

Our Deanery **Service of Advent Carols and Lessons** is scheduled to be held at St. George's, **November 28th, at 4 pm**. Proof of vaccination will be required in order to attend this Service.

On **Sunday, November 28th**, due to Advent Lessons and Carols at 4pm, there will be **no 5pm Evensong**, but Compline will be prayed at 8pm.

The Order for Compline will be prayed by candlelight throughout the Sundays of Advent at 8:00pm.

St. George's Tour Books and Lapel Pins are available for purchase -\$15 for the book and \$5 for the pins. Please speak to one of the Wardens: or they are also available at the Office. **What a great Christmas gift!!**

2022 Calendars are available in the Entry for \$8.

Christmas Memorials – If you would like to have **flowers** placed in the Church for Christmas, or wish to make a donation to the **Memorial Fund**, or **other funds** in memory of a loved one, please call the Church Office 855-5209. If you wish to place your donation on the plate, **please specify which fund the donation is for**. **In order to have the memorials in the bulletin, the office must be notified by Friday December 17th**. Thank you.

The **Greening of the Church** will be on **December 19th** at 3pm.

We need to **restock** our items for our Community Friends. On each Sunday of Advent we would like to have certain items **donated for both men and women**

November 28th - Hats & Gloves

December 5th - Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

December 12th - Deodorant, Combs, Brushes

December 19th - Socks and underwear



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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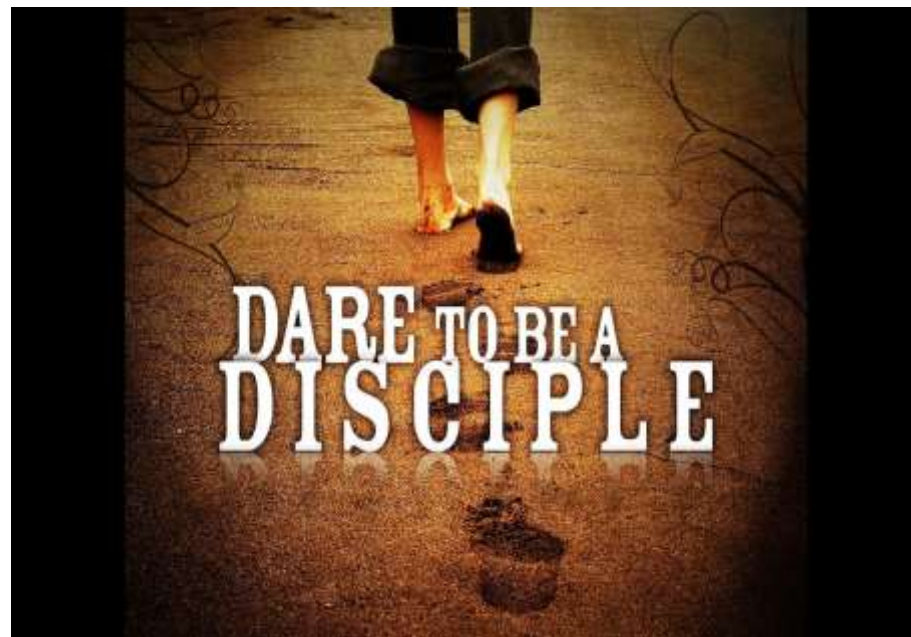
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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Sunday Next Before Advent

November 21, 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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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 85. 1-7	p. 438
Collect and The Epistle	p. 259
Gradual Psalm: 85. 8-13	p. 439
The Holy Gospel	p. 259

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 80	p. 433
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 11 and 12	(Pew Bible page 561)
Second Lesson: Hebrews 11. 1-16	(Pew Bible page 975)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation. Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou has turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be....*

Children's Talk	
The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 259
The Lesson	p. 259
Gradual Psalm: 85. 8-13	p. 439
The Holy Gospel	p. 259
The Homily	
The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Music during Communion:	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria and the Blessing	p. 86

St. George's Outbound, originally set for this afternoon, has been cancelled.

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 81, 82	p. 434
First Lesson: Malachi 3. 13 – 4. end	(Pew Bible page 767)
Second Lesson: Hebrews 11. 17 – 12. 2	(Pew Bible page 976)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of James D. Ross

***"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Marilyn Mockler, Barry Cohen-Thorley***

This Week in the Parish

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

Monday	Bible Study	7:00.p.m.
Tuesday	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	Grief-Share	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.
Sunday	Deanery Lesson & Carols	4:00 p.m.
	Compline	8:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday to Ray Joudrey 18th, Kelly VanBuskirk 19th Joan Dennison 22nd, Barb Joudrey 24th, Tom Reid 25th, Harrison Tait 28thand many more!

2021 has been a difficult year financially for many people. Many Churches have struggled this year as well. We are currently sitting with a large deficit. The financial committee is asking if you are able **to increase your weekly offerings by the cost of a cup of coffee - together we can make a big difference. Thank you!**

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him."
Psalm 28. 8

The Rector's Corner

Stir up our wills, O Lord and make them 'denchy'

Here we are at 'The Sunday Next Before Advent' – the last Sunday of the Church Year. 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'to arrive'. No doubt the English word 'adventure' has the same origin. The French verb 'venir – to come' must also be connected.

Anyway on this last Sunday, we hear St. John the Baptist recommend Jesus to his disciples. "*Looking upon Jesus as He walked,*" John said to them "*Behold the Lamb of God*". 'Lamb of God' was not a random title. By using it John was connecting the Lord to the Jewish Passover lamb – the lamb whose blood was painted on the door posts of the Jew's houses on the night the angel of death 'passed over' Egypt. By this blood the Israelite's houses were marked distinct from the houses of the Egyptians.

