



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, August 31, 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

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Guest Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Karen Johnson

Guest Organist: Brent Douglass

### **8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Altar Guild: Laura Blanchard

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Lector: David Blanchard

Usher: Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

### **10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Christine Benken

Lectors: Sara Sandberg & John Ward

Ushers: Jennifer Meade & Sara Sandberg

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: John Ward

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

The 10am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

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

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

**Readings for Sunday, September 3, 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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## Pastoral Care while the rector is away

Suzannah is on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 5. While she is away, The Rev. Karen Johnson and The Rev. Bob Hargreaves will be available for any pastoral care needs that may arise.

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## Supply clergy/organist

This Sunday, Sept. 3, The Rev. Karen Johnson will preach and celebrate and Brent Douglass will be playing the organ

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## Meatless Potluck and slide show

Please note that next Sunday, September 10, following the 10am service, we welcome all to a Meatless Potluck. In addition to the delicious meatless dishes we share with each other, there will be a slide show featuring St. Andrew's successes and goals for reducing our impact on the environment

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## First Sunday plate recipient for September:

Stepping Stone Housing is the recipient of this Sunday's plate offerings. SSH was founded back in 2013 to address the need for affordable housing in Damariscotta and neighboring communities. SSH has purchased and renovated properties in Damariscotta, Bremen, Waldoboro and Bristol, then rents units at no more than 30% of the resident's income. SSH receives no government funding, but instead relies on donations to make up the difference between what renters can afford and what it costs to keep the properties going. SSH also maintains a facility on Biscay Road where they store and sell donated items to raise money for housing. Recently they have provided appliances, furniture, and other household items. Please support their work generously.

If you would like to donate other than cash into this Sunday's plate, you may make checks out to Stepping Stone Housing and place them in the plate as well or you may mail them to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle ME 04553 and we will get them to Stepping Stone.

If you would like more information on Stepping Stone Housing, please click [here](#)

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## Note about the music for September 3:

The offertory voluntary "*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*" is the popular English title of the chorale from the 1723 Advent cantata *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life)* by Johann Sebastian Bach. The English hymn version of the choral is most often heard at weddings and during Advent. The English words are attributed to the British poet laureate Robert Bridges (1844-1930). It is not a translation of the stanzas used within Bach's original version, but is inspired by stanzas of the same hymn that Bach had drawn upon: "Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne", the lyrics of which were written in 1661 by Martin Janus.

-Brent Douglass

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## Season of Creation - First Event

Earthkeepers is a group of St. Andrew's parishioners interested in leading our parish in celebrating and protecting the Earth that God has entrusted to our care. We would like to encourage parish members participation in CHIP Community Cares Day as our first event in the Season of Creation. If you can participate on Saturday, September 9, please sign up with CHIP at: <https://www.chipinc.org/volunteer/>

If you have building/repair/landscaping skills, fantastic! But if you don't, you are still needed. We would love to see an entire team from St. Andrew's this year (in addition to the sandwich-making team, which will also need volunteers: see Ruth Piper for this one!). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sara Sandberg.

## The Season of Creation Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for these events in September as St. Andrew's celebrates the Season of Creation:

September 9 - CHIP Community Cares Day, when St. Andrew's parishioners have a chance to put into action their care and concern for our Midcoast neighbors who need help with their immediate environment.

September 10 - Following the 10am service we welcome all to a Meatless Potluck. In addition to the delicious meatless dishes we share with each other, there will be a slide show featuring St. Andrew's successes and goals for reducing our impact on the environment

September 14 - Volunteer day for St. Andrew's folks at Veggies to Table in Newcastle

September 23 (Saturday) - Labyrinth walk in Brunswick (rain date: Sept. 30)

Please contact Sara Sandberg if you have questions or would like to sign up to participate in any of these opportunities.



### Coffee Hour

There are opportunities this fall to host coffee hours after the 8am and 10am Sunday services. The sign-up sheet is by the kitchen in the undercroft. If you are interested and have never hosted before, or would like to sign up via email, please contact Jim Swan or Sara Sandberg

### Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

### Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

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

Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

### **Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine Windowdressers event**

Windowdressers is a Maine-based nonprofit that "brings community volunteers of all economic and social situations together to improve the warmth and comfort of interior spaces, lower heating costs, and reduce carbon dioxide pollution by producing low-cost insulating window inserts that function as custom, interior-mounted storm windows." Habitat for Humanity is part of the team that is organizing in Bath to take orders for window inserts and to recruit volunteers to build them this fall.

WHERE: Bath Freight Shed  
WHEN: October 17 – 21, 2023  
WHAT: Build window inserts

There is also an opportunity to volunteer by bringing lunch for 14 to one of the build days for folks who would like an alternative to building inserts.

If you are interested in more information or wish to volunteer, please visit their website: [windowdressers.org](http://windowdressers.org) or contact [pferkins@gmail.com](mailto:pferkins@gmail.com) If you wish to view the flyer, please click [here](#)

### **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, Nathan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, Eileen, Beth, Edwin, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard, Hester Stuhlman

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Senior Warden: John Ward  
Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh  
Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
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