



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 4, 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

13 Pentecost - September 7, 2025

9:00am Care of Creation with Maine Eucharistic Prayer

Welcome back to Sean Fleming, Linda Blanchard and the Senior Choir

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Pam Mott
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham & Maryanne Ward
Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh
Lectors: John Ward & David Blanchard
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Ushers: Marianne Pinkham & Jim Swan
Vestry Announcer: Alex Pugh

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
We, as Christians, are called to be compassionate. Compassionate to all, including non-human beings. One way we can do that is to eat less meat, especially red meat. St. Andrew's Earth Keepers welcome you to a meatless potluck brunch after the 9:00 service on September 14th. Bring a meatless dish to share!

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, September 7

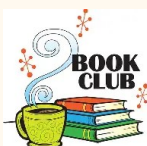
Many thanks to Brent Douglass, who played organ at St. Andrew's during the month of August. It was great to take some time off and to know that the services were in Brent's good hands (and feet).

Thanks also to those special musical guests who played and sang when the choir was on holiday. Their contributions added a lot to the services, and the variety of music was enriching.

The poem "Great is thy faithfulness" was written just over a hundred years ago by the Methodist minister Thomas Chisholm. Chisholm sent the poem to William Runyan, who was the editor of Hope Publishing Company in Chicago. Runyan was moved by the poem, and composed a music setting for it. Reflecting on this creative process, Runyan later wrote, "This particular poem held such an appeal that I prayed most earnestly that my tune might carry over its message in a worthy way, and the subsequent history of its use indicates that God answered prayer." - Sean Fleming

Wednesday Lunch

There were twelve folks at the Wednesday lunch following the Healing Service yesterday, September 3. Many thanks to Ruth Piper for supplying the wonderful meal. The next Wednesday lunch will be on October 1.



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: 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!

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.



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, October 1

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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