



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 28, 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 Christmas

Sunday, December 31, 2023

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

(There will be a coffee hour after this service - bring cookies!)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Curate: The Rev. Ben Cooke

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Sara Houghton

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Laurie Gray

Lector: Steve Ward

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Cindy Freese

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: Laurie Gray

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](#)



Holiday Coffee Hours - Bring Cookies!

There will be a coffee hour after the single (10 am) Sunday service this Sunday, 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.

Music for the 1 Christmas service, this Sunday, December 31 at 10:00am

The poem "Love came down at Christmas" was originally published by the English poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) in *Time Flies: a Reading Diary* (1885). The tune in *The Hymnal 1982* is an old Irish tune first printed in *The Complete Collection of Irish Music as Noted by George Petrie* (1902-1905). Another poem by Christina Rossetti, "In the bleak midwinter," was published, under the title "A Christmas Carol," in the January 1872 issue of *Scribner's Monthly*, and was first collected in book form in *Goblin Market, The Prince's Progress and Other Poems* (1875). -Sean Fleming

Lessons and Carols for Peace: Sunday, January 7 at 10 AM

The great message of the Christmas Season is "Peace on Earth." We want this peace, but find ourselves more often than not in the midst of war--war between nations, war between political parties, war with each other, war with ourselves. As we begin this New Year and gather to celebrate the Epiphany and the end of the Christmas Season, let us gather in worship to reflect upon and pray for peace in the world, in our nation, and in our individual lives.

At the 10:00am service on January 7th, we will have a service of Lessons and Carols for Peace with Eucharist. Our readings and music will all focus on peace. The Service was created by The Rev. Rob Voyle and was first used at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon in 2003.

There will also be a traditional 8:00am service of Holy Eucharist Rite I with music on Sunday, January 7.



Christmas flowers

The Christmas flowers in the church are available for adoption beginning this Sunday, December 31. Thanks to all for your donations for the Advent/Christmas decorations.

Many thanks to all who helped with decorations and flowers during Advent and Christmas. Kelley Kash put up wreaths and strung the lights. Carol Hartman and the knitting group put up the new garland and Sally Pearce travelled to Augusta to pick up the poinsettias and cyclamen. Thanks also to Sally as well as Sandra Ross and Ruth Piper for helping coordinate the altar flower arrangements. - Ann Kash



Family Sunday - December 17

After the family service on Sunday, December 17, the families met in the undercroft and enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by Terry Marsh. After lunch, Ben Cooke led the cookie decorating activity.

Christmas Eve Service at 4:00pm



Fiddlers Kaity Newell, Helen Newell, Ben Rosenthal and Joshua Rosenthal performed Christmas carols before the service.

Hermione Blanchard-Fleming, Rose Dupuis, Ben Rosenthal, Joshua Rosenthal and Theresa Cooke performed *Gaudete*, a traditional Medieval carol

Kids chose who they wanted to be and dressed for parts in the pop-up pageant to help tell the Christmas story. Many thanks to Linda Blanchard, John Ward's family and all of the participants.

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.



A Ceremony of Carols and other seasonal tunes

The Ladies of the Amethyst Project, anchored by the professional singers of the Amethyst Chamber Ensemble, perform Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and other seasonal tunes. Come hear this gorgeous and inspiring music performed by a small vocal chamber ensemble, in some of the most beautiful churches in Maine. The three concerts will be accompanied by Sean Fleming on organ and piano. Starting 15 minutes before each performance a pre-concert talk on ancient tunes and texts will be given by Mary Sullivan.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/AmethystChamberEnsemble.

Thursday, Dec 28th at 7:00 PM

Episcopal Church of St. Mary, 43 Foreside Rd, Falmouth ME
Suggested donation \$15, students and kids free.

Friday, Dec 29th at 7:00 PM

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 11 Glidden St. Newcastle, ME
Suggested donation \$15, students and kids free.

Saturday, Dec 30th at 4:00 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 678 Washington Ave, Portland, ME
Free and open to the public; an offering by the community of St. Peter's.

Healthy Lincoln County LGBTQ+ Youth Quit Tobacco Support Group

Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA) is offering a free, virtual, statewide program to help teens quit vaping/tobacco. It is focused specifically on LGBTQ+ youth and facilitated by LGBTQ+ adults. For more information please click [here](#) to view the poster.

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

PO Box 234, 11 Glidden St.
Newcastle, ME 04553
(207) 563-3533

E-mail: stasnew@tidewater.net
Web site: standrewsnewcastle.org

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
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

Visit our Website

St Andrews Church | P.O. Box 234, 11 Glidden Street, Newcastle, ME 04553

[Unsubscribe stasnew@tidewater.net](mailto:stasnew@tidewater.net)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by stasnew@tidewater.net powered by



Try email marketing for free today!