



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, August 28, 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

12 Pentecost - August 31, 2025

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Many thanks to The Rev. Karen Johnson who will be our
preacher and celebrant this Sunday, August 31**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Karen Johnson

Guest Organist: Brent Douglass

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrew Donaldson & Lili Pugh

Lectors: Jim Swan & Alex Pugh

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Jennifer Meade & Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Martha Elliott

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 Maine Eucharistic Prayer was written by Martin L. Smith for use in the Diocese of Maine and will be used in our September Sunday services. Are you curious about how the new Eucharistic Prayer for the Diocese of Maine came to be? The Rev. Martin L. Smith, who developed the prayer at the request of Bishop Brown and owns the copyright, led a discussion at the summer chapel of All Saints-by-the Sea on Southport Island, where he served earlier this month. This video takes you "behind the scenes" of Martin's creative process from both a liturgical and poetic perspective. We're grateful to All Saints for recording it and sharing it with us! If you would like to view the video, please click [here](#).

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 7 (Sunday): On the first Sunday of the Season of Creation we would like parishioners to bring in an item from nature that resonates with you and draws you to it and also brings you closer to God. It can be small or large, but should be able to be held. It can be something that was living or is non-living. We will be sharing our stories about our connections during our time together. If you don't have anything, don't worry. We will have a few extra items to share.

September 13 (Saturday): CHIP Community Cares Day

September 14 (Sunday): Meatless Potluck Meal in the undercroft after the 9am service
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 --

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220429-the-climate-benefits-of-veganism-and-vegetarianism...>

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.

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

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

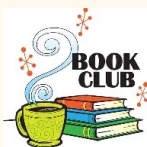
As we reach the fourth month of our six-month trial for a single Sunday service, the vestry is eager to hear your thoughts. We truly value your feedback on this initiative. In October, once Suzannah returns, we plan to hold at least one feedback session after the service. We understand this format may 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 31

I want to express my thanks to those of you who told me how much you enjoyed the music of Anthoni van Noordt that I played on August 3. The prelude this Sunday is his setting of Psalm 22.

The closing hymn this Sunday, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" is a poem written by author, educator, and Presbyterian clergyman Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) in 1907 and set to the famous "Ode to Joy" melody of the final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. Van Dyke's poem was directly influenced by the music, as he mentioned in a letter, saying the hymn was written with the music "steadily in mind," giving this powerful piece of music a text that captured a sense of joy and adoration. This hymn is generally considered by hymnologists to be one of the most joyous expressions of hymn lyrics in the English language.

-Brent Douglas



Next St. Andrew's Book Club meeting!

We've chosen "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner for our next book club.
We will meet on September 15th at 2:30pm in the church library.
All are welcome..

Tidings/Coffee Hours

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 31, 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 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

Earth Keepers Carpooling

Earth Keepers is reminding everyone that a carpool sign-up is available at the back of the church and at coffee hour. 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.



St. Andrew's Senior Choir looking for new members

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is seeking experienced singers to join its Senior Choir. This dedicated choir provides inspiring music for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service and rehearses weekly on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., from September through mid-June.

Under the leadership of Choir Director Linda Blanchard and accompanied by organist Sean Fleming, the Senior Choir upholds a tradition of excellence in sacred choral music. Singers with prior choir experience who are eager to contribute their talents to a welcoming and supportive ensemble are encouraged to join.

This is a wonderful opportunity for vocalists to refine their skills, engage in meaningful worship, and become part of a vibrant musical community.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Linda Blanchard at choir@standrewsnewcastle.org, or call the church office at 207-563-3533. Join us in making joyful music together!

September 3 at 11:30am: Healing Service with Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, September 3 at 11:30am for the Healing Service with Holy Eucharist. Following the service, lunch will be provided. If you are interested in joining but do not have transportation, please contact the church office by email or phone (stasnew@tidewater.net or 563-3533)



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.

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, Robin Schneider.

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