



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, January 29, 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.

Happy Groundhog Day!



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

4 Epiphany

February 1, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh

Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh

Lector: Laura Blanchard

Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter

Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister: Fred Kraeuter

Lectors: Steve Ward & Martha Elliott

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Ed Ross & Jennifer Meade

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)

First Sunday Plate Outreach Recipient for February: Stepping Stone Housing

Stepping Stone Housing is the recipient of this Sunday's loose plate offerings. SSH was founded in 2013 to address the need for affordable housing in Damariscotta and neighboring communities. SSH receives no government funding, but instead relies on donations to make up the difference between what renters

can afford and what it costs to keep the properties going. SSH also maintains a facility on Biscay Road where they store and sell donated items to raise money for housing. Please support their work generously.

If you would like to donate other than cash into this Sunday's plate, you may make checks out to Stepping Stone Housing and place them in the plate or you may mail them to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle ME 04553 and we will get them to Stepping Stone. More information on Stepping Stone Housing is available at their website: steppingstonehousing.org

Lenten Friends for 2026: a practice of thankfulness, February 18-April 5

Lenten Friends is a secret pal-style practice for Lent. It involves getting paired with a person for Lent and writing a note to that person each week, (as faithfully as you can) letting them know you are thinking of them and include something you have noticed that week that made you see God in your world.

Those interested should either fill out a slip of paper (available in the atrium) with your name, address and phone number, and place it in the Lenten Friend box; or send your address and phone number via email to stasnew@tidewater.net The deadline to be included is Shrove Tuesday (February 17th). Names will be paired and you will be contacted by email or phone on Ash Wednesday (February 18th).

Don't reveal yourself to your Lenten Friend until Easter (April 5th). If you want to get a little gift for them for Easter that is fine, but it should be just a token. Maybe make it a gift of joy you want to share!

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 February 3, 10, & 17 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 Senior College, the lectures are free to members of St. Andrew's.

Holy Women, Holy Men Theodora, Empress

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 Theodora. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Coffee Hour update

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

February 1

8am:
10am: Becky & Chris Powers

February 8

8am: Margaret Coit & Les Foster
10am: Nora Lundeen

February 15

8am: Laura Blanchard
10am:

February 22

8am:
10am: Lili Pugh

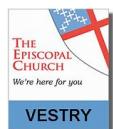
As you can see, there are lots of opportunities to host Coffee Hour in the coming months. Hosts are responsible for set-up, keeping the coffee and tea water topped up, and clean-up. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring sweet or savoury nibbles as the spirit moves them. If you would like to sign up to host, please put your name on the clipboard in the Undercroft or contact Sara Sandberg through the church office.



Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Church

On March 1, 2026, there will be a single 9:00am service followed by St. Andrew's Annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Reports: The deadline to submit reports for the Annual Meeting booklet are due to the office (via email) by Monday, February 16. Thank you.



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday Service and Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, February 4 for the service of Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers at 11:30am. Following this service, there will be lunch for all in the undercroft. Please join us. All are most welcome!



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.

Book Club meeting February 19 at 2:30pm

The Book Club (originally started by the Knitters, but open to anyone who wants to read the book) will be reading Jane Austin's *Persuasion* for our February book. We'll meet on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 2:30pm in St. Andrew's library for a lively discussion. Again, we welcome any and all readers and look forward to hearing what you found in this book.

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

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, Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Wildner, Elizabeth Lyon, Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family, Susan O'Brien., Steve Busch, Lydia, Joe & Sherry Follayttar

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Clerk: - Treasurer: Ed Ross
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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