



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 12, 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

**December 15, 2024**

**3 Advent**

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

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sara Sandberg

Lectors: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard

Ushers: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard

Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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: Nora Lundeen

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lili Pugh

Lectors: Mark Freese & Martha Dodge

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Ed Ross & Martha Dodge

Vestry Announcer: Alex Pugh

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

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**Note about the music for December 15 at 10am**

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1972) was born in New Zealand but spent most of his life in England. He studied in England at Clifton College and the Royal College of Music. At the RCM he studied with Stanford. He

was for sixteen years Director of Music at Christ's Hospital School in Horsham, West Sussex. Lang's *Voluntary on Winchester New* has the melody (which is set to #76 "On Jordan's Bank" in The Hymnal 1982) played by the left hand with a harmony part played in the pedals. Meanwhile the right hand plays a fast and florid accompaniment. -Sean Fleming

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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. The names will appear in the Christmas bulletins.

**Please note: The deadline for submission of names is Tuesday, December 17.**

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### **Christmas Services at St. Andrew's**

#### **Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**4:00 pm - Family Service with Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant**

**6:00pm - Holy Eucharist with festive music**

#### **Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

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

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### **Christmas Pageant Details**

On Christmas Eve we will be having a pop-up pageant for the 4pm family service. That means it is okay for families to just show up; there is no rehearsal. 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.

### **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!

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### **Join the Bell Choir for Christmas Eve!!**

The St. Andrew's Bell Choir will begin rehearsals soon in preparation for the 6:00 Christmas Eve service, and we'd love to have you join us! Rehearsals will be either Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. or Sundays following the 10:00 Sunday service, depending on everyone's schedules. If you'd like to participate, please email Linda Blanchard.

### **Sing with Senior Choir Christmas Eve!**

If you'd like to join the Senior Choir for the 6:00 Christmas Eve service, you're most welcome! Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-8:30. Just email Linda Blanchard.

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### **Family Christmas Caroling December 15**

The kids and families of St. Andrew's are planning to visit Hodgdon Green in Damariscotta at 1:00pm on Sunday, December 15 to sing Christmas carols and would like to invite any other parishioners who might want to join in the fun. If you are interested, please meet at Hodgdon Green at 1pm (carpooling would be

helpful). They may continue on to visit a few St. Andrew's parishioners in their homes. Please come and sing along!

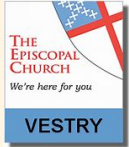
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## Helpers and Cookies needed!

The Fellowship Committee is planning a casual get-together between the two Christmas Eve services. It will be very simple — mulled and cold cider, coffee and cookies, and will be in the atrium. We'd like people to feel they can take a minute and drop in for a cookie and a drink and say "Merry Christmas" between the 4:00pm and 6:00pm services. We need around 200 cookies and would appreciate donations! Anyone wishing to donate should contact Laurie Gray, or Ruth Piper. Cookies can be dropped off on the Sunday before, or earlier, and can go into the freezer. We'd also love to have volunteers to decorate, move chairs, etc., probably on the afternoon of Sunday the 22nd.

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## Vestry Meeting Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry meeting minutes from the October 22 vestry meeting, please click [here](#). They are also posted on the bulletin board just inside the ramp door.

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

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](http://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](#)

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## Holy Women, Holy Men

### Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon

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 Nicholas Ferrar. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

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## St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

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## 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, January 8**

## Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday  
Zoom Meeting

**Please note: The Benedictine Group will not meet on the following Wednesdays: 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.

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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, 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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Clerk: Terry Marsh - Treasurer: Mark Freese

Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

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