



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, April 10, 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



Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Altar Guild: Laura Blanchard

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Lector: Laura Blanchard

Passion Gospel Readers: Jim Swan, Sean Fleming, Kelley Kash, Ann Kash, Laura Blanchard, Ruth Piper

Usher: Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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: Sara Sandberg & Fred Kraeuter

Passion Gospel Readers: Jeanne Titherington, Sean Fleming, Bill Judd, David Blanchard, Lili Pugh, Alex Pugh, Ann Creamer

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Fred Kraeuter

Vestry Announcer: Bob Lundeen

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

Livestreaming: We now livestream through our youtube channel. Please click [here](#) to access St. Andrew's YouTube channel. If you have a "Smart TV" with the YouTube app installed, you can watch the service Live or play it later.

Problems, send an email to stastech@tidewater.net. Facebook messenger will no longer be used.

You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)



Thursday, April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar - 7:00pm
(This service will be livestreamed)

Friday, April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Liturgy at 12:00 noon

Sunday, April 20 - EASTER DAY

Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00am
(This service will be livestreamed)

Good Friday Offering

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

For 102 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.

This year, St. Andrew's vestry has approved that all loose offerings on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be given to the Episcopal Church in support of Christians in the Middle East.



Easter Flowers

This year Easter Sunday is April 20. If you would like to make an Easter flower donation in thanksgiving for or memory of a loved one, envelopes can be found on the backs of the pews. Please fill out the outside, include your donation (cash or check) and place in the offertory plate. You may also bring them to the office. Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions.

Please note: The deadline is Monday, April 14 to have your flower dedications included in the Easter bulletins.

Altar Flowers throughout the year: If you are interested in having altar flowers given on a Sunday in memory or thanksgiving for someone in your life, please contact Sally Pearce

The Bishop Is Coming to St. Andrew's on Sunday, April 27

On Sunday, April 27, Bishop Thomas Brown will be making his visitation to St. Andrew's. This is a time for us to worship and talk with him. It is also a time, for those who wish, to be confirmed, received or renew their baptismal vows. I would like to know if any would like to participate in the sacrament of confirmation, or be received, or renew their baptismal vows, so let me explain.

Confirmation: Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. I am willing to present to the bishop any member of St. Andrew's who is 16 years of age or older, who has not been confirmed in another church or denomination, who wishes to make such a commitment. Please let me know by April 16, if you would like to be confirmed.

Reception: Baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop. The bishop lays hands on each candidate for reception and says, "We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion" (BCP, p. 418). Candidates for reception normally have made a mature commitment in another Christian fellowship. Please let me know by April 16, if you would like to be received.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows: Anyone who has been confirmed and/or received previously may renew their baptismal vows in the presence of the bishop. Please let me know by April 16, if you would like to renew your baptismal vows.

Baptism: If you are an adult and have never been baptized, the bishop's visit is a wonderful time to be baptized. Please let me know by April 16, if you would like to be baptized (this can also be done at a time when the bishop is not present).

Peace, Suzannah +

New Service Time with Potluck Coffee Hour and Hymn Sing - May 4

May is right around the corner, and with it comes our new Sunday service schedule. Beginning May 4, we will be trying out a single 9:00am service, with opportunities for fellowship and learning following the service. To kick it off in style, after the service on May 4th, Sean will lead us in a Hymn Sing. Immediately after the service, we'll treat each other to a potluck Coffee Hour (think about bringing your favorite tasty treat to share) and then we'll have a chance to sing a verse or two of our favorite hymns (and maybe one or two new ones, too!). We hope you'll put this on your calendar!



