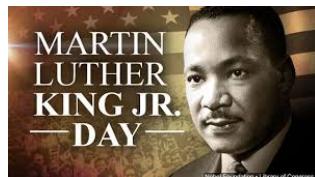




This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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

2 Epiphany

January 18, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Cheney

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Laura Blanchard

The worship booklet for the 8am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Nora Lundeen

Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Donaldson

Lectors: Nora Lundeen & Cynthia Garrels

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: Sara Sandberg

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

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



There Is More to the Apple than Meets the Eye!

Join us at Coffee Hour after the 10am service on Sunday, January 25, for an entertaining and informative talk all about the apple. This iconic fruit touches almost every aspect of our culture. Presenter Ron Ross, and his partner Fred Kraeuter, started with 6 apple trees when they moved to Boothbay in 2012 and

now have 75 trees representing 50 heirloom variety apples. They also coordinate a volunteer group, The Apple Corps, which manages two orchards for the Boothbay Region Land Trust.

Brett Donham Course to be offered at St. Andrew's

Brett Donham will be offering a slide lecture series on the Italian Renaissance painter, **Piero Della Francesca**, to be held in the undercroft of St. Andrews Church on 3, 10, & 17 February at 1:00 PM. Titled; **Piero Della Francesca: Painter, Mathematician, Philosopher, a True Renaissance Man** the lectures will focus on his religious paintings, including **Resurrection**, described by Aldous Huxley as "the best picture in the world". Sponsored by Coastal Community College, the lectures are free to members of St. Andrew's.

Music note for this Sunday

In celebration of the life and witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we will sing several of Dr. King's favorite hymns this Sunday, January 18 at the 10:00am service. From a sermon by Dr. King delivered at Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, on 27 August 1967: *"Centuries ago Jeremiah raised a question, 'Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?' He raised it because he saw the good people suffering so often and the evil people prospering. Centuries later our slave fore-parents came along. And they too saw the injustices of life, and had nothing to look forward to morning after morning but the rawhide whip of the overseer, long rows of cotton in the sizzling heat. But they did an amazing thing. They looked back across the centuries and they took Jeremiah's question mark and straightened it into an exclamation point. And they could sing, 'There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul."*

Dr. King often requested that the hymn "Precious Lord, take my hand" be sung at services at which he was preacher, and Mahalia Jackson sang it at his 1968 funeral. And a quote from Dr. King's speech entitled "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" which was delivered at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on 31 March 1968: *"We must face the sad fact that at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning when we stand to sing 'In Christ there is no East or West,' we stand in the most segregated hour of America."*

This Sunday, I'll also feature an organ piece composed by Chief Olufela Obafunmilayo "Fela" Sowande MBE. Sowande was a Nigerian musician and composer who is considered the father of modern Nigerian art music, and is perhaps the most internationally known African composer of works in the European classical idiom. -Sean Fleming

Coffee Hour update

The Coffee Hour Host schedule for January and February is as follows (so far):

January 18

8am: Ruth Piper
10am: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton & Martha Dodge

January 25

8am: Tanya Albert & [looking for a Coffee Hour partner]
10am: Ron Ross & Fred Kraeuter

February 1

8am: Margaret Coit & Les Foster
10am:

February 8

8am:
10am: Nora Lundeen

February 15

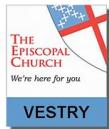
8am:
10am:

February 22

8am:
10am: Lili Pugh

As you can see, there are lots of opportunities to host Coffee Hour in the coming months. Hosts are responsible for set-up, keeping the coffee and tea water topped up, and clean-up. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring sweet or savoury nibbles as the spirit moves them. If you would

like to sign up to host, please put you name on the clipboard in the Undercroft or contact Sara Sandberg through the church office.

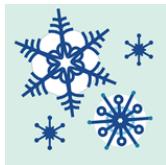


Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Annual Meeting Reports

St. Andrew's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1. The deadline to submit reports for the Annual Meeting booklet are due to the office (via email) by Monday, February 16. Thank you.



Winter Weather

In case of icy or snowy weather, please check your email or the church phone message (563-3533) for any service changes due to the weather.

Carpooling

"The Earth Keepers are reminding us that as snow accumulates, car pooling to church is a wise practice. Let's have lower emissions and fewer cars competing for space. Some of us would appreciate not having to navigate a snowbank or walking a distance on slippery ground. Some of us no longer drive but would like to get to church. There's a car pooling sign up at the rear of the church. Or call someone you know who would appreciate your friendly transportation on Sunday morning."



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: The Compline service held Monday evenings has been put on hold for the time being.

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, February 4.

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday Zoom Meeting

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

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

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Clerk: - Treasurer: Ed Ross
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
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