



Happy 87th Birthday to Patricia Richard

St. George's Outbound goes this afternoon to the Irving Park in Bouctouche, following the 10:00 am Service. Following our walk we plan to go the Church of St. Lawrence for Evening Prayer at 4:00 pm. Then, we have been invited to Peter and Agnes Stams' house for a picnic and social time. Their home is in St. Antoine (21 Kay Road) – hope to see you!

We plan to make presentations to **Dianne Dallaire and Fr. Norm Dupuis on Sunday, September 13th**, in appreciation for their exceptional service to our Lord and this Congregation. This will be an opportunity for us to thank them and wish them well.

The Vestry will meet on Monday, **September 14th** at 7pm.

On **September 20th**, after the 10am Holy Eucharist, there will be a **Shared Meal** with a presentation from members of the **Teen Challenge Atlantic Center**. TCAC is a 12-month in-residence alcohol and drug addiction rehabilitation program located near Memramcook.

The **stone re-pointing work on the East and North sides of the bell tower** have begun. Please note that **parking is prohibited on the elevator pad** in order to accommodate the work crew.

The **Karing Kitchen** is scheduled to begin cooking and serving meals from St. George's for the next six weeks, due to maintenance work being done at St. John's United Church

Let's Get Together: A gathering time for parents and children in the Church Hall is being considered. There is form on a yellow piece of paper asking for your input. Please help us by answering the questions and placing your paper on the offering plate; or by giving it to one of the clergy.

Another helpful website: google 'Pray As You Go'



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

Twelfth Sunday After Trinity August 30, 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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8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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| Introit Psalm: 70 | p. 415 |
| Collect for Purity: | p. 67 |
| Collect for the Day | p. 236 |
| The Epistle | p. 236 |
| Gradual Psalm: 34. 1-5 | p. 369 |
| The Holy Gospel | p. 237 |

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

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| Psalm 69 | p. 413 |
| First Lesson: Jeremiah 26. 1-16 | (Pew Bible page 633) |
| Second Lesson: Luke 4. 16-30 | (Pew Bible page 825) |

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung): *Haste thee, O God, unto my rescue, and save me; O Lord, make hast to my deliverance: let mine enemies be ashamed and confounded, that seek after my soul. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that wish me evil. Glory be...*

Hymn: **1** “Holy, Holy Holy” (Nicea)

Children’s Talk

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| Collect for Purity | p. 67 |
| Collect and Epistle | p. 236 |
| Gradual Psalm: 34. 1-5 | p. 369 |
| The Holy Gospel | p. 237 |
| The Nicene Creed | p. 71 |

Hymn: **724** “When He Cometh” (Jewels)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **598** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Dix – 97)

The Intercession p. 75

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving p. 78

Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **523** (Walton); **522** (Olivet);

219 (Bread of Heaven)

The Lord’s Prayer p. 85

Gloria In Excelsis p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **367** ‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’ (Diademata)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

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| Psalm 71 | pg. 416 |
| First Lesson: Zechariah 8. 1-17 | (Pew Bible page 761) |
| Second Lesson: Galatians 6. 1-10 | (Pew Bible page 944) |

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ellen Nolan, Tom, Mary and Tommy Reid, Paul MacLeod

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Steve Horvath, Gwen MacKnight, Muriel Connors*

Amongst the faithful departed, we remember from this Parish Lieutenant Stedman Bucknell Henderson who died August 31, 1944 and is buried in Italy. He awaits with us the Lord’s return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.

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.

