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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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www.standrewskentct.org

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
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, 19 May
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

Sunday, 24 May
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
****Service available on YouTube***
and
on our website
www.standrewskentct.org
Coff-E Hour at Noon (Zoom)

Tuesday, 21 May April
Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

From the Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

Some of you may have heard or seen the Bishop's latest guidance on the re-opening of Episcopal Churches in Connecticut. Basically the State of Connecticut will start to re-open in a four phase program. The first phase is beginning on May 20 and should last until June 20 if not extended. During the first phase there is really no change from what we have been doing for the last two months.

We will continue to keep our buildings locked and limit gatherings to no more than five people. We plan on continuing to record the Sunday Eucharist services and have the Sunday Coff-E hour for the time being. The bishops also cautioned us that the June 20th date may well be extended, so don't necessarily plan on moving into phase two on that date. I will continue to listen to the bishop's weekly zoom call on Wednesdays and let you know what they are thinking.

*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

Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

Randy Osolin,
Verger

Meanwhile, last Saturday the vestry met in-person for a second interview with our top candidate for the PPIC position. We had a wonderful time. It really was great to see each other in person. Everything looks very positive. The vestry voted to move ahead and make a call to the candidate pending approval of Bishop Laura. I have asked that they schedule a meeting as soon as they can. At the moment I'm waiting to hear back from the diocese. The candidate liked the rectory very much and is very much excited about moving ahead. So please keep this process in your prayers.

The vestry will be meeting again soon via zoom. We'll continue in faith to wait out the coronavirus. As always, please let Charmian or myself or any of the vestry members know of any your ideas or concerns.

Christopher Rehkow

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, May 24th at Noon** ~

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

Bishops' Town Hall



Northwest Region Town Hall with the Bishops May 27 at 5:00PM

Join Bishop Douglas, Bishop Ahrens, our Region Missionary, and the Northwest Region Leadership Team for a one hour conversation of exploring the pandemic together.

What are we learning? What is God saying to us?

All are welcome. Invite others.
No Registration Required.

[JOIN MEETING HERE](#)

<https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/97504161901>

or by phone:

1-646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 975 0416 1901

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

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 COVID-19 Blog

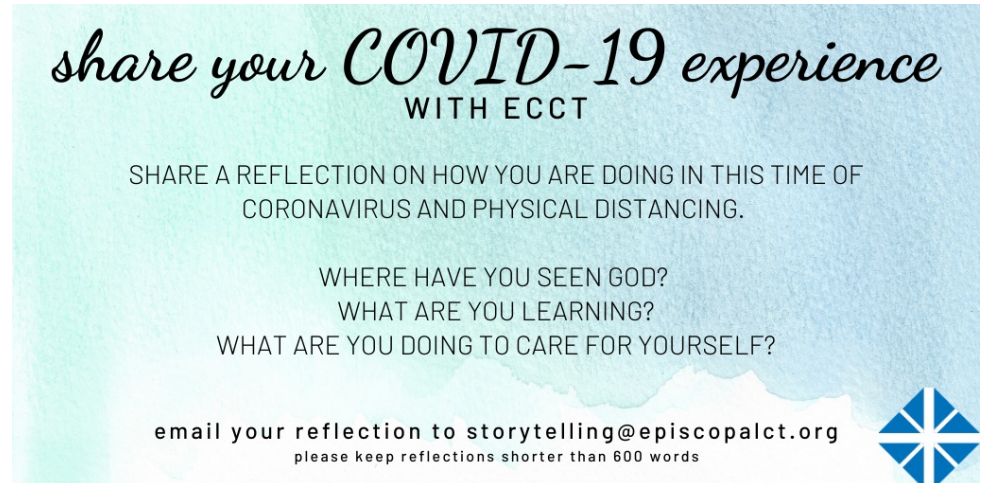


ECCT Stories: Covid -19 Reflections, Part 1

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



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

Camp Washington Bishops' Book Discussion

St. Benedict's Toolbox

The Nuts and Bolts of
Everyday Benedictine Living



Jane Tomaine

Bishops' Book Discussion

St. Benedict's Toolbox by Jane Tomaine

- NOW ONLINE -

May 29, 2020 at 9:30-11am

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

Registration link [HERE](#)

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*

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year A

Acts 1.6-14;
Psalm 68.1-10, 33-36;
I Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11;
John 17.1-11