



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, October 22, 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

22 Pentecost

October 25, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Intern: Shanon Cotta

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham

Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Cheney

Lector: Seth Stewart

Usher: Marianne Pinkham

Vestry Announcer: Seth Stewart

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

Intern: Shanon Cotta

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Altar Guild: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Benken

Lectors: Sara Sandberg & Cynthia Garrels

Ushers: Martha Dodge & Sara Sandberg

Vestry Announcer: Bellinda 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)

Weekly Wednesday Services

Wednesday Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist 11:30 am

Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, November 4th.

Stewardship

Pledge packets were mailed this week and you should receive one soon. If you do not receive one please e-mail the office at stasnew@tidewater.net or call June (207-563-3533). There are also pledge cards available at the back of the church.

We are all finding that prices are rising and making life more difficult. Sensible financial choices are more important than ever. The Stewardship Committee hope that one of the judicious choices you make will be to support the St Andrew's ministry and programs so that the church can also meet the challenges of a difficult financial climate.

Yours in love, Laura, Malcom, David, Ann, and Rita

Bible Study: Exploring the Book of Psalms

Join us this fall for a seven-week Bible Study exploring the Book of Psalms. We will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 10:30–11:30 a.m. in the Undercroft, beginning November 5. Using a resource from the Kerygma program, we will discover the richness of the Psalms as a source of spirituality, personal growth, and worship.

Each participant will need a resource book, which costs \$28, payable by cash or check to St. Andrew's. If you would like to participate but the cost of the book would be a hardship, please speak with the rector, Suzannah. To have a book ordered for you, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or email Suzannah at Stasrector@tidewater.net by October 20.

Books will be ordered on October 21 so that they arrive in time for our first session. Please contact Suzannah with any questions.

A Message from the Flower Guild

Silk Flower Arrangements: Many thanks to those who donated towards the silk altar flower purchase. The fall silk flowers were in church last Sunday and will be at the altar this Sunday as well. We plan on having a winter arrangement and a spring/summer arrangement as well.

Flower Chart: You may also have fresh flowers on the altar in memory of or thanksgiving for a friend or loved one. We have provided a flower chart beginning in November and running through 2027 which will be kept on a clip board in the undercroft. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, please put your name and phone number by the Sunday you would like flowers. A member of the flower guild will contact you a few weeks before your chosen date to discuss the type/color of flower, dedication for the bulletin and price if you want the flower guild to make arrangements with the florist. The cost of two fresh flower arrangements has gone up to \$80 with the cost increasing up to \$100 for specialty flowers (i.e. roses). You may also sign up and provide your own flowers (with or without a dedication).

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Kash.

Advent Weekly Book Discussion Group

The Gospel writers speak often of the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven, which they contrast with the kingdoms of this world. For many centuries of Christian history, churches closely aligned with worldly powers have encouraged Christians to think of the Kingdom of God primarily as something we enter after we die.

Yet biblical scholars and theologians have increasingly reminded us that when Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, he was not simply talking about what happens after death. He was proclaiming God's reign breaking into the world here and now—and inviting his followers to live in ways that reflect and participate in that reign.

This question feels especially urgent in a world marked by war, nuclear proliferation, white supremacy, patriarchy, and the many ways these forces harm women, LGBTQ+ people, people of color, and other marginalized communities. What does it mean for us, as followers of Christ, to recognize the powers and values of empire at work around us—and within us—and to choose instead the life-giving ways of Jesus?

