

# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 19, 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 22, 2024**

#### 4 Advent

#### 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

<u>Usher</u>: Marianne Pinkham <u>Vestry Announcer</u>: Jim Swan

The worship booklet for the 8am Sunday service is available by clickinghere.

#### 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

<u>Choir Director</u>: Linda Blanchard <u>Altar Guild</u>: Judy Weislogel

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Christine Benken

Lectors: Judy Weislogel & Jennifer Meade

<u>Livestream Operator</u>: Bill Judd <u>Ushers</u>: Jennifer Meade & Ann Kash <u>Vestry Announcer</u>: Laurie Gray

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clickinghere.

You can get to our Facebook page by clickinghere You can get to our Website by clickinghere



## **Christmas Eve**

## 4:00pm - Family Service of Holy Eucharist with Pop-Up Pageant

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Pageant Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Kelley Kash

Pageant Narrators: Hermione Blanchard-Fleming & Charlotte Saxl

Ushers: Jim Swan, Jack & Carol Dexter

The worship booklet for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve service is available byclicking here

#### \*\*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.

### 6:00pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

<u>Choir Director</u>: Linda Blanchard <u>Altar Guild</u>: Nora Lundeen

<u>Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor</u>: Ann Kash <u>Lectors</u>: Nora Lundeen & Ann Creamer

Usher: Kelley Kash

The worship booklet for the 6:00pm Christmas Eve service is available byclicking here



# **Christmas Day**

#### 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sara Sandberg

<u>Lectors</u>: Alex & Lili Pugh <u>Livestream Operator</u>: Bill Judd <u>Usher</u>: Jennifer Meade

The worship booklet for the 10:00am Christmas Day service is available by clickinghere

### Musical highlights at St. Andrew's for the rest of December

#### Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

At the 4:00 service we will have a wonderful pageant, a violin and viola quartet with Kaity and Helen Newell and Benjamin and Joshua Rosenthal, and familiar Christmas carols.

**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve 6:00 PM with Music for Choir and Congregation at 5:45 PM** At the 6:00 service we will have *Spring Carol* from Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* sung by Lili and Phoebe Pugh, the H. Walford Davies setting of *The Holly and the Ivy* sung by the Senior Choir, and familiar Christmas carols.

## Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day 10:00 AM

At the 10:00 Christmas Day service we will have familiar Christmas carols.

### **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!

### Helpers and Cookies needed!

# \*\*Please contact Ruth Piper or Laurie Gray if you plan on bringing cookies

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 of 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.



# **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

If you would like to read the vestry meeting minutes from the November 26 vestry meeting, please click here. They are also posted on the bulletin board just inside the ramp door.

# Holy Women, Holy Men

## Francis de Sales, 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 remember Francis de Sales. Please click <u>here</u> to learn more about him.



# 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, January 8

### **Meetings**

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

<u>Please note:</u> 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.

<u>St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal:</u> 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.

# **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.

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: Sara Sandberg - Junior Warden: Kelley Kash
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



Try email marketing for free today!