



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

J. Brahms (1833-1897)

Processional Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Bereden väg för Herran

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Together, let us bless the Advent Wreath. Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgment; for you are our light and our salvation.

People Blessed be God for ever.

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

Trisagion S102 (front section of hymnal)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed

their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Rickard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 Give the King your ¹justice, O ¹God, *
and your ¹righteousness to the ¹King's ¹Son;

2 That he may rule your ¹people ¹righteously *
— ¹and the ¹poor with ¹justice;

- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
'Amen. 'Ä'men.

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to

the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name;" and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people;" and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him;" and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

Psalm 42

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned

you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Drop down, ye heavens*

Richard Lloyd (b.1933)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth be fruitful and bring forth a Savior.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen:

That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me

There is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth be fruitful and bring forth a Savior.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted

Out as a thick cloud thy transgressions. Fear not, for I will save thee:

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth be fruitful and bring forth a Savior.

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus S 129 (front section of hymnal)

Powell

Fraction S 151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

Breaking of the Bread

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion. Healing prayer is offered, if you desire, at the transept rail after you take communion.

Communion Anthem *O light everlasting*

Olaf Christiansen (1901-1984)

O Light Everlasting

I Light everlasting!

O Love never failing

Make known to all nations

Illumine our darkness

Thy peace and salvation

And draw us to Thee

And help us O Father

May we from Thy spirit

Thy temple to be.

Receive inspiration

Communion Hymn 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

Ascension

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Healing Prayers

The offering of healing prayers is a widespread and ancient tradition within the Episcopal Church, and one that has long been part of the Wednesday morning Eucharist at St. Andrew's. We are eager to extend the reach of these prayers by making them available at our 8am, 10am, and 5pm Sunday services.

The way healing prayers will be offered is as follows. During the time people are receiving communion at the front altar rail, one of the clergy will be on duty at the transept altar to offer healing prayers for anyone who wishes to be prayed with. If you want to have healing prayers, go to the communion rail at the transept altar after you have received communion at the front rail. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the rail.

The clergy person will ask you quietly and discreetly what you wish to pray for. To be clear, requests for healing prayers are not just for health issues. In fact, they are usually for non-physical challenges that an individual may be facing family, work, relationship difficulties, etc. You can request a prayer for yourself or for someone else. For example, someone might say, "please pray for my husband facing a difficult time at work," or "please pray for my mother facing an operation," or "please pray for my son having a tough time at college." In response, the clergy will quietly and discreetly offer a healing prayer for the situation. One point I do wish to make is that the introduction of healing prayers will not add any time to the length of the service. Once everyone has received communion the service will continue as normal even if there are still people receiving healing prayer at the Transept Chapel.

Again, healing prayer is an ancient Episcopal tradition, and by making it more widely available at St. Andrew's we will be joining Christians down through the ages who have prayed in this way for God's healing presence to be with them. If you have any questions about healing prayer please do not hesitate to speak with me or one of the other clergy.

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole



Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the 10am service
hosted today by Sarah & Dan Dent.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of
Corydon P. Cronk.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Terri Burnell, Kim Carlson, Jean Childs,
Elizabeth Clarke, Caren Parker, Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca

Flower Guild Anne Benning and Jill Whiting

Greeters Winnie Faust and family

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Margaret Blackwell

Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Annika Svedlund; Torch, Sterling Williams; Torch, Miles Olivetti;
Gospel, Ben Clarke; and Banner, Rebecca Martin

Chalice Bearers Adams Carroll, Paul Criswell, Elspeth Grant Pruett, and Jeanne Johnsen

Lay Readers Madison Riley, Michael Vanin, and Paul Merry

Ushers David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips, Larry Scott, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Alewife Deanery

St. Paul's Church, Bedford

All Saints' Church, Belmont

St. Mark's Church, Burlington

The Officers of the Diocese



About The Readings

From *Preparing for Sunday* http://standrewswellesley.org/worship_reading.html

Isaiah 11:1-10 The hope associated with the kings of David's line was never really borne out by experience, yet it persisted. The picture painted here by the prophet Isaiah became even more meaningful to the exilic and postexilic generations, as shown by the quotation from it in Habakkuk 2:14. It formed the expectation of a messianic king embodying all the best qualities of the past and empowered with the Spirit of the Lord as was David, the son of Jesse. The king's wisdom issues in justice, especially for the poor. His reign restores the peaceful harmony of the created order.

