



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 19, 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



5 Lent

March 22, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham

Eucharistic Minister: Sara Sandberg

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Marianne Pinkham

Vestry Announcer: Tanya Albert

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: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kash

Lectors: David Blanchard & Jeanne Titherington

Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter

Ushers: Kelley Kash & Belinda Nields

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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



Easter Flowers

This year Easter Sunday is April 5. If you would like to make an Easter flower donation in thanksgiving for or memory of a friend or loved one, envelopes can be found on the backs of the pews. Please fill out the outside, include your donation (cash or check) and place in the offertory plate. You may also bring them to the office. Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions. The deadline to have names included in the Easter bulletins is Monday, March 30.



Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(The 10:00am service will be livestreamed)

Maundy Thursday - April 2

7:00pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Stripping of the altar
(This service will be livestreamed)

Good Friday - April 3

12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Services - Sunday, April 5

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(The 10:00am service will be livestreamed)

The Good Friday Offering

Presiding Bishop: 'Need of the Church in the Holy Land is Greater Than Ever'

The Good Friday Offering, which has historically supported the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, is even more vital today given the ongoing war, said Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe in a letter issued yesterday.

"I am in frequent touch with Archbishop Hosam Naoum, who leads the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and I know how urgently he and his people need our support as they alleviate suffering and provide hope to God's people of all faiths. The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey recently gave the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem \$1 million to support medical and trauma care for children, youth, and families in Gaza and the Palestinian territories, and I am hoping that we can build on that extraordinary gift with this year's Good Friday Offering.

Your gift will support:

- al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, which has continued serving patients during the Israel-Hamas War amid bombardment, devastating shortages of food, water, and medicine, and extended power outages.
- St. George's Church in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center.
- An eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon."

For more information, please click [here](#).

At St. Andrew's Church, all loose offerings on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be given to the Episcopal Church in support of Christians in the Middle East.

**Holy Women, Holy Men
George Herbert
Priest and Poet**

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 George Herbert. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

**Chrism Eucharist & Renewal of Vows 2026
Tuesday, March 24, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, Augusta**

The day will include a renewal of ordination vows for clergy and baptismal promises for laity and the blessing and distribution of holy chrism. For more information or to sign up to attend, please click [here](#)

Coffee Hour update

Please sign up for coffee hour in March and April! 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.

March 22: 8:00am _____
10:00am [Martha Dodge & Sarah Monaghan-Houghton](#)

March 29 (Palm Sunday): 8:00am _____
10:00am [Stephanie Stephenson, Christine Taylor, Cynthia Garrels](#)

April 5 (Easter): 8:00am [Terry Marsh](#)
10:00am [Vestry](#)

April 12, 19 and 26 are all open for both services.



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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



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

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, April 1

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.

Please Note: The Knitting Group will be meeting in members' homes until the church spaces are repaired. We'll send the regular weekly announcement around with information on location. If you'd like to be part of the group but are not on the email list, please contact Sara Sandberg for the schedule. You don't have to be a knitter (or crocheter or quilter or embroiderer or anything else) to join us. All that's required is enjoying one another's company on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4pm.

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, Anne, Betsy.

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