



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 18, 2023

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh
Lector: Brett Donham
Usher: Jim Swan
Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Rob Flory
Lectors: Fred Kraeuter & Steve Ward
Ushers: Ed Ross & Fred Kraeuter
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Vestry Announcer: Sara Sandberg

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by [clicking here](#). The 10am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

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

Readings for Sunday, May 21 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.

Changes to staffing at St. Andrew's

If you would like to read the letter that was previously emailed, regarding the staffing changes that will go into effect in July of this year, please [click here](#)

To summarize, as part of the ongoing effort to reduce the budget deficit, the finance committee recommended that the vestry cut the Christian Formation position and reduce the music program. The vestry decided to make the staff reductions over two years instead of one, for the sake of the people holding these positions. This left us with a deficit, but one which is much more manageable.

- The Christian Formation position will end at the end of June
- The choir will continue as it has before, except they will sing through the second Sunday in June instead of all the Sundays in June. They will resume, as usual, after Labor Day.
- Music at the 8:00am service will be reduced to one Sunday a month

These changes were discussed and agreed upon through meetings with Sherrie, Sean, Linda, John and Suzannah.

On Sunday, May 28, John and Suzannah will be available in the library following the 8 am and 10 am services to answer any questions and hear any concerns you might have. If you can't attend either of these sessions, please feel free to speak to a vestry member, warden or the rector if you have a question or a concern.

Parish Spring Outdoor Clean-Up Day - Saturday, May 20 from 9am-1pm

Sally Pearce has organized a Parish Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 20 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please come with gardening tools, tarps and your lunch to enjoy a day of outdoor projects and fellowship. Please contact the church office with any questions.

April Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Note about the music for May 21:

Henry Coleman (1888-1965) was an English organist and arranger who held several cathedral posts at Manchester Cathedral and Peterborough Cathedral. His book, *The Amateur Choir Trainer* (1932), reissued in 1964 as *The Church Choir Trainer*, exerted favorable influence on choral groups in the UK and elsewhere. I will play several of his voluntaries on May 21. I will also use one of his alternate harmonizations of Hyfrydol to accompany our singing of the hymn "Alleluia! sing to Jesus."

- Sean Fleming

Foyer Dinner Groups

We will be forming Foyer dinner groups this year, starting in June. We hope to get as many people involved as possible. The Foyer dinners were a huge success before we had to discontinue them because of Covid, and many of us are looking forward to participating again. The program will be organized by the Vestry this year, in order to keep the whole task from falling onto one or two people. Each individual group will be led by a member of the Vestry, with the overall program being administered by Laurie Gray and Martha Elliott.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Foyer idea, it is, basically, a series of pot-luck suppers hosted by a different household each month. The host usually provides the main dish, as well as the venue (which doesn't necessarily have to be your house), and everybody else brings the rest. Once you've signed up, you'll be put into a group, which you will stay in for the duration (right now, we're anticipating running from June to September), so you really get to know some of your fellow parishioners. In the past, the groups have numbered between eight and ten people. We hope to involve new parishioners, especially, and to make summer people feel that they are a more integral part of the parish.

Sign up sheets will be in the back of the church, and downstairs during coffee hour.

Holy Women, Holy Men Pachomius of Tabenissi

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 Pachomius of Tabenissi. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM
Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays
All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.
Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

Upcoming concert

Tapestry Singers and St. Cecilia Chamber Choir
present: *John Rutter Requiem & Gloria*

Saturday, June 10 at 7:30pm
Sunday, June 11 at 4:00pm
Damariscotta Baptist Church

Tickets are \$15. Advance purchase recommended on the website: tapestrysingersmaine.org

HABITAT 7 RIVERS MAINE CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

Habitat's Critical Home Repair program provides vital home repairs throughout the region to our neighbors in need. As one homeowner said of the repairs to her home, "Your hard work on winterizing our home and making it safe and accessible for my husband meant the world to us. Your support in such a difficult time in our lives was greatly appreciated."

We're organizing a cleanup effort on Saturday, June 17th, returning to some of the homes where we've made repairs to clean up debris (some from our work, some that preceded our team) from the yard. We need to form 2 teams of 6-8 people to help us accomplish this goal.

For more information, contact Debbie Atwood, Donor & Volunteer Engagement Specialist
debbie@habitat7rivers.org | 207-504-9334

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, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Donna Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen

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Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh

Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Parish Administrator: Ann Kash

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