

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

# The Last Day of Pentecost: Christ the King November 26, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Jesu, meine Freude

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Hyfrydol

### The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 280 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell (b.1932)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray,

People Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your

well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

### The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, 'all you'lands; \* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD him self is God; \*
  he himself has made us, and we are his;
  we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is ever lasting; \* and his faithfulness en dures from age to age.

### Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

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People Thanks be to God.

believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gradual Hymn 555 "Lead on, O King eternal"

Lancashire

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and

gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

Peace

#### Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. Gluten free wafers are available.

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

Communion Anthem Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Communion Hymn 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

Schmucke dich

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 494 "Crown him with many crowns"

Diademata

#### Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude Es ist das Heil uns kommen her J.S. Bach

Please join us after the service for coffee hour.



# If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



# **Serving Today**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Dermer, Magdalena & Johann Hoefler, Bernhard Hoefler, AnnaMarie Schmid and Josepha Schmid by the Dermer Hoefler family, and Rhodes G. Lockwood by Linda Lockwood

### Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie Flowers the Flower Guild

#### Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov
Usher Harriet Thompson

### Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Conor Donahue; Torch, Christina Lowe;
Torch, Jason Lowe; and Banner Ben Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Ann Johnson, Sam Schaefer, and Margaret Zusky
Readers Madison Riley and Lisa Howe
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

### Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery
Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough
Grace Church, North Attleborough



# Icon of the Week

# **CS** Lewis

November 29, 1898—November 22, 1963

Clive Staples Lewis was a writer and a scholar. He taught at Oxford University and became a renowned Christian apologist writer, using logic and philosophy to support the tenets of his faith. He is also known throughout the world as the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Lewis' mother died when he was age ten, and he went on to receive his pre-college education from a tutor and at boarding schools. During WWI, he served with the British army and was sent home after being wounded. Lewis graduated from Oxford University with a focus on literature and classic philosophy. In 1925 he was awarded a fellowship teaching position at Magdalen College, which was part of the university. There, he also joined the group known as "The Inklings," an informal collective of writers and intellectuals who counted among their members, Lewis' brother Warren and J.R.R. Tolkien. It was through conversations with group members that Lewis found himself re-embracing Christianity after having become disillusioned with the faith as a youth. He would go on to become renowned for his rich apologist texts, in which he explained his spiritual beliefs using logic and philosophy. Lewis, was a prolific author of fiction and nonfiction, wrote dozens of books over the course of his career. During WWII, Lewis gave highly popular radio broadcasts on Christianity which won many converts; his speeches were collected in the work Mere Christianity. The following is a quote from the end of The Last Battle and it is the final paragraph in the Chronicles of Narnia series.

And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.



# Family Advent & Christmas Events

# Gathering of the Greens

Saturday, December 2, 9:30am

Join us, rain or shine, at the home of Luisa Hunnewell, 845 Washington Street to cut some greens. Bags will be provided but bring your own gloves and clippers. Dress warmly. Hot chocolate will be served in the parish hall for all who come back to church to help set up for the wreath making

# Advent Wreath-Making

Sunday, December 3, 11:15am

Everyone is invited to make Advent wreaths in the parish hall following the 10am service with local evergreens. Please bring your own wire wreath rings and candles or these can be purchased (\$12 for the ring and \$5 for the candles,) cash or check preferred.

# Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols

Friday, December 8

One of St. Andrew's best-loved traditions is the Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols night. There's something for all ages: while the children shop, adults are welcome to some child-free, stress-free Christmas cheer and cookie swapping in the parish hall.

# Little Angels' 5:30pm

No adults allowed! Children (pre-K through grade 5) are invited to purchase small gifts for family members at this beloved gift shop, held in Room 2. Kids in grades 6 to 12 will assist with gift wrapping.

# Cookies & Carols 6:30pm

Bring your favorite cookies to share. No time to bake? Come anyway! Pizza and drinks will be provided from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Finally, at 6:30pm caroling! Dress warmly, as we will be caroling door-to-door along Denton Road, spreading Christmas cheer!

# **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 17, 9am

Christmas pageant participants gather for the pageant at 9am on Sunday, December 17. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.



# **Christmas & Epiphany Services**

## Advent Taizé-style Service Sunday, December 3 at 5:45pm

Join us for 100 flickering candles, chanted prayer, and holy silence. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France (taize.fr/en).

## Advent Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 10 at 5pm

The senior choir will sing the music of Boris Ord, Elizabeth Poston, John Joubert, and Orlando Gibbons among others, as well as hymns. This is a candlelit service with Thomas Handel as guest organist. There will be a reception following.

# Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm

If you, or someone you love has had a hard year, come rest in the promise of God's love. Join us in the Transept Chapel.

# Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24 (3pm & 5pm will be broadcast)

### Children's Service at 3pm

This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cake and refreshments.

### Family Eucharist at 5pm

This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's. The service ends with the church darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

### Choral Service &

### Holy Eucharist at 10pm

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hourlong service with the full choir and a string quartet.

# Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

# Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner Sunday, January 7 at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner.



# **Notices and Announcements**

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

### St. Andrew's Cheerful Givers

The list, along with a lot of staff and parishioners, is taking the holiday week off. Next week you will see the return of the cheerful giver list.

## Community Learning

**Today** Godly Play through Rite-13 will meet in the parish hall from 9:45 to 10:45am to learn about and make miniature Advent wreaths for members of our community.

## Christmas Pageant!

There will be two mandatory rehearsals on December 3 and 10 after the 10am service. Snacks will be provided, but children with dietary restrictions should bring their own. All children are welcome but children who are five or younger must have an accompanying parent. The pageant will be on Sunday, December 17 at the 10am service.

