



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, January 30, 2025

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.

Happy Groundhog Day!



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

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I with Music

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Altar Guild: Ruth Piper
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sara Sandberg
Lector: Ann Kash
Usher: Laura Blanchard
Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Holy Baptism

Please join us for the baptism of Abe Donaldson

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Altar Guild: Nora Lundeen
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lili Pugh
Lectors: Alex Pugh & Martha Elliott
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Ushers: Ed Ross & Cindy Freese
Vestry Announcer: Alex Pugh

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

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Nominations for the Vestry and for Delegates to the Diocesan Convention:

We all look forward to the Annual Meeting on March 2. One piece of important business to take care of then is the election of the next class of vestry members and convention delegates. We are asking members of the parish to consider prayerfully the opportunity of such service. The vestry meets once a month and individuals take up tasks that keep the church operating smoothly. If you have an interest in running for a Vestry seat, or you know someone in the parish who does, please make yourself known to a member of the Nominations Committee (Terry Marsh, Jim Swan, Laura Blanchard, or Sara Sandberg). If you would like to represent St. Andrew's as a Delegate to the Diocesan Convention, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee. We will be voting on these positions at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Annual Meeting Reports: Reports for the annual meeting are due to the office via email no later than Tuesday, February 18.

First Sunday Plate Recipient for February: Ecumenical Food Pantry

This Sunday, February 2, the loose plate offering from both services will go to support the Ecumenical Food Pantry. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Ecumenical Food Pantry and place in the plate or mail it to the church at PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Thank you for your support for one of St. Andrew's Outreach missions.

Memorial Services scheduled at St. Andrew's Church

Times are yet to be determined but the following memorial services have been scheduled at St. Andrew's:

May 25, 2025 (Sunday) - Memorial service for Susie Meade

May 31, 2025 (Saturday) - Memorial service for Tomlin Coggeshall

Note about the music for this Sunday, February 2

The tune for hymn 517 ("How lovely is thy dwelling-place") that we will be singing at both services on Feb. 2 was composed by Scottish minister and composer James Leith Macbeth Bain. This tune, which became known as *Brother James' Air*, was paired with Psalm 23 and first appeared in Bain's collection *The great peace: being a New Year's greeting to our motherland and the nations at present in conflict and a welcome to them all to the feast of the great peace*. This collection was published in 1915, just after the start of the First World War.

For the prelude a beautiful setting of the same tune by English composer Harold Darke (1888-1976), who is well known for his setting of the Christina Rossetti poem *In The Bleak Midwinter*. - - Sean Fleming

Holy Women, Holy Men John Chrysostom Bishop and Theologian

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 John Chrysostom. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.



Sunday Altar Flowers

If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar on a particular Sunday during the year, in memory or

Updated Parish Directory

There are copies of the updated pictorial parish

thanksgiving for loved ones or friends, please contact Sally Pearce or the church office (stasnew@tidewater.net). We are currently scheduling for flowers beginning in May of this year and continuing forward.

directory available in the church office.



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

Snowy Weather

In case of snowy weather, please check your email or the church phone message (563-3533) for any service changes due to the weather.



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, February 5

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 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.

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.

On the Threshold of the New Tomorrow: A retreat on lessons from 5 years in the Covid era

February 7-9, 2025
The Carpenter's Boatshop Pemaquid, ME

For more information, please click [here](#) to view the poster or visit the website:
journeytowardlight.com/threshold

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, Beth, Drew Havens, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Abbie Roberts

E-mail: stasnew@tidewater.net
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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

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