



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, August 21, 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

11 Pentecost - August 24, 2025

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Pam Mott

Guest Organist: Brent Douglass

Altar Guild: Ann Kash & Sarah Monaghan-Houghton

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Kash & Sara Sandberg

Lectors: Brett Donham & Ann Creamer

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Kelley Kash & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: Bob Lundeen

The worship booklet for the 9am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

You may also watch this service on St. Andrew's YouTube channel. (Live or recorded)



Care of Creation - The month of September (and beyond)

Beginning Sunday, September 7 and continuing through September, the bulletin will have a new look as we celebrate the Season of Creation. The Eucharistic Prayer was written by Martin L. Smith for use in the Diocese of Maine. You are also invited to join in a variety of Creation Care events during September and into October. The schedule for these events can be found on the flyer by clicking [here](#) or you may view them below:

September 13 (Saturday): CHIP Community Cares Day

September 14 (Sunday): Meatless Potluck Meal in the undercroft after the 9am service (see more information below)

September 21 (Sunday): 3:00pm - Ecumenical Prayer Service for Creation Care at 2nd Congregational

October 4 (Saturday): Blessing of the Animals in the lower church parking lot

October 18 (Saturday): 9-11am - St. Andrew's roadside clean-up on Academy Hill Road

Sunday Single Service Assessment

As we reach the fourth month of our six-month trial for a single Sunday service, the vestry is eager to hear your thoughts. We truly value your feedback on this initiative. In October, once Suzannah returns, we plan to hold at least one feedback session after the service. We understand this format may not be ideal for everyone, especially our seasonal members who might leave before then. Please feel free to share your impressions—good or bad—by approaching a vestry member or emailing the church office at stasnew@tidewater.net. Rest assured, your inputs will be kept confidential. Thank you!

Note about the music for this Sunday, August 24

The processional hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," originally written as "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," is one of the best-known hymns by Protestant Reformer Martin Luther, a prolific hymnwriter. Luther wrote the words and composed the hymn tune between 1527 and 1529. Countless organ and choral works have been composed based on this German chorale tune, some dating to soon after Luther's tune was written. The postlude, Fantasie by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), a German composer and organist, was composed later in the same century as Luther's tune on which it was based. This piece is an excellent example of significant development of musical forms based on Protestant hymns for which Praetorius was known. A little over a century later the Danish composer and organist Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) used Luther's tune as the inspiration for the highly ornamented chorale prelude. The chorale tune becomes almost indistinguishable as Buxtehude's development of the theme progresses throughout the piece before the chorale's final phrase emerges in the concluding measures. -Brent Douglass

Tidings/Coffee Hours

Thanks to the Good Samaritans for a lovely picnic last Sunday. If the weather holds, it would be nice to hold Coffee Hour outdoors a few more times before the season ends. We need volunteers to run the "coffee/tea" part of coffee hour on the following dates: August 17, 24, and 31, as well as September 7 and 21. Remember, this means setting up, making coffee and cleaning up. We are still leaning on the generosity of the parish for any snacks they may want to provide. If you have questions or want to sign up, please contact Sara Sandberg.

Below is the Tidings schedule for August - October. Please mark these events on your calendar and hope to see you there!

August 24 - Coffee Hour: coffee hour host: _____

August 31 - Coffee Hour: coffee hour host: _____

Sept 7 - Linda & Sean – Hymn Sing: coffee hour host: _____

Sept 14 - Meatless Potluck: coffee hour host: Earthkeepers

Sept 21 - Coffee Hour: coffee hour host: _____

Sept 28 - Farewell to Pam: coffee hour host: Vestry & Parish

Oct. 5 - Welcome Home to Suzannah: coffee hour host: Vestry & Parish

A Note from the Earth Keepers Group

The Earth Keepers at St. Andrew's are launching a new program to promote lower emissions from cooking, eating, transporting and disposing of food and food waste. They invite parishioners now to look for a basket in the back of the church where people can put meat-free recipes; five copies please...and take away recipes that look tempting. This recipe exchange will culminate in a Meatless Potluck at St. Andrew's on September 14. There is a fascinating discussion of food-related emissions from the BBC; see this attachment --

Parishioners might also be interested in the book "Not the End of the World" by Hannah Ritchie which explores ways of reducing global emissions, including shunning beef-eating due to its prodigious effects on forest growth. There is a copy of Ritchie's book in the church library.

Earth Keepers Carpooling

Earth Keepers is reminding everyone that a carpool sign-up is available at the back of the church and at coffee hor. Sharing rides is good for the environment and for our parking situation. It may allow someone to attend church who finds it hard to get around. It may even provide a new friendship! Think about offering a ride to someone in your neighborhood or ask for a ride if you need one. Earth Keepers will take the information and coordinate the logistics.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to have the altar flowers dedicated in memory or thanksgiving for someone special in your life, please contact Sally Pearce. We have available Sundays throughout the year. You may choose your flowers and the flower committee will take care of the rest.



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

Single 9am Sunday Service

From May through October, St. Andrew's will be trying out a single 9am Sunday service. 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 with music every Sunday.

Vestry Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry meeting minutes from the May meeting, please click [here](#). If you would like to read the minutes from the June meeting, please click [here](#)

Summer Church Hours

During the summer, the church will be open for any business needs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm

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, September 3

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 church library unless otherwise announced.

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, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Elizabeth Lyon, Bill Namestnik

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