

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 26th** after the 10am Holy Eucharist Service. The **snow date** will be Monday, **February 27th**. All **reports** are due by **February 6th**.

Coming up... **A Moncton Anglicans' 'Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper'** on February 21st, at the Brix Building on St. George Street. Two seatings: 4:00 to 5:00 pm and 5:00 to 6:00 pm. More details to follow!

A letter from the rectors of the Moncton Anglican parishes is being distributed to Vestries and Congregations. A copy is at the back of the Church as well as on the parish website. It presents a proposal regarding the alignment of the parishes into one, to be discussed at parish Annual Meetings, with responses requested at the end of May. Please feel free to speak to the Rector if you have questions on this letter.

Video Bible Study Exploring the Archeological Digs of the Old Testament: continues Wednesday evenings (**January 25th and February 1st**) at 6:30 pm -- **St. Andrew's Anglican Church (105 Elmwood Drive)**. Another good opportunity for Moncton Anglicans to get together in Christian fellowship.

A **meeting of the Altar Guild** has been set for **today**, following the 10am Service. We plan to make our duty schedule for the coming year. **Anyone interested** in joining the Altar Guild will be **warmly welcomed!**



Once again this year, Riverview Winter Carnival's **Chicken Luncheon** is sponsored by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Ladies Society! **Please mark your calendar for Saturday, February 11th and plan to be at the Dan Bohan Centre (5 Fatima Dr, Riverview) between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** Cost is 10.00. Call Pam Coughlan at 386-5451 for tickets!



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

Third Sunday After Epiphany January 22, 2023

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Matthew 8:13



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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Third Sunday After Epiphany – January 22, 2023

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 148: 1-6	p. 519
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 126
The Epistle	p. 126
Gradual Psalm: 102: 15-18	p. 459
The Holy Gospel	p. 127

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalms: 96, 97	p. 453
First Lesson: Isaiah 45 : 9 - end	(Pew Bible page 596)
Second Lesson: Ephesians 2	(Pew Bible page 946)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – (sung) *All ye angels of God, fall down, and worship before him: Syon heard, and was exceeding joyful. And the daughters of Juda were glad. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad there-of: yea the multitude of the isles may be glad there-of: Glory be...*

Children's Talk	
Litany	p. 30
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 126
The Epistle	p. 126
Gradual Psalm: 102: 15-18	p. 459
The Holy Gospel	p. 127
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
Hymn before Homily: 581 (Eripe Me)	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 232 (St. Agnes)	
Intercession	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion: 229 (Picardy) 582 (Martyrdom); 584 (Gibbons)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
Gloria In Excelsis	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 384 (Richmond)	

Please join us for Tea and Coffee in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 65, 67	pp. 407, 409
First Lesson: Isaiah 46: 3 – end	(Pew Bible page 597)
Second Lesson: Mark 7: 24-end	(Pew Bible page 808)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Helen Chapman, William and Georgie Black, Verna Roberts, Jacqueline, Ronald Collins,

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Doug Keirstead*

This Week in the Parish

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

Monday	Funeral for Doug Keirstead	11:00 a.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study (Church)	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
	Video Bible Study (St. Andrew's)	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion (Conversion of St. Paul)	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 am.



Happy belated Birthday to Stan Balch and Marilyn Rice

Don't be shy! Anyone **interested in singing is welcome** to do so from **the Chancel**, in the Choir. John Staples, our Choir ambassador, will be there to welcome you!

" Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: Honour the Lord with thy substance, and the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy press with new wine. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." Proverbs 3: 3, 9, 27

The Rector's Corner

Thinking more deeply about the 'glory of God'

Today's Gospel presents two healing miracles – both very different. In the first, immediately after Jesus came down from His Sermon on the Mount, and followed by “great multitudes”, a leper came and worshipped Him. There were strict laws about leprosy, and this man who had become an outcast from his family and friends must have been very close to losing hope and purpose. So, it is no wonder that he came as close as he could to JESUS. “Lord,” he cried “if you will, you can make me clean”. And then it happened: “Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, ‘I will; be thou clean’. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

JESUS touched him. By doing that and by performing the healing, the Lord showed that “He is not only powerful, but full of mercy”. (Mark Ross in Let's Study Matthew: Banner of Truth Trust, Edinburgh). And, as another commentator points out, there is an important meaning here for us. In this miracle, “The Lord brought His own body into contact with the person's He desired to heal...thereby shadowing forth that, mysteriously, in the Sacraments of His Church He comes into contact with sinners, healing them, not only with His words, but with His Body. We have to come to Him, then, as the leper did, for He is always present, though invisible....His will is not in question, but ours.” (M.F. Sadler, 1885)

