



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 3, 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

1 Lent

March 6, 2022

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

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

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh

Lector: David Blanchard

Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter

Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

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: Ann Kash

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Gault

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Lectors: Ann Kash & Martha Elliott

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

Vestry Announcer:

Readings for 1 Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

Time-Traveling Senior Choir

Well, not exactly time travel, but it sort of feels that way when the Senior Choir sings each week. The Choir has always experienced their evening rehearsals as a time of practice and preparation, so it was extremely strange last September when we “performed” our first Sunday anthem three days in advance! Five months later, it still feels a bit surreal. Still, we’ve settled into our routine as we make our weekly musical offering, imagining that the congregation and service surround us.

According to the online dictionary Oxford Languages, one definition of “synchronize” is “to occur at the same time or rate.” Our weekly Thursday contribution to Sunday’s worship is a welcome improvement over last year, but we sure are looking forward to the time when once again, the Senior Choir is synchronized with the rest of the congregation!

—Linda Blanchard

MAINE HEARTS AND HANDS FOR HAITI

St. Andrew’s Church has helped our little partner parish in northwest Haiti - St. Luc, Figaro – for over 20 years. Since the catastrophic earthquake in 2010, the church has also helped the greater community of Gros Morne, of which Figaro is a part, by participating in the annual dinners a number of us (called the Lincoln Country Ecumenical Committee For Haiti) have put on at St. Patrick’s church. COVID prevented us from holding dinners in 2020 and 2021 so this year we decided to organize a Go Fund Me campaign during Lent. As in the past, the funds we raise will go to a community group in Gros Morne that has identified urgent needs and made sure the funds are used wisely by Gros Morne residents. Please go to <https://gofund.me/d8ea93cf> to see a description of the people we help, the projects carried out in the past and projects proposed for the future. We hope you will join us in helping our Haitian friends.

You can contribute through the site above with a credit or debit card. You can also write a check payable to “Haiti Fund” with St. Andrew’s Church on the memo line. You may mail your check to St. Andrew’s Church, P.O. Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553, put it in the Sunday plate or bring to the church office.

Livestream Operator(s)

Bill Judd is going on vacation at the end of this month, so time to train some livestream operators. Familiarization sessions will be on March 6 and 13 at 9:15AM. One-on-one sessions will be arranged as needed.

If you are interested, send an email (whj@tidewater.net) or call Bill Judd (563-3854). There will also be a need for operators during Holy Week.

1 Lent Sunday Worship - March 6, 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.

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: Wednesdays at 10:00am

**Please note that this coming Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday

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:

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.

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-gospels-yearc_coloringpages.pdf

Holy Men and Holy Women: Chad of Lichfield

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 Polycarp of Smyrna. 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)



Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention: the ECHP "Help Desk"

Did you know that local volunteers have been managing housing emergencies for ten years now, at Newcastle's Ecumenical Food Pantry? Typical problems include finding temporary space at a local motel for people who have been living in their car...or paying off a back CMP bill in order to avoid a power disconnection...or coming up with a heating oil delivery to a household with an empty tank. Longtime volunteers are Alden Sproul and Steve Ward (pictured), with assistance from other local churches. Tedford Housing supplies a caseworker to work on applications for subsidized housing and to access Maine Housing resources. ECHP relies on donations from seven local churches and from individuals. Feel free to stop by the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle any Tuesday morning between 9:00 and 11:00 to see the "Help Desk" in action.



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.

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)
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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Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Director of Choirs: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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