



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, February 17, 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.



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

Memorial Service for Sally Johns

The Memorial Service for Sally Johns will be held in-person at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday, February 24 at 11:00am. Masks will be required. The service will also be livestreamed on St. Andrew's Facebook page. To access the Facebook page, please click [here](#).

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Sally's memory to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553

[7 Epiphany](#)

February 20, 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: Seth Stewart

Usher: Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcer: Seth Stewart

9:15am 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.

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

Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Lili Pugh

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Lectors: Alex Pugh & Kay Liss

Ushers: Alex Pugh & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: Lili Pugh

Readings for 6 Epiphany

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm: 37:1-12, 41-42

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

Once you are at 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.

St. Andrew's Lenten Offerings

Lent is fast approaching. It begins this year on Wednesday March 2, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 6 week opportunity to more intentionally focus on our journey with Jesus. You can do this alone through daily scripture or devotional reading, daily centering prayer, daily meditation, intentional work with those in need in the community, taking a particular spiritual practice on or giving something up.

You can also more intentionally focus on your journey with Jesus by joining offerings from St. Andrew's. Some offerings are particular to Lent and others are ongoing throughout the year, and Lent could be a time for you to try them out to see if they help you in your journey with Jesus.

*Peace,
Suzannah +*

Worship

First, if you are not doing so already, try attending church every Sunday during Lent. If you aren't comfortable yet with in-person worship, watch the livestream or join in the Zoom morning prayer.

Throughout Lent there are three Sunday morning offerings

8 am Rite I In-Person

9:15 am Morning Prayer Zoom

10:00 am Rite II In-Person, Livestream, later posted on YouTube

If you are not available on Sundays but are available during the week, you could join one of our week-day worship opportunities

7 AM Monday-Friday Morning Prayer on Zoom

9 PM Monday-Friday Compline on Zoom

10 AM Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing

Group Scripture/Devotional Reading/Devotional Prayer

Sometimes Scriptural study, devotional reading, and prayer are easier when done with other people. We have several opportunities you can join:

12:15 am Tuesday Bible Study in the Undercroft and on Zoom

This is a hybrid in-person and zoom gathering. We look at the scripture assigned to the upcoming Sunday. You might even give me an idea for my sermon!

11:15 am Wednesday Benedictine Group on Zoom

This group begins and ends with prayer. They prayerfully read a psalm and discuss a portion of the Rule of St. Benedict.

11:10 am Sunday Book Discussion of Stephanie Spellers', *The Church Cracked Open* on zoom and in-person in the Undercroft

Over the 6 Sundays of Lent, we will gather to discuss The Rev. Stephanie Spellers' book. The following is the description of the book as found on Amazon:

Sometimes it takes disruption and loss to break us open and call us home to God. It's not surprising that a global pandemic and once-in-a-generation reckoning with white supremacy—on top of decades of systemic decline—have spurred Christians everywhere to ask who we are, why God placed us here and what difference that makes to the world.

In this critical yet loving book, the author explores the American story and the Episcopal story in order to find out how communities steeped in racism, establishment, and privilege can at last fall in love with Jesus, walk humbly with the most vulnerable and embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way.

The Church Cracked open invites us to surrender privilege and redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation.

Individual Scriptural or Devotional Reading and Prayer

You will receive daily meditations from St. Andrew's in your e-mail box, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2.

A great website for all things devotional is **Forward Day by Day**: prayer.forwardmovement.org. On this website you can find the Daily Office, Prayer Any Time, Daily Devotions, Forward Day by Day, Daily Readings, Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Another great web resource for daily meditations is Richard Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation webpage: <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/>.

If you do your best meditating and praying while drawing or coloring, here are some downloadable drawings connected to our lectionary readings: https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/drawn-to-the-gospels/drawn-to-the-gospelsyearc_coloringpages.pdf

Books

- *Black and Episcopalian* Gayle Fisher-Stewart
- *Living Into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America* Catherine Meeks
- *Race and Prayer: Collected Voices, Many Dreams* Malcom Boyd
- *Beyond a Binary God: A Theology for Trans' Allies* Tara K. Soughers
- *I Will Arise and Go Now* Herbert O'Driscoll
- *Desert Mothers: Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness* Mary C. Earle
- *St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living* Jane Tomaine
- *Praying with Saint Benedict: Reflections on the Rule* Stephen Isaacson
- *A Greening of Imaginations: Walking the Songlines of Scripture* Herbert O'Driscoll
- *A Boy, A Magician, and a Harlot: Stories You Never Heard from the Bible* Lori J. Gainer and Jeanie Thibault

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- *A Word to Live By* Lauren Winner
- *Alive and Loose in the Ordinary* Martha Steine
- *Walking in the Valleys of Darkness: A Benedictine Journey Through Troubled Times* Albert Holtz
- *Wisdom Walking: Pilgrimage as A Way of Life* Gil Stafford
- *Come Here, Jesus* Barbara Cawthorne Crafton
- *Living the Way of Love* Mary Bea Sullivan
- *Sense and Sensibility: A Lenten Exploration* Sam Portaro
- *Winged with Longing for Better Things* Sylvia Sweeney
- *A Practical Christianity: Meditations for the Season of Lent* Jane Shaw

7 Epiphany Sunday Worship - February 20, 2022

8:00AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite I

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:

Or you may click [here](#) for the zoom link. To see the bulletin for this service, please click [here](#)

10:00AM 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](#)

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7:00 am

Zoom Meeting:

Wednesday Healing Service: Due to low attendance, we will be temporarily stopping the 10:00am Wednesday Healing service. We will start back on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and continue through Lent.

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:

Holy Men and Holy Women: Janani Luwum

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 Janani Luwum. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

People from St. Andrew's are involved in many groups and activities. We will try to feature some in the newsletter as often as we can. If you are interested in writing about your group, please send something to the church office email (stasnew@tidewater.net)

Update from the Ecumenical Food Pantry

The Ecumenical Food Pantry, supported by eight local churches including St. Andrew's, has had a difficult but also encouraging year in 2021.

The pandemic initially required clients to remain in their cars, request food, and have it brought to them by the Pantry volunteers. Later in the year, when Covid restrictions had eased a bit, clients were able to come into the Pantry to choose food for themselves. Thanks to the dedication of the co-managers and volunteers, the EFP was open for its regular hours each Tuesday for the entire year, not missing a single Tuesday.

Also on the encouraging side, both St. Andrew's and the larger community (as well as a grant from the Burns Family Foundation) have been most generous in supporting the work of the EFP to provide food to those experiencing food insecurity in Midcoast Maine. The generosity of donors has made it possible to enhance the services we offer. One example is the periodic distribution of gift cards from local grocery stores and/or gas stations to help clients cope with needs not covered by the food distributed from the Pantry. We also now make available a larger assortment of non-food items such as detergent and personal care products. Also, at the holidays, all clients received a Christmas ham.

St. Andrew's has continued its initiative to forward all plate cash and any checks made out to the EFP from the first Sunday of each month to the EFP, a total in 2021 of \$3,382.

Judy Weislogel

St. Andrew's representative to the EFP Board

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.

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You can get to our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#)
You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

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, Michelle Yoder, Paul Roman

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