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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, 24 September
Greeters Meeting at 9.30 a.m.
(Great Hall)

Sunday, 1 October
Book Discussion Group

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 20 September

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Hall, Parish House)
Kent Singers Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)

Thursday, 21 September

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

Parish Office Hours, 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 (Great Hall)
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Parish House)

Friday, 22 September

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 23 September

NO Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, 24 September

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)
Greeters Gathering (Great Hall) at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee & ... at 11.30 a.m.

*A sign-up sheet to provide light refreshments for Coffee Hours
is on the pass-through into the kitchen.*

Tuesday, 26 September

Parish Office Hours, 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Strong Women, Strong Bones at 10.00 a.m. (Great Hall)

Wednesday, 27 September

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Hall, Parish House)
Kent Singers Rehearsal at 7.00 p.m. (Nave)

From Nik Combs

at 9.30 a.m. (Library)
Tag Sale Wrap-Up Meeting
at Noon
(Vestry Room)

Saturday, 28 October
Burial Office for David Jalbert
at 11.30 a.m.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Andrew's Episcopal
Church, Kent, Connecticut,

I was touched by the generosity and warm welcome I
received at St Andrew's this summer. As David wrote
last week, I did meet him on June 10, just a week after
moving up to Connecticut, having left yet another web of
friends and supportive relationships behind.

While I wish Fr Roger could have done without the
ordeal he had to endure, it was a tremendous blessing
for me to be with you this summer. You have helped me
begin to find who I am here in Connecticut, showed me
some of the spirit of the Church and people in this new-
to-me land, and now rank among the first friends and
acquaintances I have had here.

I would like to publicly thank Roger and David for letting
me participate in a way that let me use and grow my
gifts, giving me space to preach, and mentoring and
supporting me in these still-early days of my ordained
ministry.

It has been a privilege to serve you during what was for
many an uncertain time and stay along until Roger
returned; it was a gift to me to see the community regain
a sense of wholeness.

I want to more specifically thank all of you who put on
the Sunday coffee hour this past week, and thank those
who came to say farewell, however brief it may have
been.

Everyone is invited to my priestly ordination at Trinity
Episcopal Church in Torrington, on Wednesday, October
11, at 7 pm. May God's peace be with you!

Farewell, and blessings on your life and ministry.

The Rev. Nik Combs, Deacon

From the Rector

10 September 2017, at the conclusion of the
8.30 & 10.30 liturgies:

On this Sunday after Labor Day, at the beginning of a kind of
New Year, and with my own homily in mind, I want for a
moment on this morning to be specific about my own need to
particular give thanks. Please be seated.

In March, I received a diagnosis of an aggressive cancer that my close friend, my colleague, and my physician, Fr David, needed with dismay to deliver. The cure was straight forward, and on 1 June I had surgery and expected to be hospitalized for less than a week. Within a couple of days, however, it was clear that, for unexpected reasons entirely its own, my body had responded to the procedure with complications -many of them; and so there was at once a second, emergency surgery from which the recovery has been necessarily longer than anyone had anticipated on 1 June. And, on 1 November I am to have additional surgery that is, after a recuperative period of a few weeks, finally and successfully to conclude (I trust) this interlude and treatment.

In all of this there have been so many who have been so generous in their attentions, care, and love -your own cards and letters stack up to most of a foot in height- and none has been more so than Fr David. He drove down to Danbury Hospital and to Village Crest in New Milford as often as his practice allowed, always offering me Communion, and he was in daily, if not hourly, consultation with my surgeon and my nurses -all the while providing for St Andrew's a level of liturgical and pastoral life, together with preaching, that has been simply extraordinary.

As it became obvious how much time I would need to be hospitalized, Fr David drew in the school chaplains, in particular John Gedrick and Steve Klots, who are associated with the parish; and he also identified Nik Combs, a transitional deacon, who could assist them - all of whom enhanced our lives by their preaching and ministrations. None of this happened without at least twice daily conversations between Fr David and me, none of it without my awareness and consent, and all of it with my heartfelt thanks. In a traumatic and confusing period of weeks, these conversations about the on-going life of our parish were truly a blessing to me. All of us, and I in so many additional ways, owe David McIntosh a debt of deep gratitude for all that he has done for us.

