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Service Schedule

-Sunday-
Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.

Holy Days as announced.

Calendar

Sunday, 21 January
ANNUAL MEETING
at 11.30 a.m.

Saturday, 27 January
Music Commission Meeting

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 17 January

Holy Eucharist for the Confession of St Peter
at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 18 January

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 (Great Room)

Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Friday, 19 January

Prayer and Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 20 January

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, 21 January

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING at 11.30 a.m.

Light refreshments in the Great Room to follow.

Tuesday, 23 January

Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones (Great Room)

Wednesday, 24 January

Holy Eucharist for the Conversion of St Paul
at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

NOTICE of the ANNUAL MEETING

at 10.30 a.m. (Library)

Sunday, 28 January
M&O Commission Meeting
at Noon (Library)

Sunday, 4 February
Book Discussion at 9.30 a.m.
(Library)

Ash Wednesday
14 February
Liturgy of the Day &
Holy Eucharist
at
Noon & 6.00 p.m.

Saturday, 21 April
Burial Office for
Christine Hoene
at Noon in The Close

Saturday, 28 April
Burial Office for
Josephine Bristol
at 11.00 a.m. in the Nave

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women
(Great Hall- Parish House)

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

Parish Staff

The Revd Roger B. White,
Rector

The Revd Dr David K.
McIntosh,
Priest Associate

Tara Shepley,
Seminarian Intern

Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of Choirs

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

Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

Randy Osolin,
Verger

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ST ANDREW'S PARISH will be on

Sunday, 21 January, at 11.30 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting will be to receive reports, to receive the budget for 2018, to elect Officers and members of the Vestry Class of 2021, and to transact any other such business as may properly come before the Meeting.

There will be light refreshments in the Parish House at the conclusion of the meeting.

Snow Date: 28 January at the same hour.

From the Rector

On the past few evenings, the town of Kent has been very much in not only the local news but also the national news because of the frightening ice jams that have appeared on the Housatonic River and the flooding that has forced evacuations of houses and the closure of Kent School for at least a week. Aerial photographs of the core campus of the school are truly horrific, as are the photographs of the ice that has built up under the bridge that connects Kent School and points west with the town center.

Several friends have called and written to ask if we are safe and if the parish buildings are affected. A couple of parishioners have been among those evacuated by the KVFED -- our Fire Department have been beyond generous and careful of those in need-- but are indeed safe and sound; and, so far, none of our building have taken on water or been compromised. And, I have been touched by such interest in our well-being here. The very first to write was Bishop Ahrens, who likes to jog around here and so knows the area pretty well: she assured me of her prayers and those of the ECCT staff and asked to be informed if we need assistance from them.

Bishop Laura's note goes to the heart of what a bishop is and is to do. For a bishop is a *pontiff*, a bridge-builder, building bridges not only between God and Christ's Church but among the various members of the Church as well. In part, bishops seek ways to remind us that we are not isolated congregations and congregants but are part of something so much larger --the Episcopal Church in Connecticut; the Episcopal Church itself; the Anglican Communion; The Church --the *ecclesia*, the gathering that is Christ's Body here in earth.

If we in Kent are in distress, then we need to know that there are others in The Church who want to be with us, praying for us, looking to help as needed. They may not keep the Bridge Street bridge open, but they can open our hearts to the love that is

available to us if we are willing to notice, are willing to give thanks for it

From the Treasurer

On Sunday, the 14th, the Vestry approved the operating budget for 2018 that will be presented at the Annual Meeting on next Sunday, the 21st. We habitually receive pledges, pledge cards throughout the year, and it is helpful for them to come in sooner rather than later. If you intend to make a pledge to the operating budget for the current year, please do be in touch with me as soon as possible!

Faithfully,
James Vick
Stewardship Commission
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The Homily on Last Sunday

[Read or listen to the Tara Shepley's homily
on 14 January 2018](#)

[Homily for Epiphany II](#)

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.*

Amen.

The Lections this Week

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

21 January 2018

Lectionary Year B

Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Psalm 62.6-14

I Corinthians 7.29-31

Mark 1.14-20

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*The Parish Office is normally open from
10.00 - 2.00 p.m.
on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need
of

***coffee, tea, sugar, cocoa mixes,
hot breakfast cereals, and canned soups.***

*Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!*

*Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the
narthex, to the left of the doors. And please: do try to
make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!*

A Request from FISH 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local
medical appointments, local hair appointments, and to
do local grocery shopping, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,***

IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!

**Please call Edith Altvater
(860.248.0316) if you can help!**

Announcements

The Book Discussion Group

... will meet next on Sunday, 4 February 2018, at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Library. We will resume our discussion of Carlos Eire's extraordinary *Reformations: the Early Mordern World 1450-1650* and will focus our attentions on Chapter 24, 'The Age of Reasonable Doubt'. All are welcome, and new members are warmly invited!

The Best of Israel, 10 - 19 July

Our Seminarian Intern Tara Shepley's sponsoring parish, St Paul's in Brookfield, is organising a tour of Israel next summer and members of St Andrew's are invited to join. The Double Occupancy cost is \$3879.00, inclusive of air fare from and to JFK (the Single Supplement is \$689.00), and David Szen at stpaulsbibletoours@gmail.com or 917.226.9136 is able to provide literature and further information.

A request from those who count and deposit the collections from Sundays:

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

At nearby Camp Washington

190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org

Truths in the Wind: A Teen Retreat

19 - 21 January

Welcoming Grades 9 - 12

We are called upon to respect the dignity of every human being, and at times that can be a challenge. We struggle to learn all that we can about one another, or simply don't understand how the small things that we say and do can cause others harm. Throughout our weekend together we'll take a look at some of the ways that young people can challenge bigotry, hatred, and racism as we seek truly to respect the dignity of all.

Cost: \$150

Winter Rest & Renewal:

26 - 28 January

Adult Getaway Weekend

Come to Camp Washington for two days of rest and renewal, a time for conversation or being alone, reading a book, playing a game, or taking a hike. Good food, new friends, a time to come away and simply be.

This is the weekend everyone has been asking for!

Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-rest-and-renewal-weekend-tickets>

Second Sundays

at Camp Washington

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623.

Further information is available at www.campwashington.org

Music in the Nave

THE SHERMAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

'Best of the Baroque'

Music of Vivaldi, Telemann, Handel, & J.S. Bach

Sunday, 7 January

4.00 p.m.

**\$30 at the doors or visit
shermanchamberensemble.org**

**The Chamber Music Society
of Lincoln Center**

*Music of Brahms and Dvorák
Hungarian & Slavonic Dances for Piano Four-Hands,
a piano trio by Brahms, and a piano quintet by Dvorák*

Friday, 6 April

Gardiner Theater, Trinity-Pawling School

700 Route 22 in Pawling, New York

at 8.00 p.m.

*Admission: \$30 adults, \$15 students
www.pawlingconcertseries.org*

*Join other busy concert goers for a soup, salad, & sandwich supper
before each concert from 6.00-7.30 p.m. at
The Cave, adjacent to the chapel.*