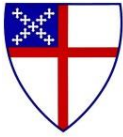


# Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Lines of Fishermen, Volume 2, April 2019



We are a welcoming faith community of all ages in the service of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to witness God's presence and love

### .Vicar's Message April 2019

#### *"Kything"*

During this season of Lent, when the faithful are encouraged to tend to some deep cleaning of the soul, I found myself expressing this "sacramentally" through some deep Spring cleaning of my home. It is supposed to be Spring according to the calendar and I may actually get down to the beach for a walk today if it warms up as predicted!

This process of examination invariably leads me to survey my library treasures. Are any among the many volumes outdated? Have some collected a wee bit too much dust? My measure as recommended to me by a professor at seminary asks, "Is it more than a decade old? If so, does it have a timeless quality that endures?" Then I ask myself, "Can I make some room for some new additions?" And by the way, the answer to this is *always* – Yes!

So this morning (as it was after midnight ...) I opened the thin glass doors to the bookshelf and peered at the many treasured books propped up on the narrow, dark wood shelves, many of which were gifted to me by colleagues and parishioners. One book in particular caught my eye, *Kything: The Art of Spiritual Presence* co-authored by Savary & Berne (1988). Out of curiosity I reached for it as I wondered, "What is Kything?"

As soon as I skimmed through the pages, I knew it to be profoundly connected to the purposes of Jesus

Christ. Kything is an Old Scottish word meaning to "make your spirit manifest to another" or "show your true Self to another"; much in the way those closest to us (kith and kin, for instance) know us. (p. 18) Isn't this what Jesus did with all those who knew him while he lived? And after his death and resurrection, did he not make himself known again? In body and Spirit? Isn't that what we profess and cling to in hope as we look towards the celebration of our Resurrected Lord, this year arriving very late on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, apparently being consistent with the late arrival of actual Spring!

Now I don't know about what thoughts greet you in the mornings, but I frequently awake with a hymn running through my mind .... And this morning was no exception. "Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread" (Hymnal 1982, S171) often wafts melodiously through my consciousness like the smell of Eucharistic bread freshly broken in my hand at the altar.

When Jesus stepped into the room where the disciples were locked away in fear, did he not *Kythe* with them? He showed them truly that it was he, Jesus, their crucified Lord and Savior, once again present with them. Sometimes we need more than a word of encounter, we need to touch and see just as Thomas. (Easter 2, John 20:19-310)

At the sea of Tiberias, hungry and discouraged disciples were given encouragement by the man along the shore, "Try the other side!" Beachside with fresh fish grilling, none of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They found it hard to recognize

Him at first, but they *knew* it was the Lord, they *felt* it in their hearts. (Easter 3, John 21:1-19)

In the well-known Easter story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), Jesus walks alongside His grieving, confused disciples. "Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the thing about himself in all the scriptures." (v. 27) He stayed on at their urging to share a meal as evening approached. "When at the table with them, he took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him ...." (v. 30-31) They *remembered* how their hearts were ablaze while he was talking with them on the road.

Jesus comes among us, among any who desire to know Him. And ....*we are also known to Jesus*. Known in all of our weakness and `defects of character'. Known in our beauty and joy, ugliness of sin and sadness. Jesus *knows* us, *kythes* with us.

Just for us? No, no, no. Love, the primary constituent of Jesus is His desire for us. On the Fifth Sunday in Easter, hear these words of Jesus from the gospel according to John: "I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (JOHN 13:34-35)

*Jesus is the grand conspirator of love!* Teilhard de Chardin, scientist and priest, whose remembrance we celebrate on April 10<sup>th</sup> (*Holy Women, Holy Men*) called for a revolutionary "*conspiracy of love*" Described in the preface to *Kything*, Savary and Berne write that at its roots, `to conspire` means `to join spirits' or `to breathe together`.

As a faith community gathered, we learn to breathe *together* as we walk with Jesus. And through the interconnectedness by the Holy Spirit, by extension, we learn how to commune with not only God and one another, but with all the world as one body? All people breathe the same air. Let us `try on` *kything* and discover how we can become known to one another, recognizing the face of Christ in all.

Amma Susan +



## Coffee and Social Hour

The coffee and Social after the service provides a time for Saint Andrew's congregants to meet and discuss items of interest. The Hostesses/hosts provide an abundance of goodies to fill the sweet tooth or ..... stave off hunger pangs until home and lunch. Hostesses and hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, but would rather not be responsible by yourself, ask around for someone to share coffee hour with you. Charlene Maitland is the "official coffee maker" and she and Nancy Maitland fill any openings in the schedule so no one ever goes away wanting.

