

*Please note that the Church Office will be closed until January 4<sup>th</sup>, however, phone messages will be checked daily.*

**Calling all Jesse Tree makers!** You are invited to bring your tree to Church on **Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. No pressure – just an opportunity for others to see and learn about the Jesse Tree. The plan is to have them displayed in the main Church. For more information, please call the Church Office.

Our **Service of Christmas Carols and Lessons** is scheduled for **Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you would be willing to read one of the Lessons, please sign the sheet in the Church.

**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 **Tai Chi group** on **Tuesday morning** has a couple spots open. If you are interested, please call the Office. There is no cost.

The **Feast of our Lord's Epiphany** will be kept on Wednesday, **January 6<sup>th</sup>** with a celebration of the **Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm**. Please note, that in keeping with the Wise-Men's gift of frankincense, incense will be used at the second Service.

**Grief-Share** will resume **Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm.

**"Imitation of Christ"** will resume **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7am.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study** will resume **January 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will resume on **January 13<sup>th</sup>**.



**St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.**



# St. George's Anglican Church

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*Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever*

**First Sunday After Christmas**

**December 27, 2020**

**Feast of St. John the Evangelist**



**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 Christmas – December 27, 2020

### Feast of St. John the Evangelist

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

Introit Psalm: 92:1-4	p. 449
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 110
Gradual Psalm: 92:12-15	p. 450
The Holy Gospel	p. 111

#### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 116,117	p. 481
First Lesson: Exodus 33 :9-end	(Pew Bible page 83)
Second Lesson: John 13: 21-35	(Pew Bible page 868)

#### 10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: (sung) *In the midst of the congregation he opened his mouth: and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: in a robe of glory he arrayed him. A treasure of joy and gladness: hath he given him for an inheritance. Glory be....*

Hymn: **738** (Puer Nobis Nascitur)

The Collect for Purity	p. 67
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 110
Gradual Psalm: 92:12-15	p. 450
The Holy Gospel	p. 111
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn: **736** (See Amid the Winter's Snow)

Offertory Hymn: **81** (Regent Square)

The Intercession	p. 77
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78

Hymns during Communion: **750** (The First Nowell)

**745** (Jesus Athontia);

The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **84** (Dennis-555)

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

Psalm: 27	p. 360
First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8	(Pew Bible page 569)
Second Lesson: I John 5:1-12	(Pew Bible page 990)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of S. Ross Dunnitt*

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

*Pauline Emery, Colin & Margaret McLeod, Dora Cliff  
George & Joan Peabody, Karoline White, Ted & Helen White*

*Amongst the faithful departed we remember, from this Parish,  
Pilot Officer Stuart Reeser Shaw, who was killed in action on  
December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1943, and is buried in England. With us, he awaits  
the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.*

### This Week in the Parish

#### Holy Innocent's, December 28th

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, December 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### John Wycliffe of Oxford, Scholar, December 30th

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### John West, Missionary, December 31st

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### The Circumcision of our Lord and New Year's Day, January 1st

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### Second Sunday After Christmas, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

*"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judae in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. And when they were come into the house with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."*  
St. Matthew 2.1.11

## The Rector's Corner

### **Pandemic loneliness at Christmas (A few thoughts from a Christian Post article, 2 April 2020)**

“In a time like this, we have a choice about how we will respond to loneliness. It seems like a bad response to inundate yourself with screens, whether that is through shows, movies, video games, unending news updates, or social media. These things are not negative in and of themselves, but... staring at a screen for hours will not solve much.

“Another bad response to loneliness is to underestimate its dangers. Many temptations come in full force as a result of loneliness. As a counselor I have seen this. When we're lonely, we want to be comforted. Many things that promise comfort but never deliver it will call us when we're lonely.

“**So what are good uses of loneliness? First**, in whatever way possible, reach out to others (even for small things). If you are feeling lonely, you are not the only one. We often believe that others do not want to be bothered or are too busy, but if you are feeling lonely, chances are good that someone you know is feeling that way. And you can always reach out to them through phone, video, or a message of some kind. And when you connect with someone, do not connect with them by complaining. Try rather to connect with someone over positive things.

**Second**, for those that find themselves lonely because of having more free time, consider doing what you always have said you would do if you had more time. Have you wanted to write more, read more, eat healthier, redecorate your home, learn to play an instrument, or learn to cook? Take concrete, practical steps forward to structure your time and put those plans into action. Additionally, for those with more free time than usual, truly make an effort to practice the great spiritual discipline of rest. Far better than constant productivity is the peace that comes from being rested, and a slower pace of life can teach us to connect with God in ways that we previously had not.

**Lastly**, practice thinking differently about the experience of being alone. Much of desperation we feel in times of loneliness begins in our thoughts. To be isolated is not good, but there is indeed a great benefit in solitude rightly used. Can you be alone with yourself? Not because you don't want to be around others, but because you are able to be at peace with who you are when there are not constant noise and distractions? If not, now would be an excellent time to do the work of answering those questions.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news for the lonely. And that isn't a cliché answer. Jesus understands what it is to feel lonely, wants to meet you in your loneliness, and shape you through it. Jesus is a friend to the lonely, and always available for you to call on Him. Psalm 68:6 tells us that “*God sets the lonely in families*”. His heart is not that you would have countless superficial connections, but that you would feel a sense of belonging. This is a great benefit of the church as the community of believers.

In these unprecedented times, be sure to stop, be mindful, and recognize the moment and how you may look back on it when it is over. How might you connect with God in this time? How might you foster positivity and set your mind on the right things? How might you connect with others in this time, despite the barriers? Responding well to loneliness entails a perspective that is not just in agony waiting for it to be over, but it entails a maturity that prepares for what might be cultivated during this time and how you can emerge from it when it ends. Plan for how you plan to do live differently after this season. How might you intentionally work against what contributes to loneliness?

During this time, many of us yearn for when things will go “back to normal”. Let loneliness teach you how important community is so that when this is over, things don't go “back to normal”. As research has shown, what is “normal” is a sense of rampant loneliness and isolation. **Perhaps God is calling us not to go back to the way things were, but to learn to connect with others in ways that we never have before.**

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#### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	Isaiah 43:14-44:5	Matthew 4:12-5:16
Monday	Isaiah 44:6-23	Matthew 5: 17-end
Tuesday	Isaiah 44:24-45:13	Matthew 6: 1-18
Wednesday	Isaiah 45:14-end	Matthew 6: 19-end
Thursday	Isaiah 46	Matthew 7
Friday	Isaiah 47	Matthew 8:1-17
Saturday	Isaiah 48	Matthew 8:18-end