

2023 Church Calendars are available in the Entry. Cost is \$8.

The **Deanery Service of Advent Carols and Lessons** is scheduled for Sunday, **November 27th at 4:00pm** at St. George's. Archbishop Edwards plans to be with us, and a reception will follow in the Church Hall, with an option to make a craft for those who are interested. **Come sing with us!** You are **invited into the Choir pews** (with a choir gown or without). Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord together!

The **Bible Study** continues **Wednesday** evenings at **6:30pm**. It will be led by **St. George's Clergy**, but held at **St. James Church** on St. George Blvd. **Everyone is welcome** to attend.

1st Moncton-St. George's Scouting will be hosting their **Annual Dessert Party** on December 3rd from 12:00-4:00pm, come have a bowl of chicken fricot or corn chowder and all the sweets you can eat. Cost \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 10 and under.

The **1st Sunday in Advent** is on **next Sunday, November 27th** and is the **first Sunday of a new Church Year**. "**Advent**" means "**coming**". It is the season we prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as our King and Judge. We also prepare to celebrate His humble first coming as the Babe of Bethlehem in order to be our Saviour. To help mark the days of this special season, many Christians use an Advent Wreath. The **Advent Wreath Booklet is now available** in the Main Entry. It provides a history of the wreath; instructions for making an Advent Wreath; and daily devotions to use with the wreath. If you need assistance understanding the booklet, please speak to one of the Clergy. Let us pray: *Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus! Come soon!*



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

Sunday Next Before Advent November 20, 2022



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 for Purity	p. 67
Collect	P. 259
The Epistle	p. 259
Gradual Psalm: 85. 8-13	p. 439
The Holy Gospel	p. 259

9:15 A.M. – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church Hall - “Whatever Happened to Christian Canada?”

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 hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be...*

Children’s Talk	
Litany	
The Collect	p. 259
The Epistle	p. 259
Gradual Psalm: 85. 8-13	p. 503
The Holy Gospel	p. 259
The Nicene Creed	
Hymn before the Homily: 386 “The Lord is King” (Walton – 128)	
The Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 539 “The King of Love” (Dominus Regit Me.)	
The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
Hymns during Communion: 219 (Bread of Heaven); 226 (Rockingham); 221 (Unde et Memores)	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 7 “Forth in thy Name, O Lord” (Warrington)	

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall

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)

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”

Rachel Frazer, Doug Thibideau

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Donald R. Beers, Rev. John Pierce

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	Baroque Concert	2:30 p.m.
Monday	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Study (<i>St. James</i>)	6:30 p.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	Compline	8:00 p.m.

Thanks Dr. John! Today marks the **last in the series** of Six Sundays with Dr. John Stackhouse. The adult Sunday School class and the sermons have been very helpful as we seek to discern the Lord’s direction in these challenging days. The book table will be available – lots of options for Christmas gifts!



Happy (belated) birthday to Dianne Dallaire, Ray Joudrey, and Kelly VanBuskirk...and Birthday wishes to Brenda Tays on November 26th,



Happy Anniversary to Allan and Faye Hyslop!

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God, was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”
I John 3.8

The Rector's Corner

What Mother Never Told Me About the Prayer Book (No. 15)

This will be the last installment in this series. Let's use it to consider the Seasons of the Church Year. Just as we have four natural seasons in creation: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall; so the Church marks time by the seasons of Advent, Christmas, the Epiphany, Lent, Easter, the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

'Advent' starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day – that means that next Sunday the Advent Season begins. It marks the commencement of a new Church Year. In Advent, the Epistles and Gospels at the Holy Eucharist focus on the Lord's promised return. And so in next week's Epistle, St. Paul says, "*The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*" In other words, let us be prepared for JESUS' Second Coming. The first time He came quietly and humbly as the Babe of Bethlehem to be our Saviour; the second time He will come with power and great glory as our King and Judge.

The Advent Season ends on Christmas Eve when we begin the celebration of Christ's Birth. Contrary to a recent, commercial invention, (which counts the twelve days *before* the 25th), the Christmas Season actually runs from December 25th until January 5th. And that makes sense! The celebration follows the Birth. It does not precede it.

After Christmas, the Church notes the visit of the Magi and the showing forth or manifestation of Christ to the Gentile nations, represented by these kings. In the Epiphany Season, we celebrate that Christ is the Lord – the One with all power and authority. He is the Source of all Wisdom; the Lord of the whole creation, changing water into wine and calming the storm; and the Healer of all sickness.

