for those who do not wish to attend meetings in-person, but more and more, we are open to one another, face-to-face, once again.

Another, more subtle *opening* involves the church building itself. It was long a Saint Andrew's tradition to keep the building open to the public, but we had to abandon this practice in the throes of a pandemic. Well, we are once again opening the building (and keeping a light on in the Narthex) every day, during daylight hours. I spend most of my time in the Parish House, but several times a week when I am in the church, visitors and passersby stop in to look around and get to know us a little. I always chat with them a bit and let them know they're very welcome here.

This past Sunday night saw another type of *opening*: our embracing the community more fully. In the lead-up to our 7:00 pm Liturgy of Saints and Bonfire, we opened the doors of the church to the grand parade of trick-or-treaters, with a huge bowl of candy right in the entryway, while Jim and I took

turns greeting them. It was fun and affirming: giving out goodies and marveling at costumes, on our side; and being inside a beautiful church and asking "what goes on in here?" on theirs. More than one parent took her child by the hand, walked into the Nave and shared a few memories about singing in the choir ... or being a member in her own youth ... or attending a wedding or a funeral.

And finally, as I mentioned in this past week's sermon, we will now be keeping the baptismal Font *open*, as well. The Font is, both symbolically *and* literally, the source and origin of our Christian identity. On an experiential level, regardless of where we ourselves may have been baptized, our Font proclaims our having been marked as Christ's own forever. On a scriptural level, the Font recalls Jesus' own baptism in the River Jordan and His command that we go forth into the world, baptizing all nations (Matthew 28:19). And on a sacramental level, the blessed waters of the Font are the ever-presence and ever-flowing of God's abundant grace to and in and through us, always.

And so, whether in worship on a Sunday or on a visit mid-week, whenever you are in the church, I invite you to take a few moments to *open* yourself to the *open* Font. Consider the difference the faith that it initiated in you has made in your life. Reflect on the freedom-of-Christ it has imparted to you. And contemplate, above all, the indissoluble bond (*BCP*, p 298) it has established between God and you. We are baptized only once in our lives, but we never stop living our baptism. Be open to that!

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

In the peace and love of Christ,
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This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 5 November	Prayer & Meditation (<i>Nave</i>)	5:30 pm
Saturday, 06 November	Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room</i>)	9:30 am
Saturday, 06 November	Finance Commission (<i>Library</i>)	10:30 am
Saturday, 06 November	Music in the Nave Committee (<i>Great Room</i>)	10:45 am
Sunday, 07 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Pentecost 24</i> (<i>in person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 07 November	Special Presentation on IRAs and Charitable Giving	9:30 am and 11:40 am

Sunday, 07 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Pentecost 24</i> (with music) <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 07 November	Coffee Hour <i>(Great Room)</i>	11:35 am
Wednesday, 10 November	Racial Reconciliation Study Group <i>(Library)</i>	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10 November	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 10 November	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 11 November	A.A. meeting <i>(Parish House)</i>	7:30 am
Thursday, 11 November	Veterans' Day Commemoration and Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday, 04 November	Al-Anon <i>(Old Vestry Room)</i>	7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

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

Saturday, 13 November	Parish Potluck and Evening of Pops Music to Celebrate Tom Holcombe	6:00 pm
Sunday, 14 November	Buck McDaniel Organ Recital	4:00 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
Saturday, 04 December	Advent Quiet Day	9:00 am-3:00 pm

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

The End is Near!

... of the Stewardship season, that is... it will draw to its close on November 14, our observation of St. Andrew's Feast Day.

We hope that those of you who have not yet pledged will join your many fellow parishioners who have expressed their commitment to St. Andrew's and their support of our plans for a larger role in our community. Many thanks to them!

We have already had an enthusiastic response to the prospect of reinstating church school. Your pledges are the cornerstone of all that we hope to do in this coming year – from outreach to repairing our ageing parish house. Please join us by pledging so that we can harness our energy and eagerness to do more as a parish.

