

The next “**Drive-In**” Service is tonight at **7pm** at the Old Moncton High parking lot.

**B.E. W.E.L.L.** (Because Everyone needs to Worship Eat Laugh and Learn) continues **this Tuesday**.

The **Thursday evening Gospel-based Discipleship** meeting (in person, by Zoom or live-stream) continues on Thursday evening. We will meet on-line or in the Church Hall from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** to read and reflect upon the Good News according to St. Luke.

A gift for **Tyler McKenna** – seven volumes of Bishop J.C. Ryles’ sermons on the Gospels – has been purchased and inscribed. These are at the back of the Church and waiting for you to sign your name. Please do! Thanks to Christine Stam for doing the beautiful calligraphy.

The next **Outbound excursion, August 30<sup>th</sup>** will be to the Irving Park in Bouctouche. Following our time in Bouctouche we have been invited to Peter and Agnes Stam's for supper, which will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair. Come for the day or just for supper - whatever works!

“**Did you know?** Our Sunday sermons are available from our website as a podcast. Go to [www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca/sermons](http://www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca/sermons) and choose the date you want to hear. Push “play” and that’s it! Or, click “subscribe” to be directed to Apple Podcasts or Google Podcasts to download and listen on the go.”

Nicholas Saulnier has **free promotional materials from Wycliffe College**, including coasters, stickers, and magnets of these Church leaders: Wycliffe, Cranmer, Luther, Calvin, and Julian of Norwich. Sample magnets are at the back of the Church. If anyone is interested, please email Nicholas at: [nicksaul@live.ca](mailto:nicksaul@live.ca)



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*

## Tenth Sunday After Trinity

August 16, 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](mailto:cdingwell@gmail.com)

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### 8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 55. 1-8, 22	p. 397
Collect for Purity:	p. 67
Collect for the Day	p. 233
The Epistle	p. 233
Gradual Psalm: 137	p. 508
The Holy Gospel	p. 234

### 9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 50	p. 392
First Lesson: 2 Kings 5. 1-19	(Pew Bible page 335)
Second Lesson: Acts 28. 11- end	(Pew Bible page 907)

### 10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm *When I called upon the Lord, He regarded my petition; yea, from the battle that was against me: and He hath brought them down, even He that is of old, and endureth forever; O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall nourish thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hide not thyself from my petition: take heed unto me, and hear me. Glory be...*

Hymn: **3** “New Every Morning is the Love”

Children’s Talk

Collect for Purity	p. 67
The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 233
Gradual Psalm: 137	p. 508
The Holy Gospel	p. 234

The Nicene Creed

Hymn before Homily: **597** “God Who Touched the Earth With Beauty”

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **397** “Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **238** (St. Flavian); **593** (Rockingham); **127** (Batty)

The Lord’s Prayer

Gloria In Excelsis p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **348** “Christ is made the Sure Foundation”

### 5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 51	pg. 394
First Lesson: Ezekiel 37. 15-end	(Pew Bible page 702)
Second Lesson: John 17	(Pew Bible page 872)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ronald Black, The Rev. Arnold H. Mitton, Jean Graye, Mary Pierce*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”*  
**John Lingley**

*Amongst the faithful departed, we remember from this Parish Eugene Arnold Strugnell who died August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1945 and is buried in Hillsborough, NB. 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 in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

<b>Today</b>	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Be Well	9:30 a.m.
	Drive-In Service ( <i>Moncton High</i> )	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10:00 a.m.
	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

We plan to make presentations to **Dianne Dallaire and Fr. Norm Dupuis on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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 as they continue into their retirements.

*“... I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”*  
Revelation 21. 22,23

## The Rector's Corner

In last Sunday's Gospel, the Lord Jesus spoke about prudence – wisely using what we have for the Kingdom of God. In order to live prudently as Christians in this present day and age, we should be aware of what has been called 'the secular mind'. In his book, God, Christ and the World, Archbishop Michael Ramsey identified four aspects of the secular mindset, including this one:

*"Men's knowledge is based solely upon observable phenomena. Thus 'positivism', though not an inherent part of secularism, is very characteristic of it."*

What Ramsey said has come true in our culture: the truth is a rare bird! Please read this again: "Men's knowledge is based solely on observable phenomenon; thus, positivism is very characteristic of it". In a time which now speaks of a 'post truth society', Ramsey words have been proved. For many, all that matters is what can be seen or what can be positively spun to suit their immediate need. Objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.

We rarely speak of truth and lies anymore; rather, we hear of 'fake news' and 'alternative facts'. In a nutshell, the secular mind sees truth relative and subjective. It is regarded to be the same as one's opinion; and, this attitude is not just in the world of politics or social media; it has infiltrated the Church. The Word of God -- revealed in the Bible - - is often given lip-service, rather than the position of respect and authority it was given in the founding documents of the Church of England and the Anglican Church of Canada. For example:

"It is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written..." (from Article XX, page 706, BCP of the Articles of Religion, 1562); and,

"We are determined by the help of God to hold and maintain the Doctrine, Sacraments, and Discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded in his Holy Word..." (from 'The Solemn Declaration 1893', page viii, BCP)

By rejecting the authority of God's Word and basing their knowledge of Christ on what is observable – on experience and feelings – many have destroyed their faith and limited their capacity to hope. In his book, America At War With Itself, Henry Giroux, a professor of

English and cultural studies at McMaster University, suggests that the phenomenon known as 'post truth' is the result of our "unchecked individualism and the rejection of shared responsibility".

When all that matters – my highest, most important value – involves getting what I want, the truth becomes secondary. This 'shelving' of the truth leads me to re-define my reality according to my desires. And, in order to preserve myself, I invent more lies. Giroux calls this "the dumbing down of culture"; "the celebrity culture"; and "the culture of illusion". Ultimately, he says, rejecting the truth leads to civic illiteracy and the death of the imagination.

As the children of God and followers of Christ, we must be prudent with this understanding of how the secular mind thinks. I'm not sure that debate will accomplish anything; but our actions can, by God's grace, bear witness to the Truth. What actions? Actions that promote unity and shared responsibility. In a word, actions of charity. Why? Because these are what our individualistic society reject, to its own peril. Individualism is not sustainable – look at our mental health crisis; our suicide rates; our addiction rates; our collective anxiety. Individualism is not working!

So, without pointing a finger and saying "We told you so", the Church could be prudent and demonstrate what it means to be the Body of Christ – not a generic, politically-correct mass, but a dynamic, organic unity which operates by Truth and Grace under one Head, the Lord Jesus Christ. As children, we were taught the Lord's Prayer, including this verse: 'Thy will be done' -- God's will, as revealed in His Holy Word. If I seek His will, not my will, I will never despair of the Truth.

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	I Samuel 8	Luke 17:20-end
Monday	I Samuel 9:1-25	Luke 18:1-30
Tuesday	I Samuel 29:26-10:16	Luke 18:31-19:10
Wednesday	I Samuel 10:17-end	Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	I Samuel 11	Luke 19:29-end
Friday	I Samuel 12	Luke 20:1-26
Saturday	I Samuel 13	Luke 20:27-21:4