



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 30, 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

## 1 Advent

December 3, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Curate: Ben Cooke

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

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

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Lector: Seth Stewart

Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter

Vestry Announcer: John Ward

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: Christine Benken

Lectors: Sara Sandberg & Mark Freese

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Cindy Freese

Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter

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](#)

### **First Sunday Plate Outreach Recipient: Ecumenical Food Pantry**

This Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, the plate cash from both services will go to support the

Ecumenical Food Pantry. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the Ecumenical Food Pantry and place in the plate or send it in to the church office (St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553). Thank you for your support of one of St. Andrew's important outreach missions.

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**Advent Adult Learning**  
**Sunday mornings during Adent 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."

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**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.

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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**  
**King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma of Hawaii**

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 celebrate King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma of Hawaii. Please click [here](#) to learn more about this holiday.

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**Coffee Hour this Sunday, December 3**

This Sunday, there will be a single coffee hour at 9:00am, after the 8am service. It will be hosted by Martha Elliott and Marilyn Cheney. Hope to see you there!

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**Used Advent Candles with lots of light left...**

There are Advent candles in the atrium that have been used at St. Andrew's over the years. If you can use them, you are welcome to them. There are a couple of empty boxes available for transport.

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**Holiday Coffee Hours**

There will be coffee hours after the single (10 am) Sunday services on December 24 and December 31. Rather than ask anyone to add to their to-do lists in the final week of the year, we would like you to consider simply putting a dozen cookies on a plate and bringing them with you. That's it. We will make sure there is coffee. If even a dozen of us remember to bring our dozen cookies, we will get to enjoy each others' company after the service with a minimum of fuss, a delicious nibble, and all the joy of the Christmas season.

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## **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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### **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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Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh  
Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash  
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