



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 7, 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

## 2 Advent

December 10, 2023

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

### 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Ann Kash  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sara Sandberg  
Lector: Brett Donham  
Ushers: Kelley & 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: Judy Weislogel  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Rob Flory  
Lectors: Judy Weislogel & Martha Dodge  
Ushers: Ed Ross & Martha Dodge  
Livestream Operator: Kirk Holbrook  
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](#)

**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.

**Please note:**

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

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## **People to People**

is collecting NEW items to distribute for

# **Christmas**

Christmas Extras Needed:

- SOCKS- All kinds – children and adults
- GLOVES - children, women and men
- HATS – Warm winter hats for all ages
- SCARVES – Warm winter scarves for all ages.
- BAR SOAP – Individually wrapped or 2-4 packs
- SHAMPOO – for kids and adults
- ANTIPERSPIRANT – Any type
- TOOTHBRUSHES – All sizes, soft or medium
- TOOTHPASTE – Children's fluoride, adults any

If you can help, please bring items to church and place in the People to People box in the atrium by December 13th . Items will be given to People to People families at Christmas time.

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### **Ecumenical Food Pantry donation**

Thanks to your generous donations last Sunday, St. Andrew's was able to send \$695 to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, our outreach recipient for the first Sunday in December. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

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### **Holy Women, Holy Men Channing Moore Williams Missionary, Bishop**

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 Channing Moore Williams Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

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### **St. Andrew's upcoming Advent and Christmas services**

### Sunday, December 17

**3 Advent:** 8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II



### 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

### Sunday, December 31

**1 Christmas:** 10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II



#### **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.

### 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.

## **Upcoming Holiday Concerts**

### **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](https://ceciliachoir.org), or call 207-380-2768.

Hey, Ho, The Holly has had to cancel their concert this year. Look for it next year!

### 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/](http://www.tapestrysingersmaine.org/tickets/)

**Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm**

### **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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