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 This royal psalm was probably used as part of the enthronement ceremony for the Davidic kings. As God's representative, the king's dominion should extend to the whole world (vv. 8-11). His deliverance of the poor ensures power and prosperity for all (vv. 12-17), and his reign fulfills the promise to Abraham found in Genesis 12:2-3 (v. 17). After the end of the monarchy, this psalm was interpreted in reference to the coming Messiah.

Romans 15:4-13 In chapter 14, Paul discussed the dispute between "strong" and "weak" Christians about dietary observances. It is not clear whether the division arose between two groups of Gentiles or between Gentile and Jewish Christians. In 15:3, Paul applies Psalm 69:9 to Christ to call the conflicting parties to mutual surrender. At the beginning of today's reading, Paul justifies his use of the scriptures by pointing out their role in showing the continuity of God's activity and thus providing encouragement and hope to Christians. The example of Christ himself provides the model for imitation. Paul asserts that in Christ, God fulfills both the hope of "the circumcised" (v. 9), the Jewish people, for a Messiah and extended salvation to the Gentiles. A quotation from the Old Testament (2 Samuel 22:50) shows that the inclusion of the Gentiles had always been a part of God's purpose. Such encouragement in Christ and in the scriptures results in a divine hope that overflows in the believer's life.

Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist's clothing identifies him as a prophet. But he is more than a prophet, he is Elijah returned. He preaches the same message as Jesus, challenging the same opposition. But Matthew also makes clear the distinction between John and Jesus. John calls his listeners to repent, to turn back to the covenant way of life, for the kingdom of heaven is spatially and temporally at hand in the person of Jesus. The kingdom

stretches between present reality and future consummation. Neither physical descent from Abraham nor baptism by John, but only deeds that spring from repentance will avail against the coming judgment, symbolized by fire. The mightier one to come will baptize with "the Holy Spirit and fire" (v. 11). This was later interpreted by the early Church as the regenerative baptism with the Holy Spirit.



Christmas & Epiphany Services

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm

This 45-minute service takes place in the children's chapel and has no Holy Communion.

Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal Sunday, December 22, 11:30am

An opportunity for people and families, big and small, all ages, all music levels (shower singers to aspiring rock stars!) to be a part of the 5pm Christmas Eve service. Amanda and Wardie will teach, then there will be a pizza lunch after all the hard work is done!

Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24

Children's Service at 3pm

This half-hour service aimed at young children is attended by about 250.

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, with 600 to 700 people attending, has babysitting available, the intergenerational choir singing, and a sermon. The service ends with the church lights 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; about 300 attend. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet. The service ends with the church lights darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

Christmas Day Service Wednesday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily. The service is usually attended by about 50 people.

Christmas Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 29 at 10am

This 45-minute service takes the traditional Lessons & Carols form: five bible readings interspersed with five Christmas carols (no Holy Communion).

Epiphany Fireside Service Sunday, January 5 at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation of about 100. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns. This is a popular service followed by a potluck.



Notices & Announcements

Holy Communion Instructions

We welcome all to share communion bread and wine at St. Andrew's. Communion is at the front rail in two stations: one starting at the pulpit and the second at the brass eagle lectern. The ushers will direct you when you arrive at the front of the church. Fill in each station fully, from right to left. The clergy and chalice bearers will serve everyone before starting over with a new group.

Once you receive the communion bread or wafer (if you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate that to the clergy and a wafer and special cup will be brought to you), you may partake of the wine from the large chalice or by dipping your wafer into the smaller intinction cup. If you take from the larger chalice, please assist the chalice bearer by holding the chalice and guiding it. Anyone to receive a blessing, rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Once you have received both the bread and the wine, the custom is to wait at the rail until the person next to you has received and then exit the rail. Please do not remain at the rail; your personal prayers should be undertaken back in your pew.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Advent Lessons & Carols

All are invited to our annual Advent Lessons & Carols Service **tonight, Sunday, December 8, at 5pm**: a candlelight reception will follow. — Wardie Mannix

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Alternative Gift Fair

St. Andrew's will hold the Alternative Gift Fair **today, Sunday, December 8**, after the **10am service**. The fair benefits our outreach partners and supports many ministries: a gift that keeps on giving. — Ann Johnson

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9am Christian Learning

Please join us on **today, Sunday, December 8** in **Room 2** for *Called to Honduras: Transformation Outside the Comfort Zone*. Members of our church who went to Honduras this summer will share more about their own spiritual journeys as they continue to gain perspective on their mission trip.

