



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 14, 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

Care of Creation

September 17, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Jim Swan

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ben Cooke

Lectors: Martha Elliott & David Blanchard

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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](#)

Inclement Weather

Due to the tropical storm forecast for this weekend, please check your email or the church phone message (563-3533) for any service changes due to the weather. The phone message will be changed by 7am Sunday if there are any changes to the Sunday services.



Note about the music for September 17:

The hymn "God of the Sparrow" is a contemporary Christian hymn written by Jaroslav Vajda and Carl Schalk. It was first published in 1999. The lyrics of the hymn reflect the vastness of God's creation, from the smallest sparrow to the largest whale. They also express the assurance that God cares for all of his creatures.

The hymn begins by asking the question, "How does the creature say awe?" The answer is that all of creation, from the smallest sparrow to the largest whale, sings God's praises in its own way. The sparrow may chirp its song, the whale may breach the waves, and the stars may twinkle in the night sky. All of these things are expressions of God's glory.

The hymn then goes on to ask, "How does the creature say praise?" The answer is that we can praise God through our words, our actions, and our lives. We can sing his praises, pray to him, and serve him. We can also show our love for God by loving our neighbors and caring for the world around us.

The hymn ends with the assurance that God cares for us. No matter how small or insignificant we may feel, God knows us and loves us. - Sean Fleming

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 23 (Saturday) - Labyrinth walk in Brunswick (rain date: Sept. 30) The St. Andrew's Earth Keepers would like to invite you to walk the labyrinth at Labyrinth In the Woods at Crystal Springs Farm North in Brunswick. We will meet at the church at 9:00 and arrive at the trailhead at 10:00. Directions can be found here: <https://www.btlit.org/directions-to-tscg-labyrinth/>

September 24 - John Dieffenbacher Krall, Executive Director of the Wabanaki Alliance, will preach at St. Andrew's on the overlap between our baptismal covenant and respecting the Wabanaki sovereignty claims. (see more below)

October 3 (Tuesday) at 4:00pm - St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the animals, both domestic and wild. To take place in St. Andrew's Church parking lot.

John Dieffenbacher-Krall to preach at both services on Sunday, September 24

The Executive Director of the Wabanaki Alliance, John Dieffenbacher-Krall, will preach at St. Andrew's on Sunday September 24 at the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services. His topic will be "Living into the Biblical Imperative to Do Justice: How Do We Stand in Solidarity with Wabanaki Nations?"

He has been involved with the Wabanaki Nations in Maine for nearly twenty years, in various capacities. Prior to being selected as Executive Director of the Wabanaki Alliance by its component tribes -- the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe --he was Executive Director of the Maine Indian-State Commission for twelve years and subsequently for four years was chair of the Committee on Indian Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. He co-wrote a resolution that was passed at the October 2007 Episcopal Diocesan Convention calling for the renunciation of the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, as well as a similar resolution adopted in July 2009 at the national Episcopal Church's General Convention. Since that action in 2009 a number of other religious bodies and organizations have taken similar action.

Mr. Dieffenbacher-Krall worships at St. James Episcopal Church in Old Town, not far from the Penobscot Nation on Indian Island in the Penobscot River.

If you would like to read John Dieffenbacher-Krall's full bio, please click [here](#)

Bishop

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 John Henry Hobart. Please [click here](#) to learn more about him.

Meatless Potluck Lunch last Sunday, September 10

The meatless potluck last Sunday was a fun event. About 25 people stayed for interesting and tasty food. Many thanks to all who participated and especially to Marek Pruski for his excellent video loop on St. Andrew's Creation Care measures - our successes and goals for reducing our impact on the environment.



CHIP Community Cares Day Thank You!

Many thanks to all our parishoners who participated in the annual CHIP Community Cares Day. Porches were secured ,doors can now keep out the wind and rain, and many roofs will make it through winter on our doorstep. And lunches were consumed with thanks and praise! Many thanks to all, hammering, sanding and cooking. Lesson learned: if you want to get something done, ask the Knitters! Many thanks for bountiful sandwiches and desserts! - Ruth Piper



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 (jim@james-swan.com) or Sara Sandberg (sksandberg@gmail.com).

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 or contact 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, Beth, Edwin, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard, Hester Stuhlman

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