

“Sing In and Sing Out!” In an attempt to add some Thanksgiving hymns to the 10am Service, we will sing **outdoors** beginning at **9:45am**, masked and physically distanced. Then, **following the closing Blessing**, a **final hymn** will be sung **outdoors**. No one will be obligated, just invited!

Bible Study has begun again: on **Monday evenings** at 7:00pm and on **Wednesday mornings** at **10:30am**. On Mondays, we plan to study the Old Testament Book of Ruth. On Wednesdays, we will continue with our reading of Hide This in Your Heart on memorizing Scripture. All are welcome!

A **four week video series** on the Holy Communion is in the preparation stage. The presenters will be **Archbishop Edwards and Bishop Jacques Boston of Guinea**. Bishop Jacques is the cousin of or beloved Marthe Gradon. This series will address the nature or parts of the Holy Communion; the importance of coming to the Communion with a lively faith; the effects of receiving the Holy Communion by faith; and the challenge of attending the Lord’s Table in-person during a pandemic. Please **stay tuned** for more info on the timing of these presentations.

Grief Share is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, November 2nd** at 7:00pm. This ten week program has three components: a work book; a weekly video; and the discussion group. Over the years it has been helpful to many who are grieving. **Please contact the Office** to register. Everyone is welcome.

The Feasts of All Saints is coming soon. It is a wonderful opportunity to remember our faithfully departed before God. Please see the ‘**Faithful departed List**’ in the **main entry** and add the names of your loved ones. The list will be included in the Intercession at the Holy Communion during the week of 1-8 November. Please stay tuned for timings.

We are still in need of muffins for our Community Breakfasts. If you are able to make a few, please drop them off at the Church. **Please call ahead** to make sure someone is here. Thank you!



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity National Thanksgiving October 10, 2021



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com

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Trinity Nineteen – National Thanksgiving - October 10, 2021

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 138	p. 508
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collects for Thanksgiving and Trinity 19	p. 307, 249
The Epistle	p. 249
Gradual Psalm: 103.1-5	p. 460
The Holy Gospel	p. 250

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 72	p. 418
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6. 1-15	(Pew Bible page 169)
Second Lesson: Matthew 25. 14-30	(Pew Bible page 795)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

“O Canada” (outside)	
Hymns (outside)	
Introit Psalm: <i>I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me, I will surely help them, and I will be their God forever and ever. Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth Glory be...</i>	
Children’s Talk	
The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Collect	p. 249
The Epistle	p. 249
Gradual Psalm: 103.1-5	p. 460
The Holy Gospel	p. 250
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
The Homily	
The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
Music during Communion:	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria & The Blessing	p. 86
“God Save the Queen” (outside)	
Recessional Hymn: 308 (We Plough the Fields) (outside)	

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms 145	p. 516
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8.	(Pew Bible page 170)
Second Lesson: 1 st Timothy 2. 1-8	(Pew Bible page 961)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Kent Clarke, The Hon. G.F.G. Brydges, Gladys Peacock

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Yvonne Harrison, Paul Kirkpatrick*

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Today	Community Dinner	4:00 p.m.
Monday	Office Closed for Holiday	
Tuesday	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book’s Table of Lessons

Sunday	Ezekiel 13:1-16	Hebrews 7
Monday	Ezekiel 14	Hebrews 8
Tuesday	Ezekiel 17	Hebrews 9:1-14
Wednesday	Ezekiel 20:1-26	Hebrews 9:15-end
Thursday	Ezekiel 20:27-44	Hebrews 10:1-18
Friday	Ezekiel 22:23-end	Hebrews 10:19-end
Saturday	Ezekiel 24:15-end	Hebrews 11:1-16

“As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him no more.” Job 7. 9, 10

The Rector's Corner

There is an instruction for 'repelling' someone from the Lord's Table on page 66 of the Prayer Book. In 32 years of ministry, there was one such situation that required me to tell someone they could not attend a Service of the Church. The man had left his wife and taken up with another woman in the parish; and, suddenly, not being a church-goer, he turned up at a Service with his new girlfriend. We met, and I explained to him that he was committing adultery, which, although not a criminal offence, was an offence to God. Furthermore, I told him that his actions were causing embarrassment and deep hurts to his wife and children.

