

BOURBON BALLS FROM ANGLICAN DIGEST

Several years ago, I found a delightful recipe in the winter edition of Anglican Digest for holiday Bourbon Balls. Knowing the great love for Bourbon in these parts and having distillers in our parish community, I thought it appropriate to pass on the directions for this wonderful treat as just one small way to get our minds of Covid for a moment or two...Enjoy...JDQ+

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 ½ cups chocolate cookie crumbs (such as Nabisco Famous Chocolate Wafers or chocolate graham crackers)
- 1 ¼ cups pecans, whole, halved or pieces
- ½ cup good bourbon
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar, plus more for rolling
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon honey

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: In the bowl of a food processor, pulse together the cookie crumbs and pecans until the nuts are finely ground. (The crumbs keep the nuts from turning into nut butter.)

Step 2: In a separate bowl, stir together the bourbon, 1 cup confectioners' sugar, cocoa powder and honey. Add the mixture to food processor and pulse until just combined. Let the dough rest overnight, uncovered and at room temperature. This allows the mixture to dry out a little.

Step 3: Roll the dough into balls about 1 inch in diameter, then toss the balls in confectioners' sugar. Store them in an airtight container if you want them moist, or uncovered if you like them to develop a crunchy sugar crust on the outside. Sprinkle with more confectioners' sugar just before serving.



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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—FT. THOMAS

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

December 17th to 23rd, 5pm, Advent Evening Prayers...
Both in-person or online...

Sunday, December 20th, 10am, Service of Lessons and Carols with
Broadcast on YouTube and BoxCast.

Wednesday, Online Christmas Pageant Broadcast at 7pm.

Thursday, December 24th, 5 & 7pm, Christmas Eve Services
Reservations made online or by calling the church office.

Friday, December 25th, 10am, Christmas Day Service
Reservations made online or by calling the church office.



Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Clergy and Staff of St. Andrew's Church wish each of you the joy and wonder of this Christmas Season. May your days be filled with the love of Jesus Christ who was born so long ago in a manger and waits to be born in each of our hearts today....

Your fellow servants in Christ,

Fr. Jeff Queen	Barbara Hine	Yuan Zhuang
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LOOKING AHEAD

CHALKING THE DOORS: AN EPIPHANY TRADITION

For the past several years, we have invited everyone to chalk their doors on January 6th. This is the day we celebrate Epiphany, the day the wise men arrived with gifts for Jesus.

Chalking the doors is a centuries old practice. It asks God's blessing on our homes, on those who live there and on those who will visit. It is also an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes and our daily activities.

To mark your door, write **20+C+M+B+21** above the entrance to your home with a piece of chalk.

The letters C, M and B have two meanings. They are initials of the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat* or "May Christ bless this house." The + symbol represents the cross and the surrounding numbers are the current year.

After the door has been chalking, say the following prayer:

**O God, please bless this house and all those who enter.
Peace be to this house and all who live here.
May all who come to our home this year find Jesus living among us.
Holy Spirit, fill us with your love so that our concern for others reflects Your love.
Amen.**

Gail Pennington
(Adapted from Family Ministry Tools)



WELCOMING OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER:

I am Barb Hine, the new Office Manager at St. Andrews. I am learning my way around the office, and look forward to using my organizational skills to compliment my job. I worked at Forward Movement for 22 years as the Accounts Receivable Manager and Assistant Office Manager. I am enjoying the change to part time work, I am here Tuesday through Thursday 9 to 2 PM. I am married, have three daughters & three grandsons. Thank you foreveryone's warm welcome.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER GIVE-AWAY DECEMBER 19TH:

Stop by St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, December 19th, and pick up a Christmas Poinsettia for your home. This flower give-away is for any one in the Ft. Thomas Community. Give-away starts at **11am**, simply pull up to the curb at the 'Avenue' entrance of the church to receive your free flower.

CHRISTMAS HYMN HISTORIES...

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" is a Christmas carol that first appeared in 1739 in the collection Hymns and Sacred Poems. As it is known in the modern era, it features lyrical contributions from Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, noted Anglican clergymen, with music adapted from "Vaterland, in deinen Gauen" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Wesley, who had written the original version as "Hymn for Christmas-Day," had requested and received slow and solemn music for his lyrics, which has since largely been discarded. Moreover, Wesley's original opening couplet is "Hark! how all the welkin rings / Glory to the King of Kings". The popular version is the result of alterations by various hands, notably by Whitefield, who changed the opening couplet to the familiar one, and by Felix Mendelssohn, whose melody was used for the lyrics. In 1840—a hundred years after the publication of Hymns and Sacred Poems—Mendelssohn composed a cantata to commemorate Johann Gutenberg's invention of movable type printing, and it is music from this cantata, adapted by the English musician William H. Cummings to fit the lyrics of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", that propels the carol known today.