Jesus our Lamb of God came to shed His precious Blood on the Cross to save us, not from Pharaoh, but from Satan and the power of sin. The first time, Jesus came quietly and lowly, like a lamb. His birth of the Virgin Mary was without fanfare. He came as a sacrificial lamb – to lay down His life as our Sin-bearer. Just as the Passover lamb had to be without blemish, so Jesus was the perfect and sinless One (Exodus 12.5). As the Prophet Jeremiah said, "*This is His name whereby He shall be called, 'THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS'*". (Jeremiah 23. 6)

But the Advent Gospels do not stop with the first-coming of Christ. They quickly move to His promised return when He shall come "*in a cloud with power and great glory*" (St. Luke 21.27). Then, we will see Jesus not as a lamb, but as a lion; then we shall know Him not only as our Lord and Saviour, but as our Judge and King.

In anticipation of Christ's Second Coming, the Collect for today, starts with this plea: "Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people". Quicken us. Inspire us. Light a fire under us. Help us to move forward, out of this rut we are in. Because the prayer starts with the words "*Stir up*" people have come to associate this Sunday with the making of the year's Christmas puddings. The British

tradition of Christmas pudding was made popular by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

It has become a tradition in many places, including Newfoundland. In an article in last November's 'Anglican Life', the Newfoundland Church newspaper, Ashley Ruby gave this description: "My grandmother often mentions, when she goes to make the pudding for us, how her father made the pudding when she was small. 'He never had a recipe,' she says, 'Just made it off the top of his head. A little of this and a little of that.' Many recipes call for a spoonful of cinnamon and a handful of raisins, baked or boiled into a denchy and delicious little pud, that adds a special spicy warmth to the meal. (The Newfoundland word '**denchy**' refers to something that is still moist and not over cooked). Many recipes, however, require the pudding be made well in advance and re-heated on the day of. (Barb Joudrey's Aunt also included currants, and grated raw potato and carrot.)

After 20 long months on the COVID-19 roller-coaster, we all have a need to be stirred up spiritually. In Ashley Ruby's words, "As the days blend into one another, Advent is a beautiful time to take the reins of the season and claim our time back by living liturgically and diligently marking the course time as it passes, with such little pleasures as mixing up the Christmas pudding on a special day."

"These practices offer us several opportunities. Firstly, we are invited to deepen our knowledge of Scripture. Secondly, as we connect to the Divine through the Scripture, we are connected to the daily lives of our ancestors by participating in traditional practices that occur outside of church. And thirdly, we are invited to connect more within our family units (chosen family counts, too!) in little activities such as these in a time when our smallest circles have become integral."

Stir up our wills, O Lord, and make them denchy for Thee!

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Last Sunday night's **take-out community supper** included a delicious bowl of chili. **117 people were served**, and it was **Nancy and Allen Urquhart's ninth anniversary** as Community Meal Cooks. Thank you for your faithful service!

Marilyn Mockler, our beloved sister in Christ, **died this past Monday after a year-long battle with ALS**. As a registered nurse, Marilyn worked most recently at the Spencer Home. She attended the Holy Communion as her work schedule permitted, singing in the Church Choir. Marilyn had a quiet, gentle way and her smile was contagious. Born in Minto, N.B., she will be buried there, in the Church cemetery of St. Michael and All Angels. Please remember her husband, Robb Steeves, and her sons Marcus and Alex, and her step-sons Jason and Tyler in your prayers. **Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.**”

Thanks be to God for the ministry of our Parish Prayer Chain. Believe it or not, we marked its **10th anniversary** on November 14th. A word from Cathie Dingwell, our Prayer Chain Convenor: “The Lord has given us strength over those years to pray for others in His name, and by His Grace we will continue on. Thank you for your assistance in this important endeavour of praying for the Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Health of our brothers and sisters.”

Just a friendly reminder that **the First Sunday in Advent is next Sunday, November 28th! Time to dig out the Advent Wreath and buy some candles.** If you need instructions on how to make your own wreath, please go to the parish website www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca and click on News in the top right corner.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	I Maccabees 7:1-20	Acts 10:1-23
Monday	I Maccabees 7:21-end	Acts 10:24-end
Tuesday	I Maccabees 9:1-22	Acts 11:1-18
Wednesday	I Maccabees 13:41-end	Acts 11:19-end
Thursday	Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10	Acts 12:1-24
Friday	Ecclesiasticus 1:11-end	Acts 12:25-13:12
Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 2	Acts 13:13-43

November 2021 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to October 31, 2021 was \$182,098 with expenses totalling \$210,978. Vestry is thankful to all parishioners who have continued with their weekly donations.
- A donation was received from Central United in support of our breakfast program.
- The Diocese has funded the full cost and installation of a tankless hot water heater to provide adequate hot water for showers and laundry services.
- Volunteers have been doing some electrical work around the church replacing bulbs and ballasts. Smoke sensors also need to be replaced.
- Vestry was made aware that within a few years, there will 1121 new apartments in the downtown core which could provide an opportunity for us to reach out and increase our church membership.
- A finance Committee and a sub committee to review the Memorial Fund were struck to prepare financials for the new year.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday December 13, 2021 at 7pm.

Christmas Outreach ideas: if you are looking for a special project for Christmas, the Vestry would like to suggest the following:

1. Support the **Willing Workers'** outreach to needy families and shut-ins (please mark the amount on your envelope for the Willing Workers' Christmas Outreach);
2. Use the Christmas offering envelope in your Christmas letter to support **St. George's operating budget**;
3. Support an international need through **the Primates' World Relief and Development Fund** (the Federal government gives six dollars for every dollar received for farm animals). For more information, please contact the Church Office. Thank you very much!