



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 19, 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

May 22, 2022 6 Easter

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: Seth Stewart

Usher: David Wright

Vestry Announcer: Seth Stewart

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

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

The worship booklet for the 9:15am Morning Prayer service is available by clicking [here](#)

**Please note that next Sunday, May 29, will be the last Sunday Morning Prayer service led by Ben Cooke

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

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Lili Pugh

Lectors: Ann Creamer & Fred Kraeuter

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

Vestry Announcer: Lili Pugh

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Readings for Sunday, May 22 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.

If you would like to access the 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.

Letter from the Rector about the Common Cup

Dear Friends,

Out of necessity over the past two years, COVID has caused us to make a lot of liturgical innovations in our worship. First, we worshipped via zoom. Then we livestreamed with people receiving pre-consecrated bread at home while watching the service. We worshipped outside, and then finally returned inside to the nave as we became vaccinated. Through the early months of the pandemic, we ceased receiving wine at communion altogether as it was unclear whether COVID could be passed through the sharing of the "common cup." Even though communion is a completely valid sacrament when taken only in one kind, many missed the practice of receiving wine, so we instituted individual plastic cups. Throughout the many changes and innovations, we had the permission of our bishop and he and we thought the changes would only be in place for a short period of time. With the wisdom of hindsight, we all know how wrong our view was.

We are now in our third year of the pandemic, and it is clear that COVID is not going away. So, the question is this: what do we do about the innovations we made especially around the serving of the consecrated wine in individual cups? **At our annual Diocese of Maine Clergy Conference, the Bishop asked us to discontinue any innovations in the distribution of bread and wine that we had begun as a result of the pandemic.** He, like everyone, thought these would be short-lived innovations and is concerned that they are becoming common practice and a part of people's piety.

We will therefore return to the common cup beginning with the services on May 29.

Now I imagine that you have a few possible questions in your mind at this point. I have tried to anticipate and answer some of the questions you may have. You may access them by clicking [here](#). There will also be printed copies in the back of the church on Sunday.

I give thanks for the great resiliency, perseverance, and flexibility of you the people of St. Andrew's. I know the many changes over the course of more than two years have been challenging for all of us. I give thanks that we have each other as we navigate the ever-changing world that we find ourselves in. I give thanks that God has sustained us.

Yours in Christ,

Suzannah +

Updated Pictorial Directory

We are getting ready to produce an updated pictorial parish directory. If you would like to submit a photo, change your current photo or update any of your information, please send you updates to the church office (stasnew@tidewater.net) by Tuesday, May 24th. Thank you.

Holy Men and Holy Women: Thurgood Marshall

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 Thurgood Marshall. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

Outreach conversation last Sunday

Outreach meeting, Sunday May 15th. The congregation present at last Sunday's single service came

down to the undercroft for a spirited consideration of how to go forward with a revitalized program of outreach, initiatives both of financial support and personal activities. With more than 30 present we separated into groups and tackled the issues. We shared experiences of support for organizations in our community, expressed desires to be more personally involved, one-on-one, and expressed curiosity about programs of which we knew little or nothing. Next steps? We will go through the notes taken, discover common threads of interest and commitment and schedule another meeting with more specific steps forward. It was a good meeting and was followed by the first coffee hour (outside!) as the sign of happy collaborations and conversations to come.

All Parish Potluck

Please join us on Sunday, June 5 after the 10am service for a festive potluck in celebration of the Day of Pentecost and the Zoorob family. Marc and Ralph's parents will be visiting from Lebanon and will be at St. Andrew's for the 10am service. Their father, The Ven. Imad Zoorob will preach at that service. Please come and bring a dish to share with our parishioners and friends.

Upcoming Choral Concerts



Spring 2022 Chorus: St. Cecilia Chamber Choir

Brahms Leibeslieder Waltzes and a Musical Potpourri from Medieval to Modern including music of Tallis, Pearsall, Weelkes and Wilberg
Sean Fleming and John Mulcahy, piano

Friday, May 27 at 7:30pm and Saturday, May 28 at 7:30pm
St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle

Tickets at \$15 and free to students. Tickets are available at the door and at Sherman's Main Coast Bookshop, Damariscotta
FMI: ceciliachoir.org



For the Beauty of the Earth: Tapestry Singers

Featuring Abbey Hutchins, Soprano

The Tapestry Singers will perform at St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle on Saturday, June 4 at 7:30pm and Sunday, June 5 at 4:00pm

Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased on their website:
tapestrysingersmaine.org

Advanced purchase is recommended as there will be limited tickets at the door.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:00 am

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Poetry Reading: 4PM Monday

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays AND 2-4pm Sundays on Zoom
All welcome: not necessary to be a knitter!

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, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Judy McMahan, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Louise Bessire, Donna Fitch, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris

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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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