

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

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now ready. Please pick up your box at the main entry to the church. **If you're not currently registered with offering envelopes** and would like envelopes for 2021 please contact Judy Kendall

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

Monday to Friday through Advent 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, and are found on pages 16-17 of the Prayer Book.

The **Greening of the Church** hopefully will be **Sunday, December 20th**. If you are interested in helping please **contact the Office** and let Esther know what you would like to help with. In keeping with government regulations, family bubbles will take on each area. Thank you!

Christmas Cards - the major fund-raiser for the **Karing Kitchen** - are available in the brochure rack at the main entrance. These cards allow donors to share their blessings with the less fortunate in our downtown community. Each dollar donated represents a full single meal serving at the Kitchen. Christmas donations may be made in the names of family or friends and income tax receipts will be issued, upon request, for donations of \$10 or more.

First Baptist will be **live streaming a Blue Christmas service**, for those who find this a very difficult season. It will be on December 21st at 6:30pm, please go to www.firstbaptist.com for the link.



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

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 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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Second Sunday in Advent - December 6, 2020

The Gloria in Excelsis is not used during the Season of Advent

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

	p. 67
Introit Psalm: 80. 1-7	p. 433
Collects for the Day	p. 97, 95
The Epistle	p. 97
Gradual Psalm: 50. 1-6	p. 392
The Holy Gospel	p. 98

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalms: 96, 97	p. 453
First Lesson: Isaiah 5. 1-16	(Pew Bible page 568)
Second Lesson: Matthew 24. 29-end	(Pew Bible page 795)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: *O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be....*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect: *ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.*

Collect for the Day	p. 97
Collect for Advent	p. 95
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Gradual Psalm: 50: 1-6	p. 392
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Sermon	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 82
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 98, 99	p. 455
First Lesson: Isaiah 5. 18- end	(Pew Bible page 569)
Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 8	(Pew Bible page 965)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ray A. Carson, William Joseph Orton, Johnny Weir

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”

Mary Bartlett

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**

Today	Compline	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Vestry	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study (<i>Church</i>)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study (<i>Church</i>)	10:00 a.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	“Imitation of Christ”	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

Christmas Memorials – If you would like to have flowers placed in the Church for Christmas, or wish to make a donation to the Memorial Fund, or to the Community Meals in memory of a loved one, please call the Church Office 855-5209. If you wish to place your donation on the plate, **please specify which fund the donation is for.** Thank you.

We are waiting to see if Moncton returns to the YELLOW PHASE before confirming the following:

- Deanery Service of Advent Carols and Lessons (possibly Sunday, December 13th at 4:00 PM)
- Greening of the Church (possibly at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 20th)
- Drive-in Service of Advent Hymns (possibly on Sunday, December 20th at 3:30 PM)

PLEASE STAY TUNED!

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” Isaiah 41. 10

Rector's Corner

The O's say, *'I will be present tomorrow'*.

For hundreds of years in the week before Christmas, the Church has added a verse before the Magnificat (St. Luke 1.46-55) at Evening Prayer. Each of these seven verses consisted of an 'O' and an Old Testament title which foretold the coming of Christ, the Messiah. Then, on Christmas Eve an eighth verse, "O Virgo virginum" ("O Virgin of virgins") would be sung before and after Mary's Canticle .

Interestingly, within these verses or antiphons, (sometimes called the 'O antiphons' or 'The Great O's'), there was a secret message. As J. R. Watson, a British hymnologist, points out, the first letter of the second word of each antiphon spells SARCORE. If read backwards, the letters form a two-word acrostic, "Ero cras," meaning *"I will be present tomorrow"*.

- O Sapientia (Wisdom)
- O Adonai (God)
- O Radix Jesse (Rod of Jesse)
- O Clavis David (Key of David)
- O Oriens (Dayspring)
- O Rex genitium (King of the Gentiles)
- O Emmanuel (God with us)

As Pastor John Piper says, "This translation of an anonymous Latin hymn doubles as a prayer for the first and second coming of Christ. It takes us into the mind of old Israel, longing for the first coming of the Messiah. And it goes beyond that longing by voicing the yearning of the church of Christ for the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to consummate the history of redemption."

He goes on to point out, from the hymn, that every name for Jesus is full of hope.

"Emmanuel" (Isaiah 8:8) — "God with us" — He will pay the ransom that only the God-man can pay; **"Rod of Jesse"** (Isaiah 11:1), springing from a dead stump, He will free his people, by death and resurrection, from Satan's tyranny, and make them free forever;

"As the Day-spring" (Luke 1:78) — the dawn of God's kingdom — He will be the light of the world, and banish the hopelessness of darkness;

"Key of David" (Isaiah 22:22) -- He rescues us from hell, locks the door behind us, unlocks the door of heaven, and brings us home;

"Desire of nations" (Haggai 2:7) -- He will draw the ransomed from every people and make them a kingdom of peace;

"Lord of Might" (Exodus 19.16) – He first gave the Law at Mount Sinai with thunders and lightnings; and when He returns the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

"In the weeks leading up to Christmas, we put ourselves in the shoes of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Simeon, and all the pre-Christian saints. We ponder the promises. We strain to see the dawn of salvation. But we know that when it comes, the waiting will not be over.

"When Emmanuel arrives — when the Dayspring rises — we learn that redemption has only begun. To be sure, it is a magnificent only. The final blood is shed. The debt is paid. Forgiveness is purchased. God's wrath is removed. Adoption is secured. The down payment is in the bank. The first fruits of harvest are in the barn. The future is sure. The joy is great. But the end is not yet.

"Death still snatches away. Disease still makes us miserable. Calamity still strikes. Satan still prowls. Flesh still wars against the Spirit. Sin still indwells. And we still "groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:23). We still "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:7). We still wait for final deliverance "from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians 1:10). We still "wait for the hope of righteousness" (Galatians 5:5). The longing continues."

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Isaiah 10: 5-23	Mark 5: 1-20
Monday	Isaiah 10:24-end	Mark 5: 21-end
Tuesday	Isaiah 13:1-14:2	Mark 6: 1-13
Wednesday	Isaiah 14:3-27	Mark 6: 14-29
Thursday	Isaiah 17	Mark 6: 30-end
Friday	Isaiah 18	Mark 7: 1-23
Saturday	Isaiah 19:1-17	Mark 7: 24 - 8: 10