



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 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

3 Advent

December 17, 2023

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Preacher: The Rev. Ben Cooke
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh
Lector: Martha Elliott
Usher: Jim Swan
Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward & Nora Lundeen
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Christine Benken
Lectors: John Ward & Nora Lundeen
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](#)

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.



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.

Please note:

** The deadline for having your remembrances in the Christmas bulletins is Tuesday morning, December 19th.

St. Andrew's upcoming Advent and Christmas services



Sunday, December 24

4 Advent: 10:00am - Single service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm Family service with Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Christmas Eve: 7:00pm - Music of the Season with Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day: 10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(coffee hour following the service - bring cookies!)

Sunday, December 31

1 Christmas: 10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(coffee hour following the service - bring cookies!)

****Christmas Pageant Details****

The 4:00 Christmas Eve service will include an informal and very kid-friendly Christmas pageant. There's no need to sign up in advance or read lines. Children from the congregation will be invited to participate as we tell the Christmas story. All are welcome and encouraged to join in! If you are interested, we ask that you show up at 3:30. We will be handing out costumes between 3:30-3:45pm. Children/tweens can be a shepherd, a wise person, an animal, an angel, or Mary or Joseph.



Holiday Coffee Hours - Bring Cookies!

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.

**Holy Women, Holy Men
Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr**

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 Lucy of Syracuse Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

****Please note that there will not be a healing service on Wednesday, December 27.**

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.

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

Tapestry Singers Concerts

This season, the Tapestry Singers present "Tis the Season, Music of Christmas, Hanukkah and Winter Solstice" at the Damariscotta Baptist Church. Tickets are \$18 online and \$20 at the door.
www.tapestrysingersmaine.org/tickets/

Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm

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Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh

Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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