



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Laura Blanchard

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Martha Elliott

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Jim Swan

The worship booklet for the 8:00am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ben Cooke

Lectors: David Blanchard & John Ward

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Kay Liss

Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter

Vestry Announcer: John Ward

The worship booklet for the 10:00am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#). This service is also livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or recorded.

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

Readings for Sunday, February 12 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.

If you would like to access the website, please [click here](#)



Shrove Tuesday, February 21

Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, has long been celebrated in the Christian churches with a meal of pancakes. Why pancakes? To use up the last of the butter, eggs, sugar, and other rich ingredients that were given up for the fasting of Lent. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 21, when St.

Andrew's will hold the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Details will follow next week.



Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return...

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, there will be two services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes. Prayers for healing will be offered following the 10:00 AM service for those who wish to stay. The 5:30 PM service will include music.



ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, March 5

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 5 (snow date March 12). There will be a single service at 9:00am, followed by the Annual Meeting in the undercroft.

Please note: Annual reports should be sent to the office email: stasnew@tidewater.net and should be received no later than Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Nominating Committee

Vestry nominations

The nominating committee has announced the slate of vestry candidates which will be voted on at the annual meeting. They are Martha Elliott, Kirk Holbrook, Kelley Kash, Ruth Piper (vestry nominees) and Sara Sandberg (Junior Warden nominee). Nominations are still open. If you would like to nominate yourself, you may contact the church office or a member of the nominating committee (Christine Benken, Seth Stewart or Edie Vaughan) by February 22. Bios and photos of the candidates will be provided after the deadline.

Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates

We are also looking for 4 delegates and two alternates to the Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine gathers together annually to conduct the business of our diocese and worship together. The clergy of the diocese along with elected lay delegates from each congregation in Maine are the voting body. In 2023, convention will take place in parts:

Pre-convention Town Hall Gatherings – Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on October 10, 17, 24 and 31 online via Zoom

Diocesan-wide Convocation – Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Cathedral of St. Luke. This is for the whole diocese and is not limited to clergy and delegates to convention, and will include worship, fellowship, and discussion.

Annual Convention Business Session – Saturday, November 11 from 9:00-11:30 am online for clergy and lay delegates. This is when voting will take place.

If you would like to be a delegate or alternate to the Diocesan Convention, please let one of the nominating committee or the office know by February 22. Thank you.

Music Note for this Sunday

The lyrics for "God of grace and God of glory" were written by the prolific 18th century Welsh author

William Williams. In 1904 the hymn was paired with a recently-composed melody by John Hughes, CWM RHONDDA (named after a Welsh valley of the same name). This pairing happened during the religious revival in Wales known as the Great Awakening, and the hymn quickly spread throughout Wales. Many consider the hymn the unofficial national anthem of Wales, and it is often sung at sporting events as well as churches.

"God of grace and God of glory" derives its imagery and narrative directly from the story of the Israelites, led from slavery in Egypt and guided to the Promised Land. Key touchstones from that story are invoked to convey the prayer of just one poor sinner, wishing for God's guidance, trusting in His grace, and offering humble praise. - Sean Fleming

Lenten Book Discussion

Breathing Under Water

By Richard Rohr

Led by Jeanne Titherington

Starting Sunday, February 26th after the 10am service

Breathing Under Water, by Richard Rohr is the most impactful book on spirituality that I have read in a long, long time. Its insights are meant as a challenge as much as a comfort and are presented to aid in our pursuit of a more fulfilling relationship with Christ.

Father Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest living in New Mexico and is the founder of the Center of Action and Contemplation. Rohr is also a recovering alcoholic. In *Breathing Under Water*, Rohr uses AA's Twelve Steps as chapter titles and springboards for his essays. However, this is **not** a piece of AA literature. Rather, the book is meant to be a kind of road map for those of us wishing to find and follow the way of Christ.

You will need to purchase your own book (around \$12 in paperback). It is available at the bookstore or online. Please contact Suzannah if the cost is too much for you. The class will be held in the church library.

Holy Women, Holy Men Scholastica of Nursia

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Scholastica of Nursia. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Outreach First Sunday plate recipient update

Thanks to your donations of cash and checks last Sunday, we were able to add \$488 to the Haiti Fund.

Coffee Hours this Sunday will be held in the atrium as the new floor is being put down in the undercroft. Please come for coffee, goodies and fellowship

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between

Zoom Meeting ID:

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen

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Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Director of Choirs: Linda Blanchard
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