



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, August 13, 2026

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

12 Pentecost

August 16, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister: Sara Sandberg

Lector: Jim Swan

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

Guest Organist: Brent Douglass

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Benken

Lectors: John Ward & Kay Liss

Ushers: Belinda Nields & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: Belinda Nields

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)

Wendell R. Stephenson

November 6, 1935 - August 2, 2026

Wendell R. Stephenson, 90, and husband of St. Andrew's member Stephanie Stephenson, of Newcastle, Maine, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2026. Born November 6, 1935, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, he grew up in rural New Hampshire.

Wendell and Stephanie raised four children in New Hampton, New Hampshire. Wendell worked for many years as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the New Hampshire State Prison. Following his retirement in 1998, the couple moved to Newcastle, Maine. They spent several happy years traveling the globe, visiting their children, and enjoying their time with friends and neighbors.

For more than 15 years, Wendell was a familiar and beloved presence in his Newcastle community. He volunteered at the Ecumenical Food Pantry and the Skidompha Bookstore, sang with several local choirs, and spent time with his children and grandchildren at the family's cottage in Pemaquid. Wendell was predeceased by his son, Chandler. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; three of his children, Peter, Natalie, and Catherine; eight grandchildren; his brother and sister; and many nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Coastal Senior College Fall Course Information Session

Please join John Ward for a brief program between services on August 16 in the undercroft. We will share information about Coastal Senior College's fall courses and take a look at some of John Donne's Holy Sonnets (as well as the text for our hymn, #140). Past students of CSC courses are urged to attend.

Save the Date: Doctrine of Discovery Learning Weekend - Episcopal Maine

All are invited to an extraordinary weekend at St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland of events concerning the Wabanaki experience in what now is Maine. Registration is necessary for the September 12 events. Click on the link above for more information and to register. - Steve Ward

Doctrine of Discovery Learning Weekend

Coffee Hour update

Please sign up for coffee hour in [August](#) and beyond! There are lots of opportunities to host Coffee Hour in the coming months. Hosts are responsible for set-up, keeping the coffee and tea water topped off and clean up. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring sweet or savory nibbles as the spirit moves them. If you would like to sign up to host, please put your name on the clipboard in the Undercroft or contact Sara Sandberg through the church office.

August 16

8:00am: Allen Guignard & Rita McKinney

10:00am: Martha Dodge & Sarah Monaghan-Houghton

August 23

8:00am:

10:00am:

August 30

8:00am:

10:00am: Stephanie Stephenson, Christine Taylor & Cynthia Garrels

Church Office

The church office will be closed on Monday, August 17 & Tuesday, August 18 and will reopen at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 19.

NEED HELP GETTING TO DAMARISCOTTA?

DO YOU HAVE SOME ERRANDS TO RUN?

APPOINTMENTS

PHARMACY

GROCERY SHOPPING

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING

Every Wednesday between 10-11, a van can pick you up at your home, take you to do errands in Damariscotta and bring you home by 2pm.

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LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

COMMUNITY & CONVERSATION

at the

Damariscotta Baptist Church

Main Street/Bristol Road

Enter through the red door on Main Street

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Music Notes for August 16

The lovely offertory selection this Sunday morning, based on the tune Down Ampney, "Come Down, O Love Divine," was composed by John Dixon (b. 1957). John was born in England and received his musical education as an organist and chorister at Queen's College, Cambridge, and Oxford University. He has served for many years as organist and composer in residence at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and is Executive Director of the Academy of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. He is currently completing a project to play a recital in all 50 states before his 70th birthday. As part of that project, he played a recital at South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta, Maine in October 2022 at the invitation of Jay Zoller, organist and former member of St. Andrews church. - Brent Douglass

Here is a list of the guests who will present music at the St. Andrew's Sunday 10:00 service through September 6. Please mark these on your calendar so you don't miss any special music!

Aug. 16, 23, 30 - Brent Douglass, organ

Holy Women, Holy Men

Clare of Assisi

July 16, 1194-August 11, 1253
Monastic

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 Claire of Assisi. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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



St. Andrew's Book Club next meeting

Our August book is going to be "the Warden" by Anthony Trollope. We will meet at St Andrews on Thursday, August 27 at 2:30 in the Library. All are welcome!



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

On the following Wednesdays: 8/19, 8/26, and 9/2, Morning Prayer will be held in lieu of the Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, while Suzannah is on vacation. All are welcome. There will be no lunch served on September 2nd. Please join us for lunch, after the healing service on September 9th.

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday (Zoom only)

If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Fran Hargreaves or the church office at 207-563-3533.

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays, in the Undercroft

All are welcome -- knitters, non-knitters, and general conversationalists.

If you'd like to be part of the group but are not on the email list, please contact Sara Sandberg. You don't have to be a knitter (or crocheter or quilter or embroiderer or anything else) to join us. All that's required is enjoying one another's company on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4pm.

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, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie

Wildner, Elizabeth Lyon, Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family, Susan O'Brien, Steve Busch, Lydia, Joe & Sherry, Anne, Betsy, David, Matthew Schneider, Ellie Kuniholm, The Fr. Chad Williams Family, Christine Taylor, Pat Erb, Cally & Pete Pratt

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