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Rogationtide

## St Andrew's Current COVID Status

**PARISH IS NOW OPEN.** The parish is now open for in-person worship. At its meeting on 21 March, the vestry voted, with the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to re-open the parish for worship. This is a permanent decision, unless the pandemic takes another dire turn. Social distancing will be required. Therefore, attendance at all services will be limited to 30 people. (Those who reside in the same household count as one person ... but we will nevertheless be prudent about the total number of people in the nave.) Masks must be worn, and the nave windows will be opened to increase air circulation. There will be no congregational singing or distribution of communion at this time.

If you wish to attend worship in-person, you *must* contact Irene Connors (860-592-0030 or [collageconnors@gmail.com](mailto:collageconnors@gmail.com)). Irene will be compiling a list for each service, to ensure we do not exceed our capacity limits.

We will continue to livestream all of our services, as well, as there are many 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 having a blessed Eastertide. (The season of Easter continues through the Day of Pentecost, which falls on 23 May, this year.)

Perhaps it is because the Church of England (CoE) is a more ancient church, or perhaps it is because England is a more agriculturally oriented land (or so it seemed to me on a month-long trek to many of its cathedrals and monasteries a few years ago). Whatever the reason, our siblings in the CoE have retained in their worship life more traces of our human heritage as farmers: more awareness of the fact that not that long ago, the primary occupation of a great majority of families was to produce food to feed themselves; and more awareness of our dependence upon nature for our survival and flourishing.

To wit, a rich triad of holidays in the CoE calendar marks the important milestones of the agricultural year. *Plow (or Plough) Sunday*, usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, marks its beginning. Plows (or nowadays, tractors) are brought to church and blessed, so that work in the fields may begin the following day, Plow Monday. The *Rogation Days*, which are the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension (and have now expanded to include the preceding Sunday, as well), are when the Church gives thanks for the budding of the crops that have just begun to peek above the soil and prays for their health and abundance. And *Lammas Day*, 01 August, is a celebration of the first harvests of grain—traditionally celebrated with breads baked from the first harvest. (One of the CoE's agricultural traditions we *have* maintained is Thanksgiving, at the end of the harvest season.)

Few of us, it is true, make a living as farmers, and so, the significance of these holidays has faded for us. Nevertheless, these days serve to remind us of how dependent we human beings really are: on the weather and good soil conditions; on the control of diseases and pests that prey on crops; on farmers who dedicate their lives to feeding others; and, above all, on the providence of God Who enables all of this. These special days also recollect, more generally, how firmly our lives and livelihoods are fixed in a natural environment that we cannot ultimately control but have an obligation to respect, care for and steward for future generations.

To this end, this Sunday—Rogation Sunday—we will be observing the ancient tradition of a rogation procession. After the 10:30 service, we will process, with singing (outdoors!!), to the cemetery, to the river's edge and then to St Andrew's plots in the Kent Community Garden. At each stop, we will briefly give thanks for what we already enjoy and pray for God's continued blessing upon us. Jake Fricker, our master community gardener, may be on hand to introduce us to 'our' land and tell us a little about how our crops help feed neighbors in our community. And, we will have the pleasure of walking, as a parish, through our community on a beautiful (I hope!) spring morning. Please consider joining us on this festive occasion that also helps us remember just how connected to this earth—in all its vagaries and vulnerabilities—we really are.

(And by the way, *it's not too late* to send in names of mothers whom you would like us to pray for by name on Sunday. See the Mother's Day article, below.)

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

Friday, 07 May	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Friday, 07 May	A.A. meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	8:00 pm
Saturday, 08 May	Choir Rehearsal / Recording	9:30 am
Saturday, 08 May	Officers Meeting	11:00 am
Sunday, 09 May	Holy Eucharist: Easter 6 (spoken) ( <i>in person only</i> )	8:30 am
Sunday, 09 May	Holy Eucharist: Easter 6 (with music) ( <i>in person and live- streamed</i> )	10:30 am
Sunday, 09 May	Rogation Procession ( <i>leaves from church steps</i> )	11:30 am
Wednesday, 12 May	Confirmation Classes ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 12 May	Mid-week Eucharist ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 12 May	A.A. for Women ( <i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i> )	7:00 pm
Thursday, 13 May	A.A. meeting ( <i>Great Room</i> )	7:30 am
Thursday, 13 May	Holy Eucharist: Feast of the Ascension ( <i>in person and live-streamed</i> )	6:00 pm
Thursday, 13 May	Al-Anon ( <i>Great Room</i> )	7:00 pm