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| Today | St. George’s Outbound | 1:00 p.m. |
| Monday | Confirmation Class | 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Holy Communion | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |

Daily Bible Readings

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

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| Sunday | I Samuel 20:1-17 | Luke 24:13-end |
| Monday | I Samuel 20:18-end | John 1:1-28 |
| Tuesday | I Samuel 21:1-22:5 | John 1:29-end |
| Wednesday | I Samuel 22:6-end | John 2 |
| Thursday | I Samuel 23 | John 3:1-21 |
| Friday | I Samuel 24 | John 3:22-end |
| Saturday | I Samuel 25:2-42 | John 4:1-26 |

“But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” Jeremiah: 33,34

The Rector's Corner

Today's Epistle picks up where we left off last Sunday. St. Paul says, "Such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God." (2 Corinthians 3.4). The word "enough" is often used as a synonym for the word "sufficient". To think that we are self-sufficient is to believe that we are enough; that we have the potential to provide for ourselves completely; and that we have no need.

In Archbishop Michael Ramsey's book, God, Christ and the World, we have been considering four assumptions of the secular mind. The first insists that eternity is irrelevant and meaningless. The second dismisses religion. The third requires knowledge to be based solely on what is observable and measurable. And the fourth believes in the self-sufficient, autonomous man. In Archbishop Ramsey's words, the secular mind thinks that, "Man's own potentialities of knowledge and of the effective use of it suffice for all man's needs. True, man has his frustrations, but his dignity lies in his power to overcome them, as he can and will..."

But how can that be true? We all know full well that we have limits and needs. For example, we have no power over the weather. None of us can make it rain. None of us can regulate the wind. None of us can control lightning strikes and wildfires. And, none of us have any influence when it comes to cleansing our guilty conscience; nor do we have any power to avert sickness and death. We are just people – mere mortals; so why is it that live with this delusion that we are free and self-sufficient?

In the face of these limitations, the truth is, we need God's Mercy in Christ; and until we surrender ourselves, our loved ones, our future plans, our whole lives to Him, we can have no peace or comfort or confidence. The very thing we try to hold onto – our independence and assertiveness – will elude us. Why? Because we can never be sure if we have done or said enough. We can never be really confident when we are relying on our own strength; when we trust in ourselves. We may pretend but the façade cannot last.

This is the way with bullies: bullies exude confidence, but it is a false confidence which shows its true colours by putting others down. Self-preservation at all costs is the dark-side of a self-sufficient attitude.

Against this the Lord Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and take up our Cross and follow Him; and, He demonstrated this way of sacrifice by suffering and dying for us on the Cross. By doing so, He opened the gates of everlasting Life to us.

The secular mind shrinks from the holy Mysteries of Christ's Suffering, Death and Resurrection. It simply does not accept that the human spirit cannot solve its own problems. What this really means, in terms of faith, is that the secular mind believes the human spirit is actually superior to God. The secular mind confuses the human and the Divine. But that is part of the secular mind's game – Satan's game – to confuse the truth.

Confusing the truth usually begins very gradually, and often, our intention is a good one. We want to the best job we can; and we want to be the best person we can be. Let's go back to the Pharisee in last week's Gospel. He boasted that he fasted twice in the week. This detail is very subtle. By it, the Pharisee was saying that he went over and above what the Law required. In other words, he believed that he had built up some brownie points with God. In fact, without actually saying it, he was implying that God owed him. "I have gone over and above your requirements, Lord, and so you owe me a happy life, a nice income, and good health." There is an old word for this kind of arrogance. Actually, it is in the Prayer Book, on page 703, under Article XIV: Works of Supererogation. "*Supererogation*" is doing more than duty requires – more than what is expected – in order to build a reserve fund of merit. The point is, supererogation is another aspect of the secular mindset which says that I am self-sufficient. I have everything under control – even God Himself.

Against all of our scheming; against all of my arrogance and false hope; against all of my positive thinking exercises and self-affirmations, there lies one simple truth. St. Paul told it to the Church in Corinth in his first letter to them, and it appears in today's Epistle. He said, "By the grace of God I am what I am." That's the truth. We are not sufficient of ourselves. Our sufficiency is from God.

You belong to God. You have been made His child, and adopted into His family. You have been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus and given the gift of eternal life. His Spirit dwells in you to strengthen you. Confident in His love and grace, let us walk humbly with our Lord, and offer back to Him all that we are; all that we have; and all that we might become.