



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 16, 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

## 25 Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

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

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Kelley Kash

Lector: Ann Kash

Usher: Ann 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: Laurie Gray

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sherrie Holbrook

Lectors: Mark Freese & Jeanne Titherington

Ushers: Cindy Freese & Sara Sandberg

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: Kirk Holbrook

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](#)

## Stewardship

To those who have made pledges for 2024, we extend deep appreciation for your generosity and

expression of gratitude for St. Andrew's Church. In addition to many pledges of time and talent, we have received 41 pledges totaling over \$118,000. As our pledge campaign continues, let us be mindful of the guidance, care, inspiration and joy that St. Andrew's provides in our lives and community. We encourage all parishioners to pledge as you are able for the coming year. Thank you.

If you have not received a pledge card and would like to make a pledge to St. Andrew's Church, there are pledge cards available on the usher's table in the back of the church or you may call the church and request to have one sent to you.

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### **Parish Needs Discernment Committee**

The vestry has established a special committee to oversee the process of identifying the needs, desires, and priorities of St. Andrew's for the next 5-10 years to determine the scope and size of a capital campaign in the future. The group will look at a wide range of areas, such as building, Christian Formation, music, and other opportunities.

The committee is comprised of vestry and non-vestry members. They are Margaret Coit, Rob Flory, Bill Judd, Rita McKinney, Suzannah Rohman, Ed Ross, John Ward, and Kelley Kash, who serves as chairperson.

The group is in the planning stages and will begin meeting with groups and individuals early next year. The goal is to complete the work and report to the vestry with their recommendations next fall. The committee will provide regular updates to the vestry, as well as periodic communication with parish members.

We look forward to this exciting and important step in forwarding the vision of St. Andrew's Church.

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### **Advent Wreaths and Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to give thanks for or remember your loved ones with flowers at Christmas, there are envelopes available in the back section of each pew. Please drop the completed envelopes, with your donation (cash or check made out to St. Andrew's Church) in the plate. You may also drop them off in the office or mail 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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### **Holy Women, Holy Men Herman of Alaska, Missionary and Russian Orthodox Monk**

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 Herman of Alaska. Please [click here](#) to learn more about him.

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### **Ben Cooke's Ordination to the Diaconate**

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 4:00pm  
St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle

If you would like to read The Rev. Byron Stuhlman's ordination sermon, please [click here](#)



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## 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.

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## Upcoming Holiday Concerts

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### White Christmas Sing-Along at the Waldo Theater Friday, November 24 at 4:00pm

The Waldo Theatre is again kicking-off the holiday season with a fun and festive post-Thanksgiving Community Sing-Along on Friday, November 24, at 4:00pm. The holiday favorite *White Christmas* will be shown on The Waldo's big screen in glorious, full-screen Technicolor, with subtitles so that everyone can sing along to the wonderful and familiar Irving Berlin score. This is a perfect activity for your family and friends who are visiting for Thanksgiving.

Adult Tickets are \$10 online/\$15 at the door. Youth tickets are \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit their website: [www.thewaldotheater.org](http://www.thewaldotheater.org)

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### Sheepscot Chorus presents "Bach and Christmas Pops!"

Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church  
Saturday, December 2 at 3:00pm  
Sunday, December 3 at 3:00pm

Sheepscot Chorus invites you to "Bach and Christmas Pops!" on 3:00 PM on Sat., Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church. Professional soloists and a chamber orchestra will join the chorus for these popular holiday concerts. "We are pleased to perform such a masterpiece for the community," says director Linda Blanchard about the "Magnificat." Holiday Pops favorites accompanied by a chamber orchestra will round out the second half of the program. A highlight will be two new arrangements by English composer Paul Ayres, "Santa Claus is

comin' to town," and "Winter Wonderland." "Santa Claus is comin'" features an astounding fugal treatment of the well-known tune. Co-director and accompanist Sean Fleming has a knack for bringing together top-notch musicians for our holiday pops orchestra, sure to set toes tapping! The fabulous soloists for the concerts include soprano Mary Sullivan, alto Joelle Morris, tenor David Myers-Wakeman, and bass Joshua Miller.

Go to [www.purplepass.com/sheepscotchorus2023](http://www.purplepass.com/sheepscotchorus2023) to buy tickets now. Tickets are \$15 (free for students) and are also available at Treats in Wiscasset and Sherman's Book Store in Damariscotta and Boothbay Harbor. For more information, please email [info@sheepscotvalleychorus.org](mailto:info@sheepscotvalleychorus.org), or visit [facebook.com/sheepscotchorus](https://facebook.com/sheepscotchorus) and [sheepscotvalleychorus.org](http://sheepscotvalleychorus.org).

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Brett & Priscilla Donham invite you to attend a concert at the Lincoln Theater by the Boston Camerata, *Hodie Christus Natus Est*. This is transcendent Christmas music performed by an internationally acclaimed ensemble and is a rare opportunity to hear them locally.

## **A Medieval Christmas** **Hodie Christus Natus Est**

3pm / Thursday, December 7, 2023  
Lincoln Theater, Damariscotta, ME

**"A power beyond words, elevating your heart with the music."**  
*- Milwaukee Mag*

Back by popular demand, our *Hodie* cast will perform on both coasts this December. One of our most-requested programs, **A Medieval Christmas: Hodie Christus Natus Est** features songs to the Virgin Mary, processions from Saint Martial of Limoges, hymns, lyrics, and miracle ballads, sung in Latin, Old French, Old Provençal, and Saxon, interlaced with Medieval English texts of the Nativity.

Tickets available through the Lincoln Theater box office:  
\$35 General Admission – when purchased in advance online  
\$40 General Admission – at the door

[www.bostoncamerata.org](http://www.bostoncamerata.org)

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### **St. Cecilia Chamber Choir Holiday Concerts**

**Saturday, December 9 at 4:00pm at Bowdoin College Chapel**  
**Sunday, December 10 at 3:00pm at Damariscotta Baptist Church**

St. Cecilia Chamber Choir will present its annual Lessons and Carols Christmas concerts on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bowdoin College Chapel in Brunswick, and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Damariscotta Baptist Church. Linda Blanchard is St. Cecilia's artistic director and conductor, assisted by organist and pianist Sean Fleming. Advance tickets are strongly encouraged for these popular concerts.

Tickets are \$25 for the Saturday Bowdoin Chapel concert, and \$20 for the Sunday Damariscotta Baptist Church concert. For more information, please email [info@ceciliachoir.org](mailto:info@ceciliachoir.org), visit [facebook.com/stceciliachamberchoir](https://facebook.com/stceciliachamberchoir) and [ceciliachoir.org](http://ceciliachoir.org), or call 207-380-2768.

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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, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard

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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  
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash  
Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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