



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 27, 2025

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 Advent **November 30, 2025**

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham
Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh
Lector: Jim Swan
Usher: Jim Swan
Vestry Announcer: Tanya Albert

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Altar Guild: Ann Kash & Nora Lundeen
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kash
Lectors: Nora Lundeen & Kay Liss
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Ushers: Kelley Kash & Kay Liss
Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

You may also watch this service on St. Andrew's YouTube channel. (Live or recorded)

Slow Gifting Returns this season

Earth Keepers' Slow Gifting event last holiday season was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy it so the group is doing it again this year. On Sundays Dec. 7 and 14, clothes and household items will be displayed in the undercroft for folks to take home for free or give as gifts. It is a way of recycling things in good condition, or never used, that you would like to find another home for. Containers will be in the atrium for items to be dropped off during the week beginning Sunday Nov. 23. The Good Samaritans will be holding a bake sale in conjunction with the Earth Keeper event on Dec. 14. Supporting both organizations' events is a good way to kick off the holiday giving spirit.

Music Note for Sunday, November 30

On November 30 I will play a prelude based on the hymn tune *Helmsley*. This hymn tune we will sing with the text "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending" at the 10:00 service. The composer of this prelude, Lloyd Webber (1914-1982), was an English organist, composer, and teacher. Besides his long and prestigious career, composing works ranging from choral pieces to instrumental items and more, he is known for being the father of both fellow composer Andrew Lloyd Webber (the author of some famous musicals!), and virtuoso cellist Julian Lloyd Webber. - Sean Fleming

Musical Highlight: If you would like to view the video that was produced in part at St. Andrew's last year, featuring Benjamin Rosenthal from our Youth Choir, please click [here](#). Ben was selected to be featured on NPR's "From the Top."

Coffee Hour Hosts needed

Coffee hour volunteers needed: On Sunday, November 30, we will return to a two-service schedule, which means two separate Coffee Hours, and so we will need twice as many volunteers to help us enjoy each other's company over coffee and treats. Coffee Hour hosts will continue to be responsible for set-up, coffee making, providing cream/milk and juice, and clean-up. The rest of us are encouraged to bring treats to coffee hour as the spirit moves us. If you'd like to host after either the 8am service or the 10am service, please contact Sara Sandberg or sign up on the clipboard in the Undercroft.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is looking for a couple of new members. People who are interested in helping to make sure the church is financially stable are welcome. The committee reviews financial reports and makes recommendations to the vestry to support programs in a fiscally responsible way. Please contact the Finance Committee Chair, Lili Pugh if you are interested.

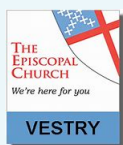
Altar Flowers

If you would like to give Sunday flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for a friend or loved one, please contact Sally Pearce.

The cost is \$60 and the flower guild will take care of ordering and pick up.

Knitting Group Book Club

The next Knitting Group Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 2:30pm in the church library. The book will be Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. Please join us - all are welcome!



Vestry meeting minutes

If you would like to read the minutes of the vestry meeting held on September 23, please click [here](#)



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: The Compline service held Monday evenings has been put on hold for the time being.

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, December 3

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.

Meeting in the church library unless otherwise announced.

Upcoming Concerts

Boston Camerata's Christmas Concert

Brett & Priscilla Donham are pleased to sponsor again the Boston Camerata, America's foremost early music ensemble, in concert at the Lincoln Theater on December 4 at 3PM. The concert is *SING WE NOEL, Christmas Music from England & Early America*.



Hey, Ho the Holly - December 7 at 2:00pm

Hey, Ho the Holly will be performing at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00pm. Kaity Newell and her group of fiddlers will give a benefit concert for those in need of heating help this winter. All donations will go to the Fuel Assistance Program sponsored by CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Project).



Sheepscot Valley Chorus Concert - December 7 at 3:00pm

Sheepscot Chorus invites you to their annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3:00 PM at the Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church. This concert features Benjamin Britten's magical "A Ceremony of Carols," performed with harpist Melody Lindsay, and conducted by artistic director Linda Blanchard. Tenor soloist David Myers-Wakeman and soprano soloists Jennifer Felkay and Marybeth McCaffrey will be featured.

"A Ceremony of Carols" was based upon poems found in the book "The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems." Britten discovered this book during a stopover in Halifax, Nova Scotia, while on a wartime voyage back to England from the United States in 1942. Drawn primarily from medieval and Renaissance verses, these texts inspired Britten to compose this beloved work. Sheepscot Chorus will present the SATB version of the piece, which was approved by the composer.

Holiday pops favorites will round out the second half of the program. Co-director and accompanist Sean Fleming has a knack for bringing together top-notch musicians for our holiday pops orchestra, sure to set toes tapping!

Tickets are \$20 (free for children and students) and are available at sheepscotvalleychorus.org, in Boothbay Harbor at Sherman's Books and Stationary, and in Damariscotta Sherman's Bookshop & Café. For more information, please email info@sheepscotvalleychorus.org, or visit facebook.com/sheepscotchorus and sheepscotvalleychorus.org.

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, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Elizabeth Lyon, Bill Namestnik, Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family.

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Clerk: - Treasurer: Ed Ross
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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