Join us **Sunday, December 15**, for *Who is Mary?* And on **Sunday, December 22** for *Sharing Icons and Images of Mary, the Mother of God*. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet **Tuesday, December 10**, at **10:30am** in the **Harvey Room** and **Wednesday, December 11**, at **7pm** in **Room 2**. Our topic is the Gospel of Matthew: *A Witness to Jewish Christians*. At our December meeting, we will read and discuss Chapter 5. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.

— Margarethe Kulke

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Christmas Pageant Information

• **Saturday, December 14, 9:45am**

All participants in the pageant (speaking and non-speaking) gather for rehearsal in the sanctuary. All participants signed up by **today, Sunday, December 8**, will have their names in the bulletin.

• **Sunday, December 15, 9am**

Participants gather for final preparations. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.

College Night @ Youth Group!

Youth Group is inviting alumni back on **Sunday, December 15, 6:45pm**. Come with questions for our wise college students! College friends, we miss you: come share your wisdom! — Rev. Mia Kano

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2019 Pledges

The 2019 Pledge payments have arrived at a slower rate this fall. Please make your payments in early December if possible: St. Andrew's has bills to pay. Thank you.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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A Note from the Treasurer's Office

Please help us identify where your donations should be applied. St. Andrew's has so many options at this time of year. Your donation could be for a 2019 pledge, 2020 pledge, capital campaign, holiday dinners, Christmas flowers, Alternative Gift Fair (AGF), outreach, or Christmas. Also, payments received by December 26, 2019 are appreciated so that we have time to deposit them before the end of the year. Thank you for all your gifts! — Ruth Hubert

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Blue Christmas Service

Sometimes Advent and Christmas are full of joy and satisfaction; in other years, we find ourselves in the midst of loss, illness, or disappointment. 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 on **Wednesday, December 18**, from **6:30pm to 7:15pm** in the **Children's Chapel**. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace can find us and support us. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Mitten Tree

The St. Andrew's mitten tree is in the parish hall. This is a long-standing outreach ministry. Please bring new hats, gloves, and mittens for those in need this winter. — Heidi Harper

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Apply Now: Faith in Action for High School Students

Individual youth entering grades 9-12 are invited to join Faith in Action, a year-long program of service, mission, and discipleship offered by Episcopal City Mission and the Diocese of Massachusetts. Participants will complete service projects around the diocese and make a pilgrimage to the U.S./Mexico border in August 2020. **Applications are due Friday, December 13.** To learn more, visit diomassyouth.org and look for *Las Fronteras Pilgrimage*. — Rev. H. Mark Smith

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Book Circle

For the **7pm Tuesday, December 17** meeting in the **Harvey Room**, our book is *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez. We will have a guest: Susan Howards, an attorney who represents immigrants. She's a fascinating woman, knows the legal system well, and will have some great insights. Please bring a friend or two; you won't want to miss this opportunity to have this legal perspective on a true American crisis.

— Betsy Millane

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Sox Box

Winter is upon us, as is the December sock delivery to Roseanna Means, M.D. of Health Care Without Walls. The need for socks is crucial, as our homeless brethren do not have the option of changing shoes or boots. Since 2007, St. Andrew's has donated 9,457 pairs of socks. Can we top the 10,000 mark by mid-December? Please be a part of this

vital ministry. It is one small way for each of us to make a huge difference in the lives of those less fortunate than we. You can contribute in two ways:

- Buy socks and place them in the Sox Box outside the parish library.
- Send a check to St. Andrew's with "Sox Box" in the memo line.

This donation will show in your church statement and socks will be purchased.

— Donna Kell • donnalb.kell@gmail.com

Intergenerational Choir Signup

We are looking for people and families, big and small, all ages, all music levels, to be part of the 5pm Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir. This choir is an opportunity to make your Christmas Eve at St. Andrew's even more special by singing in the choir with your family and friends! Please sign up with Amanda or Wardie. Important dates to remember:

- **Sunday, December 22, 11:30am to 1:30pm:** Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary. Pizza after rehearsal!
 - **Tuesday, December 24, 4pm:** Meet in the choir room for warm-ups and a final rehearsal. Sing at the 5pm service.
- Amanda Kern
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Childcare—Christmas Eve 5pm

Babysitting will be available during the 5pm service on **Tuesday, December 24, in Kids' Place**. Feel free to drop your children in childcare for all, or part of the service.

