



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, February 20, 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.



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 23, 2025

7 Epiphany

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Martha Elliott
Lector: Jim Swan
Usher: Marianne Pinkham
Vestry Announcer: Tanya Albert

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: Ann Kash
Lectors: Martha Dodge & David Blanchard
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Ushers: Martha Dodge & Kelley Kash
Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

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ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, March 2

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 2 (snow date March 9). There will be a single service at 9:00am, followed by the Annual Meeting in the undercroft.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 4

Please join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 4th beginning at 5:30pm. There will be a free will offering to be donated to CHIP and The Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention (ECHP). If you plan to attend, please sign-up on the sheet in the undercroft or in the back of the church so we can plan ahead. Please invite your friends and neighbors! You may also contact the office via email (stasnew@tidewater.net) or phone (563-3533) to let us know you will be there. Please come and join the fellowship!



March 5 Ash Wednesday services - Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

11:30am followed by the Wednesday lunch at 12:15 in the atrium.

5:30pm with music

Upcoming Sunday Lenten Series begins March 9

Please join me (Suzannah) during the Sundays of Lent following the 10 am service to discuss Bishop Mariann Budde's book, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*. Bishop Budde is the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington (DC) who preached about mercy at the prayer service in the National Cathedral (Episcopal) in Washington DC following the inauguration of the president. We will read a chapter each week for the six weeks of Lent.

The Lenten Series will begin on Sunday, March 9 after the 10am service and will continue through Lent. Please contact me with any questions at stasrector@tidewater.net - Suzannah

Here is the write up about Bishop Budde's book:

How We Learn to Be Brave is an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves, by the bishop of the famed Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.

On January 21, 2025, many Americans were introduced to Bishop Mariann Budde thanks to what The New York Times called "an extraordinary act of public resistance." During her prayer service for Donald J. Trump's second inauguration, Bishop Budde addressed the president directly, imploring him "to have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now," from those who are part of the LGBTQ+ community to immigrants and refugees.

But for Bishop Budde, this moment was the culmination of a lifetime spent thinking about those pivot points when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. With How We Learn to Be Brave, she teaches us that being brave is not a singular occurrence; it's a journey that we can choose to undertake every day.

Here, Bishop Budde explores the full range of decisive moments, from the most visible and dramatic (the decision to go), to the internal and personal (the decision to stay), to brave choices made with an eye toward the future (the decision to start), those born of suffering (the decision to accept that which we did not choose), and those that come unexpectedly (the decision to step up to the plate). Drawing on examples ranging from Harry Potter to the Gospel According to Luke, she seamlessly weaves together personal experiences with stories from scripture, history, and pop culture to underscore both the universality of these moments and the particular call each one of us must heed when they arrive.

With Bishop Budde's wisdom, readers will learn to live and to respond according to their true beliefs and in ways that align with their best selves. How We Learn to Be Brave will provide much-needed fortitude and insight to anyone searching for answers in uncertain times.

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Holy Women, Holy Men

Agnes Tsao Kou Ying
Agatha Lin Zhao
Lucy Yi Zhenmei
Catechists and Martyrs

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 or 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 Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agatha Lin Zhao, Lucy Yi Zhenmei. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

Rainbow Gala & Dance Party – A Queer Prom for Adults!

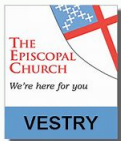
OUT Maine is thrilled to host thesecond annual Rainbow Gala & Dance Party on February 28, 2025, in Rockland, Maine. This vibrant and inclusive event, often called a “queer prom for grownups,” is open to all adults (21+). Attendees are encouraged to wear what they truly wanted to wear to prom! The night will feature live music by The Right Track, dancing, a photo booth, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit OUT Maine's LGBTQIA2S+ youth programs, including the Rainbow Ball Weekend. For tickets and details, visit www.outmaine.org/gala. **All are welcome!**

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



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Updated Parish Directory

There are copies of the updated pictorial parish 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.



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, March 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.

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

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Clerk: Terry Marsh - Treasurer: Mark Freese
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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