



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 1, 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

3 Easter - May 4, 2025

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham & Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Andrew Donaldson

Lectors: John Ward & Jim Swan

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Jennifer Meade & Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Sara Sandberg

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

Single 9am Service to begin this Sunday, May 4

Just a reminder that we begin our six month trial this Sunday, May 4th with one service at 9:00am. Through this period, we will be celebrating with Holy Eucharist Rite I on the first Sunday of each month and Rite II the rest of the Sundays in the month. There will be music every Sunday.

Parking

We recognize that one challenge we may face is parking for those with limited mobility. We need to reserve the spaces in the lower lot for those who cannot walk up and down the hill. Please do not park in those spaces if you are able to navigate the hill. There are four spaces available in that lot, so we also ask you to park in a way that four spaces are available facing the river. There is also one spot parallel to the road in the lower lot that will be reserved for drop off and pick up only. Please do not park there. We will have vestry members and ushers keeping a look out to see if anyone needs any assistance. If you need a space in the lower lot, and none are available, please do not go home. We have people willing to park your car for you in one of the upper spaces.

As with any new endeavor, there will be adjustments that need to be made. Please let me or a member of the vestry know if something needs to be adjusted, particularly if it involves issues of accessibility.

Peace, Suzannah



Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all who donated for Easter Flowers this year. The plants are now available for adoption. They are all in the back of the church around the baptismal font. Most are bulbs that can be planted and enjoyed for years to come. Again, thanks for making our Easter celebration colorful!

Coffee hour on May 4, after the 9:00am combined service

On Sunday, May 4, we will kick off our new Coffee & Fellowship hour, Tidings. We are asking members of the congregation to bring a snack to share. The Vestry will set up coffee and tea and take care of clean-up. Once we have our coffee and snacks in hand, Sean will be playing requested favorite hymns for a sing-along. Hope to see you all there! Questions? please email Sara Sandberg.

Coffee Hour Reimagined

Our after-church series of get-togethers needs a name and a shape. 'Tidings' is a possibility both for the meaning, good tidings, tidings of great joy, important tidings, etc. and also for the rhythm of the tide that is so much a part of our riverbank home. Ideally, our Tidings could be a sweet combination of coffee hour + a (sometimes) more structured opportunity for learning about our faith, our world, and each other.

First, the Coffee Hour part: An easy way to provide snacks is on a potluck basis, making sure everyone understands that it doesn't have to be fancy, they don't have to bring something every week, but if everybody brings something once in awhile, it is a project of all of us. Coffee making, along with set-up and clean-up, can still proceed on a sign-up basis.

Our Tidings hour schedule is shaping up nicely! Here's the schedule so far:

May 4 - Coffee Hour and a Hymn Sing, with Sean playing your favorites

May 11 - Mother's Day Coffee Hour, no program

May 18 - Coffee Hour and a chance to suggest what kinds of things you'd like to see our Tidings include

May 25 - Coffee Hour and festive send-off for Suzannah, Madeline, and Charlie, as they begin the Sabbatical months

Note about the music for May 4:

The tune for our opening hymn on May 4, TRURO, was first published in Thomas Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, (second vol., 1789) as a setting for Isaac Watts' "Now to the Lord a noble song." Brian Wren adopted this tune for a hymn he wrote in Hockley, Essex, England, during April of 1968. Wren wrote this about his text:

It was written for Easter Sunday, two weeks after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I could not let Easter go by without speaking of this tragic event which was on all our minds...The hymn tries to see God's love winning over tragedy and suffering in the world. -Sean Fleming



Annual Ecumenical Diaper Drive - Mother's Day through Father's Day

St. Andrew's Church, along with 7 other area churches, has supported the Ecumenical Diaper Drive by holding an annual Diaper Drive each year. This year's dates are May 11th through June 15th .

Won't you donate today? Large size diapers and pull-ups are our biggest need, and cash donations allow us to stretch our funds by buying at bulk prices! Checks can be made out to "Damariscotta Baptist Church" with "diapers" in the memo line and placed in the plate or mailed to St. Andrew's Church. We will forward the checks. If you would like to donate diapers, please bring them to the atrium.

If you would like to view the poster for the 0225 Diaper Drive, please click [here](#)

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 Hadewijch of Brahmant. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Bishop of Maine visit last Sunday, April 27

Last Sunday, Bishop Brown was with us to preach and celebrate at both services. At the 10:00am service he also received three parishioners into the Episcopal Church: Bob and Nora Lundeen and Ron Ross.



Forward Day by Day

The next issue of Forward Day by Day, Daily Devotions for Disciples (May-July) has arrived. Copies are available in the atrium or the church entrance in small or large print. Please feel free to take one for yourself and/or a friend.



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

New Men's Group Organizational Meeting

to be held Saturday, May 10 at 9:00am in the church library. Please come and be a part of getting this new group started.

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.

**Ben Cooke Celebration of New Ministry
Sunday, June 1 at 4:00PM
Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, Augusta**

All are welcome to attend

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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Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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