



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 2, 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



**March 5, 2023**

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

### **9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lili Pugh

Lectors: Alex Pugh & John Ward

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: John Ward

The worship booklet for the 9:00am 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, March 5 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.**

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

Once you are at [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net), you may choose **NEW Resource:** [RCL Daily Readings](#). If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.

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

There will be a single service at 9:00am,  
followed by the annual meeting in the undercroft.

If you would like to read the Annual Report before the meeting, there are printed copies available in the atrium at church or you may click [here](#) to download it or read it online. At the meeting, there will also be printed copies of the Annual Report as well as the new Parish Pictorial Directory.

If you would like to see photos and read the bios of the vestry nominees, please click [here](#)

In case of snowy weather, please check your email or the church phone message (563-3533) for any service or meeting changes.

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## **Outreach First Sunday plate recipient is Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine**

Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine creates successful homeownership opportunities for families with limited incomes by building sustainable housing, and repairing, weatherizing, and modifying existing homes. Through our Critical Home Repair & Modification program, Habitat volunteer teams help existing homeowners decrease energy costs and complete other improvements to make homes more affordable, safer, and healthier. Elderly/disabled homeowners are helped with much needed repairs and modifications to improve mobility and independence, making it possible for our older midcoast residents to continue to live where they want to be, at home.

We're grateful for the support that we receive from the community and thank the good people at St. Andrew's Church for your generosity.

All plate cash from the service this Sunday will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. You may also write a check to Habitat for Humanity and place it in the offertory plate or mail to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553

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## **You Raise Me Up**

This Sunday's anthem is the inspiring "You Raise Me Up," a song made famous by American Josh Groban, with words by Ireland's Brendan Graham and music by Norwegian Rolf Løvland. It was the last anthem the choir rehearsed before the start of COVID, and we'd thought to sing it in celebration of that long-awaited moment when we could leave our masks behind and sing together. Of course, that "moment" ended up being more of a gradual process, not marked by any one Sunday. The anthem is a favorite of ours, and the choir has enjoyed revisiting the song in rehearsals for some time. This Annual Meeting Sunday seems a perfect occasion to offer just such a hopeful anthem. We hope you find it as inspirational as we do! - Linda Blanchard

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The Lenten Book Discussion on *Breathing Under Water*, by Richard Rohr, will not meet this Sunday but will continue next Sunday, March 12, after the 10am service.

### **Lenten Book Discussion**

*Breathing Under Water*

By Richard Rohr

Led by Jeanne Titherington

Starting Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Lenten Prayer and Bible Study**

Every Tuesday from 3-4 pm beginning February 28, I will be in the library praying and studying the Acts

of the Apostles. hope that you will join me (Suzannah) for this time of prayer and study of Scripture. Acts is the story of the first followers of Jesus as they sought to create community and follow Jesus after Jesus' death, resurrection and return to the Father. Join me as I seek to learn from these first followers of Christ about how to follow Jesus better today.

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## Nominating Committee

### Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates

We are 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 you may notify the vestry at the annual meeting.

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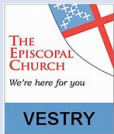


### Easter Flowers

This year Easter Sunday is April 9th. If you would like to make an Easter flower donation in thanksgiving for or memory of a loved one, envelopes can be found on the backs of the pews. Please fill out the outside, include your donation (cash or check) and place in the offertory plate. You may also bring them to the office or mail in your request to St. Andrew's

Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions.

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### Vestry Minutes from the January, 2023 meeting

If you would like to read the vestry minutes from the January meeting, please click [here](#)

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## Shrove Tuesday photos



Almost 40 people attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21.



Alex Pugh made some great pancakes while members of the vestry manned the kitchen.

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## Youth Sunday on February 26, 2023

Ash "Sunday" service was celebrated on Sunday for our families. We listened to a story about forgiveness and talked about why we forgive. We then learned about our Lenten traditions and why we receive ashes.



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### **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:

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### **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, 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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Junior Warden: Christine Benken - Clerk: Terry Marsh

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

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Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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