



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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

November 24, 2024, 2024

Last Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh

Lector: Jim Swan

Usher: Marianne Pinkham

Announcer: John Ward

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lili Pugh

Lectors: Jeanne Titherington & Ann Creamer

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Cindy Freese & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: John Ward

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

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Christmas is coming! Pageant Helpers Needed!

We need a few adults to help get our kids costumed up before the 4:00 Christmas Eve pageant. You'll need to come at 3:15 to get familiar with what we have for

costumes, then help the kids decide which character they want to be and find them a costume. The kids are supposed to arrive 3:30-3:45 but a few might come early. If you'd like to help, please contact Linda Blanchard. Thanks!

Slow Gifting on December 8th

Have you ever heard of Slow Fashion? The Earth Keepers team would like to invite you to a Slow Gifting event at the coffee hours on December 8th. In the tradition of Slow Fashion, this is a way to regift something that is new, or nearly new, that you don't need or want anymore. All will be free for the taking, but we need you to bring in your items and leave in designated boxes in the Atrium during the week of December 2-7. The Earth Keepers will set up tables Saturday the 7th so you can peruse the wares at both coffee hours on the 8th. Please make sure you bring in items you think others would find as a treasure. We hope everyone gets involved and enjoys the fun and fellowship!

A Message from the Rita McKinney, member of the Stewardship Committee

Three initial impressions of St. Andrew's have become very real and meaningful to me over the last ten years.

The warm welcome of St. Andrew's is much more than a sincere greeting before Sunday services. Early on, we were encouraged (by Brett and Priscilla Donham) to attend coffee. We've gone regularly since then. We've met so many interesting, engaging and caring people who have enriched our lives. St. Andrew's welcome extends to many outside organizations, such as AA, that meet and use our church spaces on a regular basis. Recently, our vestry happily welcomed and gave candy to over 300 trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

We are challenged by the plaque on our wall honoring Frances Perkins. The example she set of trying to better our community is reflected in how St. Andrew's cares for its neighbors. A few years ago, our members generously provided sizeable financial support for two boys from Beirut to attend Lincoln Academy. On the first Sunday of each month, our collection plate cash is given to 7 Outreach Partners. In the coming Advent season, St. Andrew's parishioners will ring bells downtown to raise money for local nonprofits.

And the message of the prayer at our church door resonates in our weekly services. In part it reads: "God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all those who need human love, fellowship, and your care, and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth enough to be inviting to children or straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power..." Suzannah's sermons, our sacred liturgy and our beautiful music remind us, inspire us, challenge us and guide us throughout the week to shun envy, pride and hate and to give love, fellowship and care to all.

Each of us is impacted in different ways by different aspects of St. Andrew's. Our stewardship campaign is a way to show our thanks for the many aspects of St. Andrew's that we each hold dear. The stewardship Committee is grateful to all who generously pledged and encourages those who have not yet pledged, to please do so as you are able.

Rita Mckinney, Stewardship Committee

Stewardship update:

Our annual giving campaign continues. As of November 19, St. Andrew's has received 61 pledges for a total of \$216,986. We thank those who have pledged for your generosity and financial commitment to St. Andrew's. St. Andrew's is a blessing to our community and to each of us. Thank you.

There are additional pledge cards and envelopes on the usher's table in the back of the church if you have not yet received one or you may contact the church office (563-3533)

Family Sunday - November 17, 2024

This past Sunday, the families traveled to a local woman's home to help stack her wood for the winter. CHIP was helpful in identifying the woman who needed help. A lot was accomplished in a short time and the kids had a great time helping someone in need.,



Holy Women, Holy Men

Elizabeth of Hungary

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 remember Elizabeth of Hungary. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.



The Diocesan Convention was held last Saturday in Portland. Above is the photo of the St. Andrew's delegation: Lili Pugh, John Ward and The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Bell Ringing downtown Damariscotta

Parishioner Hugh Riddleberger is recruiting folks who might be interested in signing up for hour shifts to help ring the bell in front of the bookstore for the Rotary December 2-21 between the hours of 9am-3pm. All money raised goes to support local non-profits serving our community. If you are interested, please contact Hugh.



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, December 4

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting

Please note: The Benedictine Group will not meet on the following Wednesdays: 11/27 (the day before Thanksgiving), 12/25 (Christmas Day) and 1/1 (New Year's Day).

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.

Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:00pm. Please contact the choir director, Linda Blanchard or the organist, Sean Fleming if you are interested in more information about the choir.

Upcoming Concerts in December

Sheepscot Valley Chorus Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 1 at 3:00pm at the Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church

Tickets \$20 (free for children and students)

Tickets are available at Treats in Wiscasset, Sherman's Coastal Maine Book Shop, Damariscotta and online at sheepscotvalleychorus.org/tickets

If you would like to read more about the concert, please click [here](#). If you would like to view the poster for the concert, please click [here](#)

Boston Camerata Christmas Concert

A Medieval Christmas:

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 3:00pm

Lincoln Theater, Damariscotta

Tickets: \$35 in advance online; \$40 at the door

BOSTONCAMERATA.ORG

To view the poster, please click [here](#)

St. Cecilia Chamber Choir: A Concert of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 7 at 3:00pm at Damariscotta Baptist Church

Saturday, December 14 at 3:00pm at Bowdoin College Chapel

Tickets \$20

Tickets are available at the door, Sherman's Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta, or online at ceciliachoir.org

If you would like to read more about the concert, please click [here](#). If you would like to view the poster for the concert, please click [here](#)

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, Phil Bartley, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Shelby Owen, Beth, Dennis C., Drew Havens, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jean Donaldson, Lee & Mike.

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