FOR MOTHER'S DAY:  
Prayer Requests & Flowers

The Prayers of the People on Sunday, 09 May, which is Mother's Day, will be a litany devoted to mothers and motherhood, and you are most cordially invited to contribute. Please send along the first names of any women who have been mothers for you—whether biological or otherwise—and a brief statement of your love, gratitude, admiration or memory of (or for) them. For example:

- For Martha, with all of my love
- For Emily, for all her sacrifices
- For Hartley, whose hugs never failed to console
- For Ruthanne, whose courage inspired me
- For Juana, whom I miss with all my heart
- For Gretchen, who taught me how to pitch

As in all prayer, there is no wrong way to do this—just please be brief! And there is no limit. Feel free to submit as many requests as you'd like.

Please email your prayer requests to [st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net) (or leave a voicemail at 860-927-3486) by 12:00 noon on Saturday, 08 May.

We will also be providing fresh flowers to the women in the parish this day. They will be distributed at both of our liturgies, and we'll leave some at the church entrance, as well, for those who would prefer to pick them up.

## NEW IN THE PARISH HOUSE: Portrait of Roger White



If you come by the Parish House for any reason, you'll notice a brand-new piece of art gracing the entranceway to the office: a wonderful portrait of the Rev Roger White. The portrait (which, we have heard, Roger was quite pleased with) was a generous gift to the parish from James and Kate Vick. It was formally unveiled and dedicated in a small ceremony this past weekend.

How lovely it is to see Roger's face once more in a place where he spent so much time and that he loved so dearly!

## Note of Appreciation from Sr Mary's Family

This past week we received the following kind note from Ellie Torebka, who is Sr Mary Lanning's sister.

*Thank you all at St Andrew's for your sympathy and remembrance of our sister Mary. She was a woman of immeasurable love and energy. Mary was born into a big family, but the family she created throughout her life and work is bigger than any of us ever imagined.*

*We are grateful for her influence and example, and for your love of her and your generosity to her "solutions."*

*Sincerely,  
Ellis Torebka & the family of Mary Lanning*

## 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](mailto: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.)

## NEW YOUTH FORMATION OFFERING: Confirmation Class Is Beginning

We are excited to announce that we have started **anew youth Confirmation Class**. The class will meet, via Zoom, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. It is open to anyone age 13 – 18 who wishes to learn more about Christian faith and belief; the Church and its sacraments; and living life as a follower of Christ. The class is designed to prepare one for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but that is *not* a requirement. Participants are free to decide whether or not to seek confirmation at the end of the course.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fr Douglas.

## 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 Laura 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

### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Year B*

Acts 10:44-48;  
Psalm 98;  
1 John 5:1-6;  
John 15:9-17



# 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

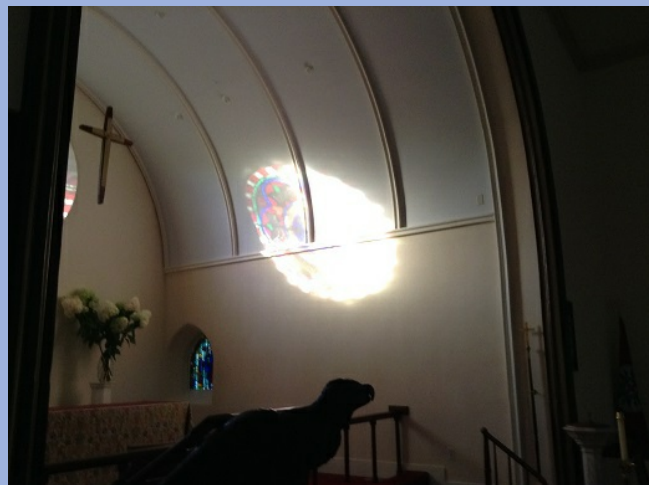
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;  
Healing Service at 8.30,  
Third Sunday  
In person  
for 25 people with masks at  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



### -Wednesday-

#### Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)



### -Friday-

#### Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)

### -Holy Days-

#### Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)

## 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)

*resumed*

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

*resumed*

**Fridays**

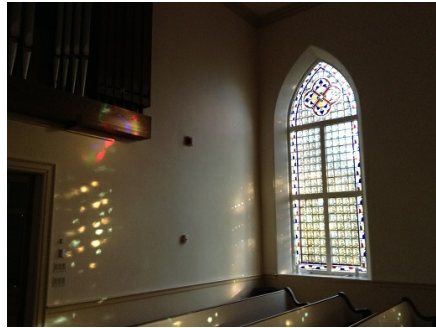
A.A. at 8 p.m.  
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens*  
*resumed*



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