

June 2020 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The June Vestry Meeting was held in the Church Hall with members sitting at their own table and practicing social distancing.
- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to May 31, 2020 was \$92,055 with expenses totalling \$95,606. Vestry is thankful to all parishioners who have continued with their weekly donations
- Angela Lapointe is our new custodian and has begun working. Many thanks to Dianne Dallaire (and Roland) for all they did!
- The repair work on the leaks in the Tower and elevator roof has begun. Quotes on the stone pointing are forthcoming.
- The Boyer Stone Project is on schedule. The base for the new stone has been installed. The old stone has been removed and is in a secure place.
- Vestry approved the members of the Parish Advisory Committee (only meets when a new Rector is needed). They are: Wardens Sheila Searle and Kelly VanBuskirk; Vestry Member Marilyn Hayre; and two Parishioners Tim Rains and Cheryl Reid. This committee is mandated by the Diocese.
- Livestreaming of services will continue
- The next Drive in Service will be held on Sunday June 21 at 7PM at the old MHS parking lot.
- Vestry reviewed the operational plan for reopening the church. The plan is constantly revisited, and improvements/changes made to fully ensure the well-being of staff and parishioners.
- The church picnic is scheduled, details remain to be worked out.
- The new church website is operational and easily navigable. Many thanks to Nicholas Saulnier for all his work on this project.
- Our student graduates will be recognized on Sunday June 28.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday September 14.



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

First Sunday After Trinity

June 14, 2020



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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First Sunday After Trinity – June 14, 2020

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 13 p. 343
Collect for Purity: p. 67
Collect & Epistle p. 217
Gradual Psalm: 41. 1-4 p. 382
The Holy Gospel p. 218

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 1, 5 pgs. 331, 334
First Lesson: 1 Kings 3. 5-14 (Pew Bible page 305)
Second Lesson: Acts 9. 1-22 (Pew Bible page 885)

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *O Lord my God, in thy loving kindness and mercy have I trusted; and my heart is joyful in thy salvation: I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? Glory be.....*

Hymn: **350** (Old Hundredth)

Children's Talk

Collect for Purity p. 67
Kyrie p. 70
Collect & Epistle p. 217
Gradual Psalm: 41. 1-4 p. 382
The Holy Gospel p. 218
The Athanasian Creed p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **422** (St. Finbar)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **468** (Arnsberg)

The Exhortation p. 88

The Intercession p. 75

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving p. 78

Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **571** (All for Jesus); **699** (St. Benedict); **555** (Dennis)

Gloria In Excelsis p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **568** (Slane)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 4, 6 pgs. 333, 335
First Lesson: 2 Kings 17. 1-23 (Pew Bible page 348)
Second Lesson: St. John 13. 1-20 (Pew Bible page 868)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Elwyn & Roberta Wilson, Kimberly Dunnett, Kimberly Allan Peter Stockall

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Margaret Harris, Mary Carpenter, Douglas Corey*

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Carol Whatley from her son James.

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:

Thursday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Next Sunday Outdoor Service (old Moncton High) 7:00 p.m.

Just a reminder to respect **Social Distancing** when entering and exiting for the Services. Please use the **side aisle to get to the elevator** and the **main aisle to exit through the Chapel**.

Graduates! Your help in identifying high school, college and university graduates who are connected to St. George's would be much appreciated. Please send/call graduates' names to the Office Thank you! We will honour our Graduates at the **10am Service on June 28th**.

The **men's meeting** will be on **June 22nd** at 6pm in the Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Father Bruce Glencross.

Confirmation classes will start soon. These will be conducted in person and by ZOOM, as required. If you are interested in being Confirmed, or if you would just like to 'sit in' to refresh your understanding, please contact the Church Office.

"O let me hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee is my trust: show thou me the way that that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee." Psalm 143.8

The Rector's Corner

WORSHIP means “reverent service paid to God”. It is about recognition and adoration. It is the offering of love, and the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Worship is offered in the Church building, but it should be offered by members of the Church daily: wherever we are, and in whatever we do. As Fr. Roland Palmer wrote, “the aim of worship is that we give the whole of our lives to God. Worship is taking yourself, all that you are, all that you have, all that you do, and willingly offering it all up to God”. And, if I do not engage regularly in that offering, I will not be happy. My spirit will not rest. As the creature – mere mortals – we need to worship God our Creator. The health of our soul depends upon it.

Last week, the Lesson from the Book of Revelation described God’s throne in heaven, and the continuous worship offered by the four living creatures and the twenty four elders. Today’s third hymn attempts to capture what we read:

God reveals His presence – let us now adore Him, and with awe appear before Him.

God reveals His presence – hear the harps resounding!

See the hosts the throne surrounding!

‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ hear the hymn ascending,

Angels, saints, their voices blending!

Bow Thine ear, to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that thy Church now raises.

The pandemic has posed a challenge to us in terms of our ability to worship corporately; in terms of our Sunday gatherings in the church building. Yes, the number permitted to be in attendance has increased to 50, but not everyone is ready or able to return to their place. That is totally understandable. What other options exist? There is live-streaming the Service from home, and there have been drive-in Services; and, there are Services daily through the week where the attendance maybe one or two, in addition to the clergy. And, there are other ways too, including worship offered in family groups.

The point is, however and wherever, the primary job of the Church is to offer to God on behalf of everyone, the worship which is His due (see page 553, BCP). I am not advocating worshipping the Lord on the golf course instead of coming to Church on Sunday – not at all. I am simply acknowledging the challenges before us, and the need we have as human beings to worship – to engage with the One Who has made us and redeemed us through His Son Jesus Christ.

Gerhard Tersteegen, the author of today’s third hymn struggled through his life to engage in worship with others. As the Hymnary. Org website says, “He earned a meager living as a silk weaver, sharing his frugal daily fare with the poor. Malnutrition and privation undermined his health to such an extent that he suffered a serious depression for some five years, following which, on Maundy Thursday, 1724, he wrote a new covenant with God, signing it in his own blood”. Tersteegen’s struggle was due to his doubts about the abundance of God’s grace. The Holy Communion, our chief act of worship, delivers this assurance, and our souls and bodies are strengthened and refreshed. Praise God for opening the door of worship to us and offering daily, living encounters with Himself!

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Deuteronomy 9:11-end	Acts 28:1-15
Monday	Deuteronomy 10	Acts 28:16-end
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 11:1-12	Mark 1:1-13
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 11:13-end	Mark 1:14-31
Thursday	Deuteronomy 12:1-14	Mark 1:32-end
Friday	Deuteronomy 15:1-18	Mark 2:1-22
Saturday	Deuteronomy 16:1-20	Mark 2:23-3:12

A big **thank you to Allen & Nancy Urquhart** for planting the flowers under the sign and to **Fred and Ellen Jeans** for getting the veggie garden tilled up and ready for planting.

The Website has been updated - check us out!

The new website is still being updated and improved. You can still watch the live-streamed Services, and we are trying to make it easier to access. Donations can now be made through the web-site using a credit card, and possible to direct your donation to specific funds.

On Sunday afternoon, **June 28th**, we are planning to have our **Parish Picnic** at St. Martin’s in the Woods. This will require more planning than usual in order to provide activities that meet with COVID-19 guidelines. If you would be **interested in helping** with this process, please contact the Rector at 855-5209. Thanks!