



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 14, 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.



**Garden Clean-Up Day Sunday, May 17 at 11:30am**

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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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## **7 Easter**

**May 17, 2026**

### **8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kash

Lector: Seth Stewart

Usher: Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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: Martha Dodge & Fred Kraeuter

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Martha Dodge & Fred Kraeuter

Vestry Announcer: Kay Liss

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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**Garden Clean-Up Day - Sunday, May 17**



The property committee is planning to have a garden clean-up day on Sunday, May 17. We will have coffee after the 10am service and then prune, rake, pull weeds, etc. Please wear work clothes and bring gardening hand tools, barrels, buckets and tarps. If you have questions, please contact Belinda Niels or Richard Monkman.

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### **Diaper Drive – Mother’s Day (May 10) – Father’s Day (June 21)**

The Ecumenical Diaper Bank is in its eleventh year and has distributed tens of thousands of diapers to help babies in low income households remain clean, dry, and healthy. It still a completely volunteer organization and all of the collected funds are used for diapers, pull-ups, and the paper bags they are distributed in. Diapers are distributed through the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Newcastle and the Waldoboro Clothes Closet.

In 2025, close to 15,000 diapers were distributed. Again this year, especially due to the fact that government programs like SNAP do not pay for diapers and wipes, the need for diaper aid in our community remains high. Our biggest need is for **funds** to purchase in bulk, larger diapers (size 3 and up) and pull-ups. If you are interested in donating to help support the diaper bank, checks can be made out to “Damariscotta Baptist Church” with “diapers” on the memo line. You may bring the check to church and put it in the plate or drop it by the office. If you wish to mail your check directly, you may send it to St. Andrew's Church or to Midcoast Friends Meeting at PO Box 714, Damariscotta, 04543.

Donations can also be brought to any of our supporting churches: Damariscotta Baptist Church, Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Midcoast Friends Meeting, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Second Congregational Church, Twin Villages Baptist Church, and Water of Life Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your support.

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### **Music Note for Sunday, May 17**

The tune for the opening hymn on May 17, TRURO, was first published in Thomas Williams's *Psalmodia Evangelica* (second vol., 1789) as a setting for Isaac Watts' "Now to the Lord a noble song." Brian Wren adopted this tune for a hymn he wrote in Hockley, Essex, England, during April of 1968. Wren wrote this about his text:

*It was written for Easter Sunday, two weeks after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I could not let Easter go by without speaking of this tragic event which was on all our minds...The hymn tries to see God's love winning over tragedy and suffering in the world. -Sean Fleming*

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### **Reconstruction in the office and undercroft**

The Undercroft continues to be closed for gatherings and meetings. The kitchen and restrooms are accessible but please use caution when going to and from these areas. The inconvenience is a necessary part of the recovery process. We look forward to returning to normalcy soon. Thank you for your patience as the work progresses.

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### **Coffee Hour update**

Please sign up for coffee hour in April and beyond! 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 Atrium or contact Sara Sandberg through the church office.

May 17: 8:00am: Ruth Piper  
10:00am: Kay Liss & Belinda Niels

May 24: 8:00am: Seth Stewart  
10:00am: \_\_\_\_\_

May 31: 8:00am: \_\_\_\_\_  
10:00am: Stephanie Stephenson, Christine Taylor, Cynthia Garrels

## Holy Women, Holy Men Mary of Egypt Monastic

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 Mary of Egypt. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

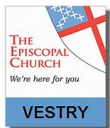
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### Guest Preacher on Sunday, May 31: The Rev. Martha Kirkpatrick

Rev. Martha Kirkpatrick will give the sermons at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday May 31 and will be preaching on the memory and example of Frances Perkins at a time of grave concern about climate change. The anniversary of France's Perkins death in 1965 is May 14. Martha is a former parishioner of St. Andrew's who served as Commissioner of Maine's Department of Environmental Protection during the King Administration prior to her ordination. She also served on the boards of Maine Audubon and Interfaith Power and Light. She retired from the diocese of Delaware where she held the position of Canon to the Ordinary for vitality and renewal and served as a parish priest as she had as well in Maine at St. Margaret's in Belfast. May 31 will be a kind of homecoming for Martha where many parishioners remember her advocacy and energy on behalf of environmental justice.

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#### Vestry Meeting Minutes

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



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

Our May book is going to be "The Great Gatsby". We meet at St Andrews on May 21 at 2:30. All are welcome!

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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, June 3**

### 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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## Torren Nehrboss Senior Harp Recital - May 31 at 4:00pm at St.Andrew's Church

Torren (our next-door neighbor) will be graduating from Lincoln Academy in June. She has frequently been a Sunday musical guest during summers at St. Andrew's. Torren and her family have extended an invitation to all who would like to attend her harp recital on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00pm at St. Andrew's Church.

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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, 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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