



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 3, 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

15 Pentecost

September 6, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant The Rev. Karen Johnson
Preacher: Lili Pugh
Altar Guild: Ruth Piper
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Van Dyke
Lectors: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard
Ushers: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard
Vestry Announcer: Rita McKinney

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant: The Rev. Karen Johnson
Preacher: Lili Pugh
Guest Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Altar Guild: Nora Lundeen
Eucharistic Minister: Bob Lundeen
Lectors: Sara Sandberg & Martha Dodge
Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Martha Dodge
Vestry Announcer: Bob Lundeen

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)

EARTH KEEPERS

The Earth Keepers would like to invite you to the celebration of Season of Creation, September 6th through October 4th. We will open the season on the 6th with a meatless potluck and book discussion of Reading the Bible

on Turtle Island after the 10:00 service. Please come to enjoy the season's bounty and all are welcome at the discussion after we eat.



St. Cecilia Chamber Choir holds auditions

St. Cecilia Chamber Choir is holding auditions for all voice parts as we begin preparing for our highly-acclaimed December Concert of Lessons and Carols for the Christmas Season. Drawing inspiration from the world-famous King's College Cambridge Service of Lessons and Carols, our program blends carols both sacred and secular with seasonal readings, accompanied by a professional string quartet and performed in the beautiful Bowdoin College Chapel and Damariscotta Baptist Church. Among the stellar selections this year will be Eric Whitacre's ethereal setting of the Christmas poem *Lux Aurumque*, and the 15th century *Boar's Head Carol*.

St. Cecilia Chamber Choir is a fully-auditioned group of singers that includes talented youth and seasoned performers. The group performs the very finest challenging choral repertoire spanning the centuries from medieval to modern, under the direction of the husband-and-wife team Linda Blanchard and Sean Fleming of Damariscotta. In the English choral tradition, St. Cecilia sings with a straight tone, enabling attention to fine-tuning rich harmonies. Much of the group's repertoire is a *cappella*, and it frequently is accompanied by a professional chamber orchestra. St. Cecilia presents two to three concerts per year, typically in December and May.

Singers wishing to audition should have good vocal control, and sopranos and altos should be able to sing without vibrato. The ability to read music is preferred, but those who cannot read may participate by spending extra time learning the music at home with the aid of provided practice materials. We strive for our audition process to be gentle, welcoming, and supportive.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM, starting on Wed., Sept. 9, at St. Andrew's Church at 11 Glidden Street in Newcastle. To schedule an audition, call Linda Blanchard at 207-563-6160 or email audition@ceciliachoir.org. For more information about the Choir, please visit facebook.com/stceciliachamberchoir and ceciliachoir.org.

Join Sheepscot Chorus to sing Haydn's "St. Nicholas Mass" and other holiday favorites on December 5 and 6

Sheepscot Chorus invites you to join us as we begin rehearsals for our Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 Boothbay Harbor holiday concerts, featuring Joseph Haydn's charming "St. Nicholas Mass," performed with orchestra, and conducted by artistic director Linda Blanchard.

"Missa Sancti Nicolai" was written for the Dec. 6 Feast of St. Nicholas nameday of Haydn's patron, Prince Nicolaus Esterházy, and was one of the first vocal works that Haydn composed. The short mass setting has intimate, cozy instrumentation and lilting melodies that call to mind Christmas and pastoral music. Haydn painted a picture of the shepherds in the fields with the warm and rustic sounds of folk instruments.

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!

Rehearsals are lively, challenging, and rewarding. Chorus members range from newly-minted singers to seasoned performers. Singers are provided practice materials to use at home, so singers can come to rehearsals feeling prepared and ready to go!

The Chorus rehearses on Tuesday nights, starting with Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 PM, at the Congregational church in Wiscasset, next to the Wiscasset District Court. For more information, please contact info@sheepscotvalleychorus.org, 207-563-6160, or visit facebook.com/sheepscotchorus and sheepscotvalleychorus.org.

St. Andrew's Flower Guild

The St. Andrew's Flower Guild is asking for donations for silk flowers for the altar when memorials or donations aren't available.

Please consider a donation to help keep flowers on our altar. You can put your donation in the offering plate, made out to St. Andrew's with Altar flowers in the memo line or drop by during office hours. Cash or checks appreciated.

Thank you.

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 September 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.

September 6

8:00 am:

10:00 am:

September 13

8:00 am:
10:00 am:

September 20

8:00 am:
10:00 am:

September 27

8:00 am:
10:00 am:

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.

CALL THIS NUMBER

207-579-5346

Take a break at the
OPEN DOOR CAFE

FREE COFFEE/TEA/BEVERAGES

LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

COMMUNITY & CONVERSATION

at the
Damariscotta Baptist Church
Main Street/Bristol Road
Enter through the red door on Main Street

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The Rev. Karen B. Johnson Sermon

If you would like to read Karen's sermon from the August 30th service, please click [here](#).

Music Notes - September 6th

Many thanks to Pam Van Siclen for her offerings of music today.

Thanks also to Brent Douglass for being the guest organist when I was on vacation. As well as playing for services, he wrote interesting notes about the music each week. I appreciate his great work!

- Sean Fleming

In observance of Labor Day, Church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7



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 "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. We will meet at St Andrews on Thursday, September 24 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

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am
Please join us for lunch, after the 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, Melissa Hayes, The Dickson-Smith Family

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Clerk: Les Foster - Treasurer: Ed Ross
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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