

 *Please pick up your Advent Letter in the Entry*

A **Drive-in Service** with the **Holy Communion** is scheduled for this afternoon at **3:30 PM** in the old Moncton High School Parking Lot. Come one, come all!

The Order for Compline will be prayed by candlelight throughout the Sundays of Advent at 8:00 PM in the Chapel.

Today, we will light the **first candle** on the Advent Wreath. To that end, the **Advent Devotion booklet** is available in the Main Entry. It has instructions for making an **Advent Wreath**, just in case you need them.

Beginning on the first Monday in Advent (St. Andrew's Day – November 30th) we plan to **live-stream Mid-Day Prayers at 12 Noon**. This brief pause in the day is meant to help us pray for the world as we look Second Coming of our King and Saviour. Mid-Day Prayers are found on pages 16-17 of the Prayer Book.

The celebration of the **Holy Communion** scheduled for Tuesday at **People's Park Tower** has been cancelled.

An **on-line link** for a wonderful family devotion called **The Jesse Tree** is available from the Church Office. It was sent in yesterday's parish email. It has both a short Bible reading and a simple colouring piece for each day through the Advent Season. **Thanks to Agnes Stam** for bringing this forward.

God willing, the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated at **5pm** on Monday, **November 30th** as we celebrate St. Andrew's Day.

Given our current situation, and the limitations before us, **it may be a good idea to string some Christmas lights on the two trees** on our property to brighten up the corner – the one tree between the Basement and Main entrances, and the other between the Elevator and Chapel. If you have any extra lights, we would be glad to get them – thank you!

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**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

Advent 1 – November 29, 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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The Gloria in Excelsis is not used during the Season of Advent.

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 25. 1-7	p. 358
The Collect and The Epistle	p. 95
Gradual Psalm: 85. 4-7	p. 438
The Holy Gospel	p. 96

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 9	p. 338
First Lesson: Isaiah 1. 1-20	(Pew Bible page 565)
Second Lesson: Matthew 24. 1-28	(Pew Bible page 794)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

Introit Psalm: *Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed. Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be....*

The Blessing of the Wreath

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who has made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

O God by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, Stir up thy power, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and be saved by Thy deliverance. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer, Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law	pgs 67-69
The Collect and The Lesson	p. 95
Gradual Psalm: 85. 4-7	p. 438
The Holy Gospel	p. 96
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
The Homily:	

The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 50	p. 392
First Lesson: Isaiah 2: 10-end	(Pew Bible page 567)
Second Lesson : John 3. 1-21	(Pew Bible page 855)

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”

Valerie O'Brien

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Lorraine Arbeau, Scott Dingwell, Theresa MacKinnon

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.

Today	Drive-In Service	3:30 p.m.
	Compline	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Holy Communion (St. Andrew)	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study (Church)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study (Church)	10:00 a.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	“Imitation of Christ”	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Rev. Rufus Onyewuchi!

The Service of Advent Carols and Lessons, originally scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed. Please stay tuned!

2021 Church calendars are now available in the Entry. Cost is \$8.00

"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. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."
Romans 13. 12, 14

The Rector's Corner

As we continue in this pandemic to reflect on what it means to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's, it may be helpful to remember three scenes in the Divine pattern which Jesus showed the world: life – death – resurrection. The same pattern is present in creation: life – death – life. A seed germinates and grows into a plant; the plant bears fruit, goes to seed and dies; the seed germinates and sprouts again. The point is that victory is not immediate or direct; it comes through suffering and after a death has occurred.

This threefold pattern was true in the earthly life of Christ; it is true in the natural world; it is true in any spiritual undertaking; and it true for each one us personally. In fact, through the course of our lives, we may repeat this pattern many times. Right now, generally speaking, the Church in Canada is experiencing a death of sorts. For example, we must wear masks during worship; we cannot sing God's praises; our fellowship is restricted; and we cannot receive the Chalice.

What should we do? When is enough, enough?

Jesus told His disciples to expect suffering. They would hear of it and they would experience it. "When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet... There will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines. These are the beginning of the birth pains. Be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the Gospel must first be preached to all nations." There is more, but His point was to stay awake and be ready. "Be on your guard, keep awake – for you do not know when the time will come". (St. Mark 13. 33)

But wait a minute! What should we do – what does being on guard look like? What is the best way back to 'life'?

In her little pamphlet, 'Trusting – When Nothing Makes Sense', Basilea Schlink, a Lutheran Nun and co-founder of the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary, said, "Accepting the will of God makes suffering lose its sting.... If we do not lose confidence in the love of God, we will be invincible. Satan will not be able to defeat us. In the coming times it will become evident whether we really trust in God and can submit to His will. Whether we are victorious or whether we fail depends NOT on our own resources but on our love for God, which is at one with His will and trusts in His love." Great. If the answer was to undertake a challenge, perform a sacrificial action, or pledge a certain amount of money, we could accept it. Why?

Because we would be *doing* something! But trusting? That's the hardest thing ever! In Sister Basilea's words: "Whether we are victorious or whether we fail depends not on our own resources but on our love for God, which is at one with His will and trusts in His love". She makes it an all-or-nothing thing; and, she's right.

Why? Because everything regarding creation, redemption, and salvation flows from the Heart of God and His everlasting Love. If we trust Him we have nothing to fear. As St. John says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." (1 St. John 4.18) The Epistle to the Hebrews speaks further about this assurance: "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'. So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?' (Hebrews 13.5)

As God's children living in this world, He tells us to expect suffering. But He also tells us to trust Him to bring resurrection – new life – eternal life. And, He not only tells us, He proved His will and power to do it by raising His Son from the dead.

Writing in the 14th century, in her Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich likened all of this to the story of an acorn. She wrote: "And in this (vision) He showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered...., 'It is all that is made.' I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God. In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it." Let us trust God always and especially when nothing makes sense.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Isaiah 1:1-20	Mark 1: 1-20
Monday	Isaiah 2:10-end	Mark 1: 21-end
Tuesday	Isaiah 3:1-15	Mark 2: 1-22
Wednesday	Isaiah 4:2-end	Mark 2: 23-3:12
Thursday	Isaiah 6	Mark 3: 13-end
Friday	Isaiah 8:16-9:7	Mark 4: 1-20
Saturday	Isaiah 9:8-10:4	Mark 4: 21-end