



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 23, 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

Last Pentecost

November 26, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh

Lector: Marianne Pinkham

Usher: Marianne Pinkham

Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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: Lili Pugh

Lectors: Martha Elliott & David Blanchard

Ushers: Jennifer Meade & Kelley Kash

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

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](#)

Advent Adult Learning

Sunday mornings during Advent at 11:15 am in the library

(12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24)

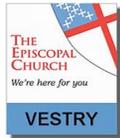
Suzannah will be leading a study of Handel's Messiah for Advent. Here is the write up from the publisher:

"A study for both the music lover and the biblical seeker, it explores the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah*. This study offers careful examination of the texts and opens doors to your community in a new way."

If you want to participate, Suzannah will need to order a resource book for you. The cost of the book is \$26. You can write a check to St. Andrew's with Advent Study in the memo. Please let Suzannah know by November 26 at the latest if you would like her to order you a book. Please don't let cost keep you from joining. If you can't afford the book, please contact Suzannah privately to discuss options.

Advent Morning Prayer

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the church, Suzannah will be leading morning prayer taken from various traditions (not the Book of Common Prayer). We will sit in candle light and there will be music (prerecorded). These meditative worship services will be 30-40 minutes in length.



Vestry Meeting minutes

If you would like to read the minutes of the October 17 vestry meeting, please click [here](#)

Stewardship

In this Thanksgiving week, we will express gratitude for the gifts of family, friends and the beautiful natural resources around us. We are particularly blessed to have the gift of our St. Andrew's community that enriches our lives.

Our stewardship season is in its final stretch. The generous response of many parishioners reflects the awareness that St. Andrew's is a vital, engaged, forward-looking church. Our deep thanks to all who have made pledges of your time, talent and money. We encourage and appreciate pledges from those who have not yet pledged but are able to do so. We are optimistic that our pledge campaign will be a successful one that will enable St. Andrew's to be vibrant and grow in the year ahead.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Music Note for this Sunday, November 26

The hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service" was written by Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). Bayly was a Congregationalist (later United Reformed Church) minister in England from the late 1920s until his death in 1984. He paired his hymn with the traditional Welsh tune BLAENHAFREN. "Hafren" is the Welsh word for what the English call the "Severn," i.e. the longest river in the U.K. and the boundary between England and Wales, and "blauen" means "before" or "head." Blaenhafren Falls lie near the source of the Severn. - Sean Fleming

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.



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.

Family Gathering

Families met this past Sunday in the undercroft where they had lunch together and made Jesse Tree ornaments for Advent.



Holy Women, Holy Men Thanksgiving

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 or 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 celebrate Thanksgiving. Please [click here](#) to learn more about this holiday.

Heat Pump update

Midcoast Energy has finished up the heat pump installation at St. Andrew's. The piping conduits that run along the outside of the church will be painted to match the trim next year, when the weather warms up.

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

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.

Upcoming Holiday Concerts

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 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, or visit facebook.com/sheepscotchorus and sheepscotvalleychorus.org.

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

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, visit facebook.com/stceciliachamberchoir and ceciliachoir.org, or call 207-380-2768.

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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