Beyond this, Fr David has also been entirely respectful of my wishes not to make my specific medical issues a matter of concern: I have wanted simply to be on medical leave.

Because of the unexpected complications after the first surgery and because of the further surgery in November, however, you do need to understand my reasons for being so much absent this year and to understand our continuing reasons to be so grateful to Fr David for his on-going care for all of us.

He, together with our Wardens, Nick Downes and Charmian Place, have been and are leading St Andrew's through an unforeseen patch, and we need, each of us, to find our own ways of saying Thank You to each of them. David McIntosh, Nick Downes, Charmian Place, and others have also honored my own wishes just to be on a medical leave that I have wanted to be simply that, and for this I need to conclude this

personal address with my most profound and loving thanks.

Faithfully,
Roger+

Greeters Meeting

**The Greeters will be meeting
at 9.30 a.m.
on this Sunday,
24 September, in the Great Hall.**

*Nick Downes will be reviewing the instructions,
answering whatever questions anyone may have, and
welcoming new members to the team.
Coffee & tea will be available.*

The Lections this Week

**The Sixteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
24 September 2017**

Exodus 16.2-15
Psalms 105.1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

Homily for 17 September

To listen to Fr David's Homily from last Sunday,
please click on:

[Homily for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost
17 September 2017](#)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder that the Parish Office is OPEN and
Heather will be around on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HIKERS/ CAMPERS

This is being repeated for information to the entire parish: As most of you know, we can no longer host hikers and campers on parish property. Please be sure that you **do not invite** any hikers or campers to inquire about staying on our property... per policy by the Rector and Vestry, hikers CANNOT pitch tents or stay on our property overnight.

We are sorry but we cannot endure the liability and problems we have faced in this regard.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

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

***coffee, tea, sugar, breakfast cereals,
canned soups, tuna, and canned meats,***
*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

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development for Hurricane Relief

... have come to \$1561 from the Mission & Outreach Commission and from monies collected from members of the parish. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity!

St Andrew's Garden

Tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant, beans, peppers and zucchini have all been planted in the garden. Volunteers are needed to weed and water our garden. Harvesting is done on Wednesdays.

Empty Bowls: Supporting the Soup Kitchen in Torrington

Please help us to get the word out about the Empty Bowls Fundraiser to support the work of the Community Kitchen of Torrington. Empty Bowls will be: Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 5 - 7.30 p.m. at the Elks Main Ballroom, 70 Litchfield, Street Torrington. The \$20 donation/person entitles the donor to a ceramic bowl (while supplies last), and a bowl of soup and bread donated by area restaurants. Dinner alone is \$10/person.

The Book Discussion Group

... will resume meeting on Sunday, 1 October, 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 Chapters 20 & 21, 'The Age of Religious Wars' & 'The Age of Orthodoxy'. All are welcome, and new members are warmly invited!

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.

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. Camp Washington is at 190 Kenyon Road in nearby Lakeside, Connecticut, and those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623. Further information is available at www.campwashington.org

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!

Ned Reade has a watercolor show

... 'Tools of the Land' at the McKinney & Doyle Fine Foods Café from 2 October - 8 January. Ned is a former warden of the parish and, as Senior Master at Trinity-Pawling School, teaches art.

Music in the Nave

The Rosewood Ensemble

Music for Strings

**Sunday, 22 October
at 4.00 p.m.**

*Admission: \$15 at the doors; \$13 if booked in advance on Eventbrite
<http://MITNKentCT.eventbrite.com>*

Pawling Concert Series

Brooklyn Rider

A string quartet who perform contemporary repertoire as well as Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven in their own distinctive style.

**Friday, 13 October
at 8.00 p.m.**

All Saints' Chapel, Trinity-Pawling School

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