



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, January 6, 2022

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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## 1 Epiphany

### The Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

#### **8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I (inside with masks)**

Altar Guild: Ann Kash  
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kash  
Lector: Brett Donham  
Usher: Kelley Kash  
Vestry Announcer: David Blanchard

#### **9:15am Morning Prayer on Zoom**

#### **10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II (inside with masks)**

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward  
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Sherri Holbrook  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Lectors: John Ward & Fred Kraeuter  
Ushers: Kirk Holbrook & Ed Ross  
Vestry Announcer: Ed Ross

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### **Readings for 1 Epiphany**

First Reading: isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm: 29  
Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17  
Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

If you would like to read the lessons on the Lectionary Page website, please [click here](#)

Once you are at [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net), you may choose **NEW Resource: [RCL Daily Readings](#)**. If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.

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## Worship During Pandemic Times Update

Hello Friends,

The vestry met last week, and after a lengthy discussion decided not to change anything in our worship schedule for the month of January. So, we will continue to have in person worship on Sundays at 8 am and 10 am, and 9:15 am morning prayer on zoom. We will continue to livestream the 10 am service on Facebook. We will also continue the in person service on Wednesdays at 10 am. The tv will be set up in the atrium with chairs for the Sunday services. If we reach attendance of 40 in the nave (the church) we will ask people to sit in the atrium. You may also sit in the atrium if it is simply more comfortable for you. Masks worn over both mouth and nose with no valves (valves allow any germs from you to move freely into the air around you) will continue to be required by all people entering any part of our building. Many experts are suggesting that we all switch from cloth or paper masks to N95 or KF94 masks.

Right now the experts are saying that those who are vaccinated and boosted are protected from serious illness. These same experts also acknowledge that those with particular risk factors such as age or underlying health conditions, may not be as protected. We urge you to evaluate your own risk factors. If you fall into a high risk group, please consider joining one of our remote options (9:15 am zoom or 10 am livestream). If you are in a high risk group and would prefer to come to worship in person, please consider attending the 8 am service on Sunday or the 10 am service on Wednesday, as these have much lower attendance and it will be easier for you to distance from others.

We are not requiring people to be vaccinated in order to attend. We hope that if you are not vaccinated you will get vaccinated, but if you will not do so, please consider staying home for your own sake and for the sake of those around you. This latest surge of the virus is most seriously impacting those who are not vaccinated with nearly all hospitalized patients with COVID being unvaccinated.

All this being said, please keep in mind that things change quickly with this virus, and if and when this happens we will have to react quickly too. If we make any sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will notify you by constant contact (e-mail), by changing the message on our phone and by hanging signs up on the doors of the church. Three years ago I went on a pilgrimage to Italy with a group of people. Our leader told us to pack our flexibility. I say the same to each of us, please pack your flexibility. Our COVID journey continues and how flexible we are will determine how well we get through this.

I know for some it feels like things are worse than a year ago, or at least not any better. So, I leave you with the words of an ICU doctor, Dr. Daniela J. Lamas, who wrote an essay for the New York Times on December 27, 2021:

*"We are not where we thought we might be a year ago, but there is reason for hope. We have the tools and the knowledge that should allow us to stay safe and to protect others despite the ongoing presence of this virus. The greater challenge might be in maintaining our collective humanity during what could become yet another surge of illness among the unvaccinated. . . . With vaccination, high-quality masks and access to rapid testing, we are better equipped to manage risk without placing our lives completely on hold. . . . Our policies should prioritize keeping people safe while maintaining connection."*

And always remember, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God--not life, nor death, nor COVID.

Peace,  
Suzannah +

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## Vestry Nominating Committee update

The nominating committee has been busy for the last six weeks seeking parishioners to fill the three vacant spots on our Vestry. Many thanks to all who gave this thoughtful consideration. We are happy to announce that three parishioners have stepped forward to run for these three-year slots on St. Andrew's Vestry: Terry Marsh, Sara Sandberg and Jim Swan. The committee sought more names but simply did not get them.

Suzannah expressed her gratitude to the nominating committee for their endeavors. The rector, of course, plays no part in Vestry nominations.

At this years' Annual Meeting, on January 30th, parishioners will be asked to approve the slate. The

meeting will be held remotely, via ZOOM. Details to follow.



## St. Andrew's Annual Meeting

St. Andrew's Church annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 30th after a single in-person service at 9:00am. The meeting will be held via Zoom and will start at 10:30am.

Please note that reports for the meeting are due to the church office (via email) by Monday, January 17th. Thank you.

## St. Andrew's Youth in the News



Gavin Albert (bottom left) is student of the month at Lincoln Academy



Forest Holbrook (left) and Marc Zoorob place Project Sticker Shock labels on products in the refrigerated beer section at Rising Tide Co-op in Damariscotta on Dec. 17. For international student Zoorob, participating in the campaign underscored differences in laws between Maine and his home country of Lebanon. (Bisi Cameron Yee photo)

Forest Holbrook and Marc Zoorob placing Sticker Shock labels on alcohol at Rising Tide in an effort to prevent underage drinking



### Snowy Weather

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

### Christmas Trees for Goats

If you are wondering what to do with your old Christmas trees, for the next few weeks we will be collecting them in the front yard of the church. Christine Benken will transport them to her goats for a tasty treat!



### Christmas Flowers are available for adoption

Thank you all for your generous donations towards the Christmas flowers. If you would like to take one home or to someone who would enjoy one, they are available after the service today. There are paper wrappers in the atrium to protect them against the weather.

## Vestry Minutes from the November 16 meeting

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

## 1 Epiphany Sunday Worship - January 9

## 8AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite

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

**9:15AM Sunday service of Morning Prayer (on Zoom):**

Led by seminarian and postulant for Holy Orders, Ben Cooke. He will be using the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

Meeting ID: 6

**10AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Livestreamed on St. Andrew's Facebook page. Recorded to St. Andrew's Facebook and YouTube pages. The recording on the YouTube page will be available by the next day.

**The worship booklet for the 10AM livestreamed indoor service of Holy Eucharist Rite II is available by clicking [here](#)**

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**Weekday Worship**

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7:00 am

Zoom Meeting:

Wednesday Healing Service: 10:00am inside service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with Prayers for Healing

**Meetings**

Poetry Reading: 4PM Monday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Bible Study: 12:15 PM Tuesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays AND 2-4pm Sundays on Zoom

All welcome: not necessary to be a knitter!

Zoom Meeting ID:

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**Holy Men and Holy Women: Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt**

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 or 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 Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

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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, Robert Hodge, Amanda Smith, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Virginia White, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, John, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna & David Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Chandler Stephenson, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Nicholas Collins, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Judy McMahan, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Louise Bessire, Donna Fitch

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