



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 21, 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 24, 2023

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Guest Preacher: John Dieffenbacher-Krall  
Organist: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

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

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Martha Elliott  
Lectors: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard  
Ushers: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard  
Vestry Announcer: Martha Elliott

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

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

Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Rob Flory  
Lectors: Steve Ward & Ann Creamer  
Ushers: Jennifer Meade & Christine Benken  
Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter  
Vestry Announcer: Marilyn Cheney

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](#)

**Labyrinth in the Woods at Crystal Springs Farm**

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 this Saturday, Sept. 23 at St. Andrew's Church at 9:00am and arrive at the trailhead at 10:00am. Directions can be found here: <https://www.btlf.org/directions-to-tscg-labyrinth/>

If you would like more information on this, please click [here](#) for the website.

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### **John Dieffenbacher-Krall to preach at both services this Sunday, September 24**

The Executive Director of the Wabanaki Alliance, John Dieffenbacher-Krall, will preach at St. Andrew's this 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](#)

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### **Note about the music for September 24**

The hymn "Morning Has Broken" was written by Eleanor Farjeon, and first published in 1931. It is a hymn of praise for the beauty and wonder of the natural world, and for the gift of new life each morning. The hymn begins with a vivid description of the dawning of a new day: "Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird." Farjeon's imagery evokes the freshness and innocence of creation, and the sense of wonder and awe that we experience when we are truly present to the beauty of the natural world.

The hymn then goes on to praise God for the gift of creation: "Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!" Farjeon reminds us that all of creation is a gift from God, and that we should be grateful for the abundance and beauty that we see around us.

The second verse of the hymn focuses on the sweetness of the rain and the freshness of the garden: "Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass." Farjeon's imagery here reminds us of the simple joys of the natural world.

The hymn concludes with a declaration of faith: "Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play." Farjeon reminds us that we are all part of God's creation, and that we share in the beauty and wonder of the natural world. - Sean Fleming

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### **Memorial Garden Volunteers**

The Memorial Garden volunteers will meet at St Andrews, September 25th, 10am in the church library for an organizational, planning session. If you are interested, please join us. After the meeting, at 11:00am, we will meet outside at the Memorial gardens to discuss plans for fall plantings of our small garden, to the left of back lawn, as well as future plans for our group, maintaining the Memorial gardens. We welcome all interested volunteers. Contact Sally Pearce

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### **Blessing of the Animals at St. Andrew's**

October 3 (Tuesday) at 4:00pm - We will have an outdoor liturgy to celebrate creation, the life of St. Francis, and to bless the animals who are special in our lives. Please bring your pets or a picture of your pet to be blessed. We will meet in the St. Andrew's Church parking lot.

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## Altar Flowers

Many thanks to Ruth Piper who has been providing cut flowers for the altar for much of the summer. If you are interested in giving Sunday flowers in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one, please contact Sally Pearce to arrange the date you would prefer. You may choose type and/or color of the flowers and the flower guild will arrange for them. The cost is \$60/Sunday.

## Holy Women, Holy Men Episcopal Deaconesses

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 Episcopal Deaconesses. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

## 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.

**Lincoln County  
LGBTQ+ and Ally Youth Meet  
Up!**

Friday, September 29  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
FAQs Here

Calling all Lincoln County LGBTQ+ youth and allies aged 14-18! Join your peers for a back-to-school social!

There will be free food, arts and crafts, and more! Reach out to your advisor with any questions!

All attendees agree to be safe and respectful of others.

## Lincoln County LGBTQIA+ Teen's event at St. Andrew's Church

"We are proud to host the first in a series of drop-in events for Lincoln County LGBTQIA+ teens and allies. Friday, 29 September from 2:30 – 3 pm in the undercroft and we need your help to support this group of amazing young people.

1. We're supplying snacks, drinks, and a sandwich bar. Food-stuffs for sandwich creation (loaves of bread, sliced meats and cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, mustards, mayo, pickles....and of course peanut butter and jelly). Cookies, brownies, and other sweet treats are all welcome. Please drop your contributions off at the church kitchen Friday, 29 September between noon and 2 pm.
2. The kids would love to decorate the space they'll be hanging out in as well as create some unique arts and crafts projects. To that end we've created an Amazon Wish List which can be found at this link. Click on the link, select an item or two to sponsor, check out and the item will be delivered to Lincoln Academy's GSTA student advisor who will bring them with their students. <https://amzn.to/3LwPXjB>

For questions or for more information speak with Jim Swan or you may click [here](#) to view the poster for the event.

## Covenant for Care of Creation St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newcastle, Maine

At it's last meeting, St. Andrew's Vestry approved the Covenant for Care of Creation which was written by the EarthKeepers group at St. Andrew's. Below is the preamble:

*Because we want to share our strong love of God and God's Creation, we will undertake activities in the 2023-2024 Creation Year like those proposed below. In July 2024 we will reevaluate the events specified in this current Covenant and revitalize our activities accordingly.*

If you would like to read the covenant in its entirety, please click [here](#)

## **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.

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## **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](#)

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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, 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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