Lynn Perry
For the Stewardship Commission

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

Recently, 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 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 the town will be holding a remembrance at the Veterans' Memorial on Maple Street 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).

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

A promotional image for an organ recital. On the left, a black rectangular area contains white text. On the right, a photograph of a young man with short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt under a dark jacket, is shown from the chest up. The background of the photo is dark and out of focus.

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!

ECCT: Annual Convention Summary



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

On 23 October, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut held its 237th annual convention. (Ours may be the longest continuously running convention in the entire Church.) While the convention was held via Zoom, it still featured a virtual tour of the fully renovated Cathedral in Hartford; worship, in Morning Prayer; and a final address by Bp Ian Douglas, who will be retiring next year.

In addition to approving next year's budget and compensation levels and electing officers and commission / committee members, the convention also adopted several resolutions:

- Recognizing All Saints, in Cornwall, and the diocesan mission at Seabury House, in Bloomfield, as Intentional Episcopal Communities, thus giving them official status within ECCT
- Committing all parishes to become active in advocacy for the climate and to conduct an energy audit, with a view toward improving energy efficiency and reducing consumption
- Committing the diocese to explore and implement appropriate ways to foster right relationship with Indigenous Episcopalians and with our Indigenous neighbors; and forming a Task Force on Relationships with Indigenous People
- Committing the diocese to review and explore ways to reduce the administrative burden on parishes of complying with our Safe Church policies, without reducing our commitment to keeping our local communities safe for all vulnerable people
- Increasing the diocese's investment in young adult ministry; and

- Examining the impact of various social biases within the Church's clergy disciplinary processes

If you'd like to read more about any of these resolutions, you may do [shere](#).

A Women's Day Retreat: Saturday, 20 November

Saint John's Parish in Niantic is sponsoring a one-day retreat for women entitled "A Waiting Place: Embracing the Space Between 'What is' and 'What will be' on Saturday, 20 Nov, from 9:30 am - 3 pm at Mercy by the Sea. *From St John's:*

Is God leading you to a time of waiting — that space between 'what was' and 'what will be'? It's in this sacred space where the old is finally able to fall away and a new creation can arise in its place. During this day of retreat, we'll encourage each other to confront and finally embrace this waiting place through thoughtful meditations as well as guided group and individual prayer and reflection. Space is limited to 20 people and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You may register online [here](#).

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).

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 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 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Year B

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



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)

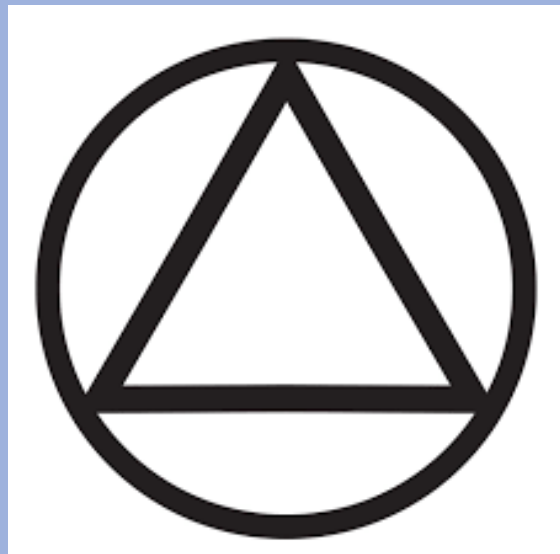
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Fridays

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

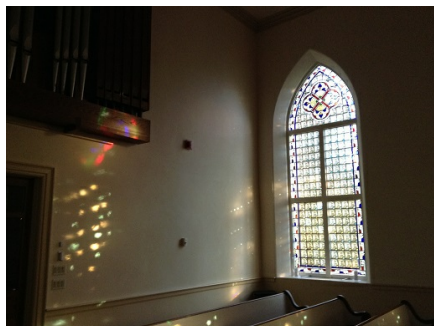
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