In the second miracle, He had entered Capernaum. It was a garrison town with an estimated population of 1500 people. It was also an administrative centre, and a customs station. Jesus chose his disciples Peter, Andrew, and Matthew from Capernaum. Some say it was like JESUS' second home. Upon entering it, a centurion – an officer of the Roman army in command of 100 soldiers – came to Him. “Lord,” he said “my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented”. (Palsy involved paralysis, often accompanied by weakness and the loss of feeling and uncontrolled body movements such as shaking.)

In response, JESUS said, “I will come and heal him.” “No need to,” the officer replied. “Speak the word only and my servant shall be healed”. M.F. Sadler makes this point about the centurion: “From his position in the Roman army, he derived absolute command over his inferiors. In like manner he imagined Christ commanding in the world of spiritual powers...”. That is such an important thing for us to believe: as the Risen LORD, Christ Jesus holds absolute command over all spiritual powers. The centurion understood ‘authority’ – “I myself”, he said “know what it is both to be under authority and to exercise it” – and that understanding was key to his remarkable statement of faith. The whole incident raises a question for you and me about our belief in the authority of the Son of God today.

All of this, says Robert Crouse, is part of the Epiphany theme: the manifestation, the showing forth of the divine glory in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God. *"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* (St. John 1.14) Epiphany is about that showing forth and the beholding of God's glory; but, as Father Crouse wrote, “It is also about the effects of that beholding” – the effects and the transformation within us. As St. Paul wrote, *“We all, with open face beholding as in a glass’ (or mirror) “the glory of the Lord, are changed from glory into the same image from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 13. 12)*

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Micah 6	Matthew 17:24-18:14
Monday	Micha 7	Matthew 18:15-end
Tuesday	Hosea 1	Matthew 19:1-15
Wednesday	Hosea 2:1-13	Matthew 19:16-20:16
Thursday	Hosea 2:14-3end	Matthew 20:17-end
Friday	Hosea 4:1-11	Matthew 21:1-22
Saturday	Hosea 5:8-6:6	Matthew 21:23-end

January 2023 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to December 31, 2022, was \$280,326 with expenses totalling \$279,741. December was a phenomenal month with many extra donations from parishioners. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
- The "homeless crisis" saw an outpouring of support from private individuals, service organizations, private businesses, and many churches, just to name a few. The Parish has created a "Restricted Community Outreach Fund" to separate parish funds to operate the church and funds to support the Outreach program.
- The AGM will be held on Sunday February 26, 2021 (noon hour) with a storm date of Monday February 27, 2022. The 2023 Budget was approved by Vestry and is ready to be presented with more information on the Restricted Community Outreach fund and grants received to cover outreach expenses incurred in the Fall and for this coming year.
- Vestry received a letter from the three clergy of the Moncton parishes requesting input on the future of Anglicanism in Moncton. More info is forthcoming, and this topic will be discussed in full at the upcoming AGM.
- Vestry approved a Logistics Officer for the Outreach Program to provide support for all the additional tasks involved with community outreach. It is 10 hours a week and the cost will be covered by the Restricted Community Outreach Fund.
- The February Vestry Meeting will be held following the AGM and the March Meeting will be held on Monday 20th at 7pm.

This Wednesday, **January 25th**, is the day the Church remembers the **Conversion of St. Paul**. Known as 'the Apostle to the Gentiles', Paul was not one of the original Twelve. He had been born in Tarsus, a city in Asia Minor, and as Saul, which was his original name, was trained according to the teachings of the strictest sect of Jews, the Pharisees. After being a violent persecutor of the Christian Church, he underwent a miraculous conversion, and as a great missionary and evangelist preached the Good News of Jesus' resurrection throughout the Mediterranean region. He did so at great risk to his own safety; often he was beaten, imprisoned, and cast from the towns he visited. His life ended in Rome, where, after a period of imprisonment, he was beheaded around the year 67. His symbol is the sword, which reminds us of the instrument of his martyrdom as well as his reference to the 'sword of the Spirit', which is the Word of God' (Ephesians 6.17). At our **celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Thursday morning**, we will remember God's powerful work in converting Paul.

(Common Prayer, St. Peter Publications)