Kat Armas explores these questions in her book *Liturgies for Resisting Empire: Seeking Community, Belonging, and Peace in a Dehumanizing World*. Through reflections and prayers, she invites us to notice the many ways empire is woven into how we live and move and have our being, and to begin untangling our lives from patterns that diminish human dignity, community, and belonging. Armas writes:

“The capitalist world economy influences our relationship to time, our bodies, our families, and our sense of purpose. It shapes our priorities, our responsibilities, and how we understand ourselves and others. My hope is that this book will help illuminate how this happened and how we can foster new, life-giving ways of belonging to each other in a world marked by division, discord, and individualism. Empire, after all, is not a relic of the past. It's alive, entrenched in our daily rhythms. This was true for the early followers of Jesus under Roman rule, and it is true for us today. As Palestinian scholar Edward Said notes, empire isn't just soldiers and weapons; it's ideas, attitudes, practices, and stories. It's a way of imagining the world.

“I wrote this book to uncover the imperial ideologies woven into our everyday lives—whether we are raising children, shopping, working, vacationing, or enjoying a meal with friends. More specifically, I wrote it to uncover the imperial ideologies woven into our spirituality, our churches, our study of the Bible. Understanding these ideologies is essential to understanding ourselves, our world, and our faith—and to imagine new ways of being and belonging.”

—Kat Armas, *Liturgies for Resisting Empire*, p. 9

I would love to gather with any of you who are interested in reading and discussing this book together, while also praying some of Armas's prayers with one another.

I propose two possible meeting times for a five-week Advent group:
Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

November 22 and 29; December 6, 13, and 20
Mondays at 1:00 p.m.
November 23 and 30; December 7, 14, and 21

We can welcome participants both in person and via Zoom.
If you are interested, please let me know by Monday, November 2nd, which day—or days—would work for you, and whether you would like me to order a copy of the book for you. You may call the church office at 207-563-3533 or email me at Stasrector@tidewater.net.

Peace,
Suzannah

Halloween is coming!

We're expecting **600+ children** to visit our church on Halloween for a night of fun and candy! Last year, we prepared **570 treat bags and ran out by 6:15 PM**, so this year we're hoping to make sure we have enough for everyone.

Here's how you can help:

Donate candy

Individually wrapped candy can be dropped off in the **church atrium anytime before Sunday, October 25.**

Donate pumpkins

We're also collecting pumpkins for carving!

Help make treat bags

Join us in the **undercroft between the 8:00 & 10:00 AM services on Sunday, October 25** as we sort candy and put together treat bags.

Volunteer on Halloween!

We'd love volunteers to help hand out candy. Costumes are absolutely welcome!

If you'd like to volunteer or help with the event, please contact **Tanya Albert at 841-2704**. Thank you so much for helping us make Halloween a fun and welcoming night for our community!  

Coffee Hour update

Please sign up for coffee hour in November 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 Jim Swan or Sara Samdberg through the church office.

October 25

8:00 am: Jim Swan

10:00 am: Fred Kraeuter & Ron Ross

November 1

8:00 am: Karen Johnson

10:00 am: Lyda Slayton & Ken Smith

November 8

8:00 am:

10:00 am:

November 15

8:00 am:

10:00 am:

November 22

8:00 am: Laura Blanchard
10:00 am:

November 29

8:00 am: Jim Swan

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

Holy Women, Holy Men

Phoebe

Deacon

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 Phoebe.

Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Helping Hands/Heating Homes fundraiser October 24, 2026

Please join us for a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and choral concert at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, October 24 at 5:30pm. Sponsored by CHIP, Inc. and the Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention, this event will raise money for heating assistance in Lincoln County. The Master of Ceremonies will be Don Carrigan. Tickets are \$25/person or \$60/family. To view the event poster, please click [here](#)



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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



St. Andrew's Book Club next meeting

Our September book is going to be "Gaudy Night" by Dorothy Sayers. We will meet at St Andrews on Thursday, October 29th 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](#)

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., Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family, Susan O'Brien, Steve Busch, Lydia, Joe & Sherry, Anne, David, Matthew Schneider, Ellie Kuniholm, The Fr. Chad Williams Family, Pat Erb, Cally & Pete Pratt, Melinda Hayes, The Dickson-Smith Family, Julia Ruggieri, Beth Hoke, Jed

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