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

Sheepscot Chorus Concert - April 12 and 13 at 3:00pm

Please click [here](#) to view the concert poster



Sheepscot Chorus



Hannah Hills from Boothbay
Region High School



Jayden Brown from Lincoln
Academy

Sheepscot Chorus invites you to their annual spring concerts on April 12 and 13, both at 3:00 PM. On the

program will be Bob Chilcott's "A Little Jazz Mass," and Folk Songs Through the Ages: folk songs from the 1200s to the present. Professional tenor soloist David Myers-Wakeman and a jazz combo will join the chorus for this popular event. "We are pleased to perform this exciting concert for the community," says director Linda Blanchard. As a special treat, the winners of this year's Sheepscot Chorus Student Music Award will perform.

"A Little Jazz Mass" is an innovative choral work that blends traditional liturgical text with the rhythmic and harmonic flavors of jazz. It is one of Chilcott's most celebrated and popular choral works, and has received many performances across the world, including at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Sheepscot Valley Chorus is delighted to announce the winners of our 2025 Student Music Awards, given annually to one student from each of three local high schools. The students are selected by their high school music teachers, chosen for their commitment to and leadership in music. Award winners receive a stipend from the chorus and perform at the spring concerts. This year's Student Music Award winners are Hannah Hills from Boothbay Region High School, Jayden Brown from Lincoln Academy, and Olivia Whittaker from Wiscasset Middle High School.

Folk Songs Through the Ages will include one song for each century, from the 13th century's "Sumer is icumen in," through the 17th century's "Barbara Allen," to the popular hit "Wellerman." "The Agincourt Carol," "Who's the Fool Now," and more will be included.

David Myers-Wakeman is always a must-hear, and he won't disappoint this time, with solo renditions of "Shenandoah" and "Cry Me A River."

Go to sheepscotvalleychorus.org/tickets to buy tickets. Tickets are \$20 (free for children and students) and are also available at Sherman's Maine Coast Book Shops in Damariscotta and Boothbay Harbor. For more information, please email info@sheepscotvalleychorus.org, or visit facebook.com/sheepscotchorus and sheepscotvalleychorus.org.

Volunteers wanted for a Stepping Stone rehab project

The Earth Keepers Group has contacted Stepping Stone Housing with an interest in assisting the rehabbing of a newly-acquired property in Nobleboro so new tenants can move in this spring. The property is a three bedroom house on Bremen Road that needs some interior priming and painting in several rooms and cleaning in the kitchen area. Water is being turned on this week and new floors will be installed in two rooms next month.

If you would like to join the Earth Keeper team for this three day (?) project, please contact Steve Ward at stevew@tidewater.net and indicate your availability in April. Stepping Stone limits rent to 30% of income and if no income, rent is zero...so they are a very valuable resource in Lincoln County right now.

From the EarthKeepers: Wabanaki Drumming and Song Extravaganza

The Earth Keepers group invites St. Andrew's parishioners to join them for an event at Newcastle's Second Congregational Church on April 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm that celebrates the heritage of the Wabanaki tribes. John Bear Mitchell will use chants, drumming, a hand-made rattle and story telling to present aspects of Penobscot and Passamaquoddy culture. He is a native Penobscot, born on Indian Island, and has relatives on the Passamaquoddy reservation at Sipayik in Washington County. He has a degree in elementary education and serves as a lecturer in Wabanaki Studies at the University of Maine. He regularly is invited to schools to introduce children to Wabanaki culture and also speaks to adults, giving talks at church gatherings.

Admission will be at the door, with a donation of \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students, and FREE for children 10 and under. For additional information, review the church website at www.secondcongo.org, or call the church office at (207) 563-3379.

Coastal Senior College - "The Shot Heard 'Round the World"

On Tuesday, April 15 at noon, Coastal Senior College will offer a program celebrating "The Shot Heard 'Round the World" -- remembering the first skirmish in the American Revolution, which took place 250 years ago at Concord, Massachusetts. Paul Revere's ride and the circumstances around it will be discussed, as will poems celebrating the famous historical moment. You are welcome to attend

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, May 7

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, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Elizabeth Lyon

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Clerk: Terry Marsh - Treasurer: Mark Freese
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