— Susan Jackson

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Portrait Photos from the Gala.

If you are excited about viewing the portrait photos from the gala, Jennifer Waddell, has posted two albums for your viewing pleasure: *Saint Andrew's 125th Celebration* and *Saint Andrew's Reception*. You can find a link to the albums in our e-Pistle or at <https://jenniferwaddellphotography.pixieset.com/> You need to sign in with your email address to view the albums. If you would like a high-resolution photo, please contact Jennifer directly at jen.waddell@gmail.com. The photos are magnificent, and she has more than are posted. — Kate Clark

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Pledging for 2020

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. The results are very encouraging, but we still have a way to go. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget. You can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector. — Allen Jones

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Collecting Coats for Kids and Adults

As the cold weather sets in, there are thousands of people in our area who are without a warm winter coat. Gently used warm coats of all sizes—infant through adult XXL—are accepted. Donated coats will be cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners and then distributed through the Coats for Kids

Distribution Partners network. This collection will continue **through December 31**. Please check your closets and drop your unwanted coats in the collection box in the office corridor. — Joanna Horobin

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Mia's Ordination to the Priesthood

God willing and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts will ordain Maria Benjamin Kano to the sacred priesthood on **Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10:30am** here at St. Andrew's. Wear red! Reception to follow. — Rev. Mia Kano

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Church School/Rite-13 Schedule

There will be no church school, Kids' Place, or Rite-13 on **Sunday, December 22 or 29** as the parish comes together to celebrate Christmas. There will be no church school or Rite-13 in the morning of **Sunday, January 5, 2020** as all ages are invited to celebrate Epiphany at a special celebration at 5pm. Kids' Place will be available in the morning. All programs are on for **Sunday, January 12!** — Rev. Maria Kano

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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 • dbhamlin@comcast.net

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 agree 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 vestryperson for communications — Terri Rawson • terrinrawson@gmail.com

Sunday Parking on Denton Road

We received a letter from one of our Denton Road neighbors complaining that a parishioner had parked partially blocking their driveway two Sundays ago. We have also had a number of calls about this since the beginning of the year. ***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!

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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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.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Gratitude

Gathering of the Greens & Advent Wreaths

Many thanks to Christine Beach and Linda Lull for their hard work in organizing supplies and refreshments for the Gathering of the Greens and Advent Wreath-making. We are so grateful for the generosity and hospitality of the Hunnewell family for welcoming the parish to enjoy their greenery and grounds.

Family Promise Metrowest Host Week

Thank you to all the fabulous St. Andrew's volunteers who did such a wonderful job participating in our Family Promise Metrowest host week December 1 through 8. The weather was challenging yet everyone worked hard to make sure our families were well cared for during their stay at the Village Church. Thank you for all you do: Nancy Braun, Ashley Denton, Heidi Harper, Mike Mahlenkamp, Jenn Martin, Karen McAdams, Cam McCormick, Debbie Osborn, Randy & Caren Parker, Paul Shackford, and Lynda Sperry.

Advent Taizé-style Service

The snow fell on Sunday night just as 100 votive candles began to flicker in the darkness. Heartfelt thanks to the members of our service planning team and volunteer choir members who made our service musically and visually beautiful: D.D. Alexander, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Liz Dean, Janet Giele, Katie Hodges, Margaret Kulke, Liz Parsons, Paul Murry, Diane Mitchell, Jenny Sawyer, Cynthia Scott, Carol Shedd, and Barbara & Paul Shellito.

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- **In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone: 603/831-4938.**
- 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 us 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 and 5pm**, and every **Wednesday at 7:30am**—we offer healing prayer at these services; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is also offered weekdays at **8:50am**, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**, and **Sundays at 9am**; Junior Choir rehearsal is on **Sundays at 9am**.
- **Parish Office hours** are Monday through Thursday, **9am to 5pm**, and Friday, **9am to 12pm**.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Step Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, December 8

9am Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
& Rite-13
11:30am Alternative Gift Fair
11:30am Property Meeting
5pm Advent Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 10

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting
10:30am Bible Circle
7:30pm Outreach meeting
7:30pm Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

7pm Bible Circle

Saturday, December 14

9:30am Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15

9am Christian Learning
9am Pageant Rehearsal
9:45am Kids' Place Only, **No Church**
School or Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Christmas
Pageant
5pm Confirmation Class
6:45am High School Youth Group



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