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## SPRING TRAINING

Saturday, April 27 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

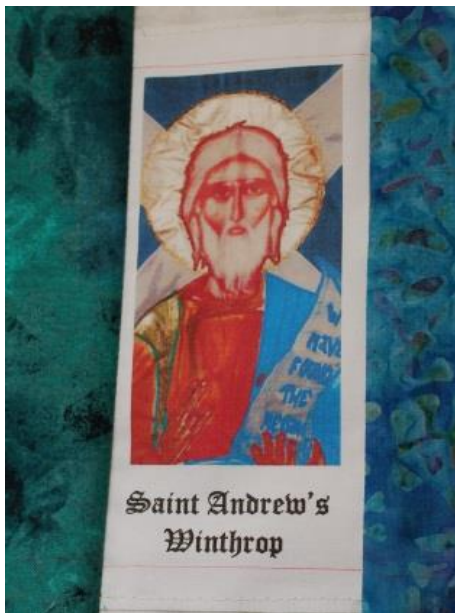
### “Walking the Way of Love”

South Parish Congregational Church

9 Church Street, Augusta, Maine

The diocese is offering a free day of more than 20 workshops for clergy and lay people to choose from. The day will begin at 8:30 with a coffee hour, followed by three sessions of workshops with a break for lunch, worship, and a address from Bishop Steve. Space is limited and registration must be made by Easter. Workshops include: Praying in Paint, Vestry Roundtable, Creative Basics for Children, The Church and Social Media, and many other topics. For full workshop descriptions, and registration, visit: [episcopalmaine.org/spring-training](http://episcopalmaine.org/spring-training)

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### Quilt Square

We received, in the mail, an unfinished quilt square with a note saying that squares were being collected to be made into a quilt for Bishop Steve and Gretchen. It is to be made up of 66, 6 inch squares and we were instructed to finish the square in any way we wished to represent our parish. Very little time was available so the more elaborate schemes proposed by the members of the Women's Club were not practical. The group decided to photograph Suzan Katzir's wonderful Saint Andrew's Banner, reduce it to an appropriate size and print it onto the fabric. We added a caption to identify our church and Tina Barden effected the printing.

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## Diocesan Retreat

This is an advance notice for the diocesan retreat which will be held on June 14-16, at Camp Bishopswood. Join other Mainers for a quiet weekend connecting with God through Nature. Leave your workaday world behind and refresh heart, mind, and soul by attending this quiet retreat. More details will be forthcoming soon.

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### Easter 2019

Donations are being accepted for Easter Memorial Flowers.  
If you would like to donate toward the flowers, please complete this form and mail to:

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, Winthrop  
PO Box 66  
Winthrop, ME 0436

Flowers in Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check out to: Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Winthrop

Memo:2019 Memorial Easter Flowers

Sent to: Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, PO Box 66, Winthrop, ME 04364

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## Lent 2019

The Altar Guild of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Winthrop again set the Worship Space for Saint Andrew's in the Winthrop Friends Meetinghouse in an outstanding manner. As the parishioners enter, they are greeted with the draped Cross, the purple Altar Cloth, the Purple Lectern and the draped Saint Andrew's Banner. The somber scene sets the tone for the season.



## 2019 Summer Kayak Raffle

Saint Andrew's Church has conducted a very successful Kayak Raffle at Longfellow's Nursery and Greenhouse for many years. Bob Peterson has been the coordinator and has done a marvelous job. He has other commitments at this time and is no longer able to serve in this capacity. We are looking for a new coordinator to manage the raffle, the proceeds of which are very important to our Outreach program. There is already help in place for the new coordinator and Bob is willing to serve in an advisory capacity.

## Calendar

- **3/31 Morning Prayer** (Tom and Tina B. officiate-Tom Ward will preach)
- **4/14 Palm Sunday** (Bishop Committee and brief worship planning to follow service)
- **4/18 Maundy Thursday** 4 pm Ruth Ann Organist
- **4/21 Easter Sunday**
- **4/25 Womans's Club** at Ann Dilley's 12:30 PM
- **4/27 Diocesan Spring Training** (Amma Susan offering Praying in Paint)
- **5/11 Memorial Service** for Jeni Lewis 11 am
- **5/11 Bishop Steve Farewell Eucharist/Reception "Norrth"** 2 pm, Black Bear Inn, Orono
- **5/17 Bishop Steve Farewell Eucharist/Reception "South"** 5 pm, The Westin, Portland
- **5/18 Bishop Steve Farewell Eucharist "South"** 10am Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland
- **5/26** Rev. Paul Tunkle

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