



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 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.



**Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend.  
Please set your clocks ahead one hour when you head to bed Saturday night.  
And just a reminder that there is one church service this Sunday, March 12, at  
9:00am, followed by the annual meeting**

*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 12, 2023**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
To be followed by St. Andrew's All Parish Annual Meeting**

Celebrant: The Rev. Byron Stuhlman  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organist: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Ann Kash & Ruth Piper  
Eucharistic Minister: Ben Cooke  
Intercessor: Martha Elliott  
Lectors: Ann Creamer & Kay Liss  
Ushers: Cindy Freese & Kay Liss  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Vestry Announcer: Rachel Zoller

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.



**Sunday, March 12, 2023  
(postponed from 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, here 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](#)

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## Readings for Sunday, March 12 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, 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.

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## Note about the music for March 12: *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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## 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. I 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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## 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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## HAITI - Go Fund ME Drive

Food insecurity. Children in our partner parish of Figaro are not getting enough to eat. The same issue affects the greater community of Gros Morne, where the priest for Figaro resides and works. To help address this concern, another Go Fund Me event has been organized to run through Easter. Look at the web site - <https://gofund.me/dce74968> - to see who is being affected and what has happened since the Go Fund Me event of last year.

If you would like to help, write a check to St. Andrew's Church with Haiti Fund on the memo line. You can also donate through the Go Fund Me site.

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## Holy Women, Holy Men Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

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 Perpetua and Felicity. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

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### 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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### Vestry Minutes from the January, 2023 meeting

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

### Habitat for Humanity

Thanks to your generosity last Sunday, St. Andrew's was able to send \$316 in cash and checks to Habitat for Humanity.

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