### 9am Christian Learning

Our 9am Christian learning class will be in **the parish hall**. Join us in person or online (Zoom link here and in the e-Pistle).

**Today, November 26**, Adrian Robbins-Cole leads a class called *Spirituality in the Second Half of Life*. Join us on **Sunday, December 3** for *The End Times of Advent* taught by Margaret Schwarzer. Everyone is welcome; come

for every class or just ones that interest you. We have babysitting at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join our class (or sing in the senior choir). —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

### **Good Sports Service Outing**

There will be a service trip on Wednesday, November 29, to Good Sports in Braintree. Good Sports provides new sporting equipment to underserved youth who would otherwise not be able to afford uniforms, gear, and equipment. Adult volunteers and youth who are 12 years old and up are invited to attend. Please sign up on Realm.

#### common cathedral

You are invited to join a group going to Boston **Sunday**, **December 3** to serve lunch and worship with *common cathedral*. This is a congregation of mostly unhoused people. You can make bag lunches beforehand too.

Please contact Cam McCormick to sign up 617/584-9434 or use this QR code **for the December 3 signup**.

# Taizé-style Service on First Advent Join us on December 3 at 5:45pm for 100

flickering votive candles, chanted prayer and holy silence. The service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Taizé Christian community in Taizé, France.

-Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

### Cookies for Lessons & Carols

We will have a **festive reception on the patio after the 5 o'clock service on December 10** with mulled wine, hot cider, and an array of homemade cookies. This is where you come in! Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies to add to the tables.

# Village Church Luncheon

Wellesley Village Church women are inviting the women of St. Andrew's to attend their Christmas Tea and Piano Concert on Tuesday, December 12 at 1 pm. "Please join us for a special piano concert performed by Alexander Xhoja, a talented young musician who received the 2023 Most Valuable Player award from the Massachusetts Association of Jazz Education. He is currently studying at the Berklee School of Music on a full scholarship. The performance will be followed by our annual Christmas tea with light refreshments. Please RSVP by December 5 to normajeankamar@gmail.com."

### Blue Christmas Service

Join us on Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm. If you or someone you care about has had a hard year and you are longing to make room for the Spirit of God in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace endures. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or hard time we are acknowledging.

-Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

### Call for Warm Winter Coats

The Circle of Hope is a Needham-based non-profit that partners with homeless shelters, healthcare clinics, and community programs in Boston/MetroWest. Every coat donated will go directly to migrant families staying in shelters and emergency housing facilities that Circle of Hope supports. They need coats of all sizes, small to XL, for children, teens, women, and men. Please only give gently used coats that you yourself would wear and if possible washed (dry cleaning is not necessary). There are two bins for coats, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall.

## Open Bible Study, December

The Gospel of Mark is the oldest, shortest and most breathlessly told Gospel. Only 16 chapters long. This month, join us to read and consider Chapter 4. We meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 11am and Wednesday, December 13 at 7 pm. Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom. (Zoom links above and in the e-Pistle)

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Parking on Denton Road

In this holiday season, please be very careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!

### Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following best practices to complete your pledge(s):

- Stock donations: Please have stock donations processed by December 9 and send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2023 Pledge, 2024 Prepaid Pledge, Capital Campaign, etc.)
- **In-person**: Drop in the collection plate **by December 25** or at the church office by noon on December 29.
- Online Realm or website: If paying by credit card, please process your request by December 26. If paying by ACH, process by December 27. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2023 statement if received in 2024.
- By mail: Please mail by **December 15** to allow for holiday mail delays.

For your 2023 pledge balance, log in to *Realm* and go to "Giving" where your payments and balance will be listed. For 2024, you can set up automatic payments within *Realm* specifying the amount and frequency as well as a start and end date to have your pledge payments paid and recorded. Please reach out with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's! —Joanne Butler

### Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agreed to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.

For any questions or more information about photos and usage please contact the Katharine Clark

# St. Andrew's Outreach Season of Thanks and Giving 2023

- Feeding our friends in St. Stephen's parish and youth programs throughout November
- Call for Warm Winter Coats in December
- The Giving Tree will be put up on December 1
- The Alternative Gift Fair will be on Sunday, December 10.
- Calling all cookie bakers for gift bags for seniors in December

### First Aid Kits

We have first aid kits in all the church school classrooms and both kitchens. We also have a large first aid kit in the acolytes changing room. If you are in need of emergency medicine, you should of course call 911, but feel free to use the first aid kits for minor cuts and scrapes as needed.

### **Nametags**

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • <a href="mailto:dbhamlin@comcast.net">dbhamlin@comcast.net</a>

# Vestry

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# Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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# Weekly Calendar

• The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am (also online) and 5pm. Morning Prayer online is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:30am on our website, our YouTube Channel (use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel), and on Facebook.



- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm.
- Parish office hours are (generally) Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm, and
  Friday, 9am to 12pm, unless otherwise noted or announced. Tuesday at noon is the
  deadline for all materials to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the
  following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.

#### Sunday, November 26

8:55am Kids' Place 9am Christian Learning 9:45am Church School 11am Coffee Hour 11am Pageant Rehearsal

### Monday, November 27

7pm Stewardship Committee

### Tuesday, November 28

7pm Vestry Meeting

### Thursday, November 30

10am Boxwood Tree Workshop 12pm Beginner's Bible study

### Saturday December 2

8am Men's Bible study 9:30am Gathering of the Greens

### Sunday, December 3

8:55am Kids' Place 9 Coffee Hour For 8am Worshippers 9am Christian Learning 9:45am Church School 11am Coffee Hour & Wreath Making 11am Pageant Rehearsal 5:45pm Taizé-style Service