From Epiphany, we move into the 'Gesima Sundays': Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, and then to Ash Wednesday, the

first day of Lent. In the Lenten Season, the Church prepares us to observe the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of JESUS. It is a solemn season of forty days (not including the Sundays) – one of spiritual renewal using the disciplines of "self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and reading and meditation upon God's holy Word". (p. 612)

The somber tones and silences of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are broken by the 'Alleluias!' of Easter morning. "Christ is risen!" we exclaim. "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" comes the reply. For forty days we rejoice in our Saviour's victory over the powers of death, sin and hell; and in the new, eternal life that is ours through Him. On the fortieth day, we mark JESUS' Ascension into Heaven. He went up to prepare a place there for us and to send the Holy Spirit upon the Church and each of her members.

According to Holy Scripture, God sent forth His Spirit on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection. This corresponded to the Jewish festival of Pentecost – the harvest of the first fruits of wheat. In token of the flames of fire which rested over the heads of the Apostles, the Lord's Table is dressed in bright red; and we reflect upon the fire of the Holy Spirit which burns in our hearts. The Sunday After Pentecost is also called Trinity Sunday, and so follows the second half of the Church Year – each Sunday from June through to November being numbered after Trinity Sunday. For these, the Altar is dressed in green to signify the lessons in the Epistle and Gospel on growth in the new life.

In the first half of the Church Year – from Advent to Trinity – we recall the earthly events of JESUS' earthly ministry: the events through which He brought us salvation. In the second half of the Church Year – from Trinity to Advent – we focus on growing in the way of salvation, the new life of Christ.

A final thought: with Advent coming next Sunday, it is time to dig out and dust off the Advent Wreath! A booklet of Advent devotions is available in the main entry. "Our King and Saviour draweth nigh/ O come let us worship."

November 2022 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to October 31, 2022, was \$167,289 with expenses totalling \$204,709. The deficit is now \$26,499.
- With recent publicity about the Outreach program, in excess of \$10,000 has been received in donations from individuals, parishes and various organizations. Thank you letters will be sent out soon.
- Repairs to the Rectory are completed. The roof will need to be replaced in the spring and the mini splits are still on order.
- Vestry was informed that there are approx. 500 homeless people now in Moncton. At present, when the weather gets colder, there is only about 250 spaces to keep people warm and safe. As yet, there is no plan in place to accommodate everyone. Discussions with government are continuing but with little progress and time is running out.
- Vestry discussed the future of Anglicanism in the Moncton area. At present, there are activities and events planned in the hopes of encouraging fellowship among the four Moncton parishes together as one family.
- The Bishop's charge was presented and discussed in light of the decline of Christianity in our society. Parishioners are encouraged to pick up a copy and to reflect on the situation that faces us.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday December 13, 2022.

From the Deacon's desk:

The Theology Dictionary

What does Incarnation mean?

The incarnation is God becoming human in the form of Jesus Christ. In love for us, God has emptied himself by taking on human flesh in the form of Jesus Christ. God remains fully God and fully human.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Jeremiah 22:20-23:8	Acts 7:17-34
Monday	Jeremiah 24	Acts 7:35-8:4
Tuesday	Jeremiah 25:1-14	Acts 8:5-25
Wednesday	Jeremiah 27:2-end	Acts 8:26-end
Thursday	Jeremiah 28	Acts 9:1-31
Friday	Jeremiah 29:1-20	Acts 9:32-end
Saturday	Jeremiah 32:1-15	Acts 10:1-23

Thanks be to God! The **Shakarín family** of Ukraine (who live at Doug and Lynda Grant's) **has been reunited**. We have been praying for Natalia as she went to bring her mother back to Canada. She and Yulia, her Mum, **arrived safely in Moncton**, after travelling from Kharkiv to Frankfurt then on to Halifax. They thank the people of St George's with all their heart for your prayers. ***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!***

With the **cold weather** coming we are in need of **warm socks, hats, gloves, boots and jackets** to distribute to those less fortunate. **Underwear and personal hygiene** products are always appreciated as well. **Thank you for all your support!**

Baroque Concert featuring soprano **Rose Marie Bernaquez and Michel Cardin** playing the theorbo on **this afternoon at 2:30pm** at **St. George's**. \$25 adults, students \$15, 12 and under – free.