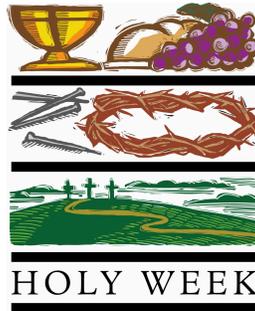




# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 26, 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.



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*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

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## **Palm Sunday**

**March 29, 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

Passion Gospel Readers: Seth Stewart, Jim Swan, Malcolm Foster, Laura Blanchard, Jack & Carol Dexter, Terry Marsh, Marianne Pinkham, Brett & Priscilla Donham

Ushers: Seth Stewart & Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Les Foster

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: Bob Lundeen

Lectors: Nora Lundeen & Ann Creamer

Passion Gospel Readers: David Blanchard, Sean Fleming, Steve Ward, Fred Kraeuter, Alex & Lili Pugh, Ann Creamer, Ann Kash, Nora Lundeen, Andrew Donaldson

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

Vestry Announcer: Bob Lundeen

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)

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### **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.

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### **Maundy Thursday**

**April 2, 2026**

**7:00pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Stripping of the Altar**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Nora Lundeen, Ann Kash & Jennifer Meade

Eucharistic Minister: Malcolm Foster

Lectors: Alex Pugh & Martha Elliott

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Kelley Kash & Jennifer Meade

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### **Good Friday**

**April 3, 2026**

**12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy**

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Lectors: Brett Donham, Jeanne Titherington, Fred Kraeuter, Steve Ward

Organist: Sean Fleming

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### **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.**



### **Easter Services - Sunday, April 5**

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

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**Holy Women, Holy Men**  
**Anna Julia Haywood Cooper**  
**August 19, 1858-February 27, 1964**  
**Educator, Writer, Intellectual, Activist, Feminist**

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 Anna Julia Haywood Cooper. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

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### **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 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 and 19 are open for both services.

April 26: 8:00am \_\_\_\_\_  
10:00am Fred Kraeuter & Ron Ross

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### **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

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

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### **St. Andrew's Book Club next meeting**

Our April book is going to be "Old Filth" by Jane Gardam. We meet at St Andrews on April 16th at 2:30. Everyone welcome.

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### **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.

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### **Wednesday Healing Service and Luncheon**

On Wednesday, April 1, please join us for the Wednesday Healing Service at 11:30am followed by lunch for all in the undercroft. All are welcome.

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### **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."

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### **St. Andrew's Church Calendar**

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

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### **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.

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### **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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Clerk: Les Foster - Treasurer: Ed Ross

Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Parish Administrator: Ann Kash

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