

# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, April 17, 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



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

#### 7:00pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Stripping of the Altar

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Nora Lundeen & Ann Kash Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash Lectors: Nora Lundeen & Ann Creamer Ushers: Kelley Kash & Jennifer Meade

The worship booklet for the 7pm Maundy Thursday service is available by clickinghere. This service will also be livestreamed.

**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.

To find our channel on the YouTube app,enter: @st.andrewsepiscopalchurchn5752 Problems, send an email to <a href="mailto:stastech@tidewater.net">stastech@tidewater.net</a>. Facebook messenger will no longer be used. You can get to our Website by clickinghere



Good Friday - April 18, 2025

12:00 noon - Good Friday Liturgy

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Readers: Martha Dodge, Jeanne Titherington, Steve Ward, Nora Lundeen

The booklet for the Good Friday service is available by clicking here

#### **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 Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming Altar Guild: Terry Marsh

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh

Lector: Laura Blanchard

Ushers: Jim Swan & Laura Blanchard

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

### 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

<u>Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor</u>: Ann Kash <u>Lectors</u>: David Blanchard & Sara Sandberg

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Kelley Kash & Jennifer Meade

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking here. This service will also be livestreamed.

#### **Music Note**

Felix Mendelssohn was commissioned in 1844 to write a 'set of voluntaries' by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn wrote six sonatas for that commission; the prelude today was the first movement of the third sonata in the series.

In the beginning of the third sonata, Mendelssohn uses music that he originally wrote for his sister Fanny's wedding. The movement's second section is in A minor; listen to the pedals to hear the chorale tune *Aus tiefer Not*. "Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir" translates as "From the deep I cry out to thee." The tune can be found at number 151 in *The Hymnal 1982*. The third section continues in minor with the *Aus tiefer Not* chorale continuing in the pedals, with the chorale tune transforming into a triumphant pedal line. This exuberant pedal line takes us back to A major, with music that is similar to the music from the beginning of the piece. -Sean Fleming

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

Sunday, April 27, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Bishop of Maine will be preaching and celebrating at both services. He will be accompanied by The Ven. Aaron Perkins, Archdeacon for the Diocese. You may visit with them at coffee hour following each of the services.

#### 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!

### **Earth Week activities**

Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup on April 26th 9-11 am. Come pitch in for an Earth Week cleanup on Academy Hill. We will meet at the church and head to our location from there. All supplies provided.

<u>Lectio Terra</u> - I would like to invite you all to a gathering on Saturday, April 26 at 4:00pm to practice Lectio Terra, or Terra Divina, which invites all to find the divine in the greater-than-human world. The ancient practice of Lectio Divina uses a scripture reading to find greater meaning. In our practice we will have a short reading which we will use for meditation. We then will immerse ourselves in our surroundings to read the natural world around us, hoping to find greater meaning and divinity.

If you have any questions, please contact Lili Pugh.

# Holy Women, Holy Men Peter Williams Cassey, deacon and Annie Besant Cassey, lay leader

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 Peter Williams Cassey and Annie Besant Cassey. Please click <u>here</u> to learn more about them.

#### 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, 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.

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

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