The point is, an action can be legally permissible according to the provincial or federal statutes, but not acceptable to God. St. Paul put it this way: "*All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour.*" (1 Corinthians 10.23-24)

These words came to mind in reflecting upon the two options given to the Churches in New Brunswick during this phase of the pandemic. The first option requires proof of vaccination in order for people to attend; the second does not. The first permits singing; the second does not. Both require masks and sanitizing; but the second also includes physical distancing, keeping an attendance record, and limiting the number of people who can attend.

Although the first option sounds simple, it is not. For example, on my part, as the Rector, I would have to turn people away from the Holy Communion for their beliefs and convictions. The rubrics on page 66 of the Prayer Book state the reasons for excluding someone to be limited to "any living in grievous sin" and "those between whom malice and hatred exist". Obviously, this does not extend to the unvaccinated.

The thing is, if we include "the unvaccinated" as another category for repelling people from the Lord's Table, what precedent are we setting? And, what will be the end of it? Both of my 'shots' were of the Pfizer brand, and I received my second one on April 30 – almost six months ago. So, as vaccinated people move towards the six month line, how will we qualify who is acceptable? Those with two shots? Those with two shots and the booster? Those with two shots of the same brand? Those with three shots of the same brand? Those with three shots of only certain brands? It gets complicated, and meanwhile deep divisions will develop within the Body of Christ.

Sadly, we have more than enough division in our society. The polarization that is occurring has come in spite of our efforts to educate,

communicate and increase awareness about certain harmful attitudes and behaviours. We have become more polarized and more intolerant of our differences even in spite of our increased lip-service to respect human rights. Many use social media as a pipeline to spew hateful words; to try and isolate others; and to divide.

The Church is to be different. We are all sinners, redeemed by the precious Blood of Jesus, the only-begotten Son of God. The same purple funeral pall is placed over the cheapest casket or the most expensive one. Why? Because, in God's eyes, we are equal. As His adopted children, we all have been given what we do not deserve: mercy; forgiveness; a heavenly citizenship; a new life. But, all of that amazing grace comes with some responsibilities. The Lord *commands* us to love one another – not when its convenient, but always. He calls us to the Cross, to love each other sacrificially, as He loves us. And so, if someone cannot get vaccinated – for whatever reason – there are other, smaller sacrifices that can be made in the Name of that holy Love (like wearing a mask and physical distancing).

The key to unlocking this Way of Love is faith. When I believe that God loves the other person just as much as He loves me, I am moved to act in their best interests. When I believe that the other person is a sister or brother of mine in Christ, rather than a stranger, I am moved to do whatever I can to help them. As someone recently told me, "I don't wear a mask for myself. I wear it to protect others."

St. Paul told the Church in Ephesus, "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one." (6.16) The shield he was talking about was a large, full-body shield that could be used defensively and offensively. It is essential for us all. "Take it up," says Paul "in all circumstances" – including prolonged pandemics!

In Canada, having the history as a Christian nation, it is easy – almost natural – for us to think of the Church as a partner, or even an instrument, of the government. In many cases there *can* be that partnership. However it is not an automatic one. Although we are called, in God's Word, to obey the government, the Church has a higher authority. For example, the responsibility to love one another comes first from the Lord. And, ultimately, the certification of a Deacon or Priest is not up to the government; nor is it the government's place to determine who is eligible to receive the Holy Communion.

There are key goals for St. George's as the pandemic goes on: we must try to keep our Congregation together; we must continue with a weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist; and we must do all we can to demonstrate our love for one another. For me, these are absolutely essential as we seek to be the Church and bring glory to God.