

We are in need of turkeys for the Community Dinner. If you are able to donate one, please bring it to the Church by **Wednesday, December 8th** before 12 noon. Thank you!

The Advent/Christmas Letter is available in the Church Entry. Those that are not picked up will be mailed out, so please help us save some postage. Thank you.

On the first three Sundays in Advent: **December 3rd, 10th, and 17th** the **Order for Compline** will be prayed by candlelight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. This 'last Service of the day' is about 20 minutes in length. We pray it by candlelight to emphasize the Light of Christ which overcomes all the darknesses of our souls.

Christmas Outreach – You may have noticed the 'Charlie Brown' tree covered with stockings when you entered the Church this morning. Each stocking represents one of our shut-ins, and gives the person's address. The Willing Workers have filled a real Christmas stocking for each shut-in; and we need volunteers to deliver them, please. The stockings are ready for pick up and all deliveries must be completed by December 17th. If you would be willing to deliver a stocking to someone, please take the stocking from the tree (check the address) and exchange it for the real thing at the Church Office. Thank you for your help!

2018 Envelopes – If you don't have offering envelopes and would like some for next year or would like to enrol in P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance), please contact David Black at 388-1480 or email stgeorgesenvelope@gmail.com

Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent. "**Advent**" means "**coming**". It is the season we prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as our King and Judge. We also prepare to celebrate His humble first coming as the Babe of Bethlehem in order to be our Saviour. To help mark the days of this special season, many Christians use an Advent Wreath. The **Advent Wreath Booklet is now available** in the Main Entry.

Pajamas-Party and Frosty the Snowman! On **December 9th**, from 6-8 pm we will gather our children in the church hall for a pajama party. We will watch *Frosty the Snowman*, have popcorn, read some Christmas stories. Save the date, bring a friend, and bring a flash-light (we will have a flash-light tour up the bell tower!).

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Advent 1 – December 3, 2017



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 .m. – 1 p.m. please call Esther @ 855-5209; after Office Hours, please call Cathie @ 384-6327.

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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. 67
Collect	p. 358
The Epistle	p. 95
Gradual Psalm: 85. 4-7	p. 95
The Holy Gospel	p. 438
	p. 96

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 9	p. 338
First Lesson: Isaiah 1 : 1-20	(Pew Bible page 565)
Second Lesson: Revelations 2. 1-17	(Pew Bible page 993)

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

Introit Psalm: (sung) *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....*

Hymn: **59** (Franconia)

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**

Collect & The Lesson	p. 95
Gradual Psalm: 85. 4-7	p. 438
The Holy Gospel	p. 96
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **65** (St. Stephen)

The Homily:

Offertory Hymn: **62** (Veni Emmanuel)

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

Hymns during Communion: "You are my Vision" - Bailey Meredith
11 (Rockingham-58); **235** (St. Osmund); **246** (Unde et Memores – 221)
The Lord's Prayer p. 85

Recessional Hymn: **61** (St. Thomas)

Note: During Advent the Choir will exit in silence.

Please join us for a shared meal in the hall.

There is no Evening Prayer this evening as the Deanery Lessons & Carols is at 4pm.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Scott Dingwell, Theresa MacKinnon, Ray A. Carson

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

Kay Peterson, The Rev. Jane Arnott, Victoria Levy, Malvina Sonier, Muriel Taylor

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.

Sunday	Deanery Lessons & Carols	4:00 pm
	Compline	8:00 pm
Monday	Scouts	7:00 pm
	Vestry	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study (<i>Rectory</i>)	10:00 am
	Beavers	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion (<i>Moncton Residence</i>)	10:00 am
	Drop-In	1:00 pm
	Cubs	6:30 pm
	Grief-Share	7:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday	Holy Communion (<i>Chapel</i>)	10:00 am
Saturday	Peeling	8:30 am
Sunday	Community Dinner	4:00 pm

Vestry – Linus Coady
Greeters – Bonnie Jones & Bob Searle

"There were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11.15

The Rector's Corner

Sometimes we can see children's God-given gifts right away; sometimes not. But with John Mason Neale it was obvious from the start that he had been given a scholarly mind. According to one biographer, "Before he was ten, he edited his own hand-written family magazine. As a shy strong-minded young man, he could often be seen making a brass rubbing or collecting architectural details in country churches. He grew up to love the Middle Ages and the medieval church, the early church fathers and the lives of the saints."

Neale's love for the Church included church music and he wrote many hymns. In addition, he began to search out and translate many of the ancient Greek, Latin and German hymns into English. In 1851, he published a collection of these in Mediaeval Hymns and Sequences. One of the most famous of these was 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'.

It is certainly one of the most well-known Advent hymns, but originally it was not a hymn! It was a series of musical statements called 'antiphons'. Each verse was an antiphon; and, the Lord Jesus Christ, was the main Subject. Here's how it all worked: during the final days before Christmas Day, the Old Testament Lessons at Evening Prayer (from the Prophet Isaiah) focused on the Kingdom of Heaven which shall be opened to God's people upon Christ's return – specifically, the eternal Peace; the perfect Justice; the Righteousness and Holiness of Heaven.

Prior to each reading, and in response, an antiphon was sung asking the Lord Jesus to come, using one of His titles to describe His ability to deliver us. Underlying each title is the Divinity of Christ, His eternal Being and almighty power as the Son of God. But there's more, and a twist!

As Dr. Michael Hawn points out, each antiphon begins as follows:

O Sapientia (Wisdom)

O Adonai (Hebrew word for God)

O Radix Jesse (stem or root of Jesse)

O Clavis David (key of David)

O Oriens (dayspring)

O Rex genitium (King of the Gentiles)

O Emmanuel

"Put together, 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**."

"All of the Latin attributions to the coming Messiah are from the Old Testament except 'Emmanuel,' which is found both in Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23. Matthew quotes Isaiah virtually verbatim—'Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel'—with the exception that Matthew adds the phrase: 'which being interpreted is, God with us.' The "O Emmanuel" antiphon was traditionally sung on the night before Christmas Eve, revealing the meaning of the liturgical riddle through the completion of the acrostic."

We still use the O Antiphon at Evening Prayer; and, thanks to John Mason Neale, they have been sung for generations, assisting the faithful in preparing for Jesus' return.

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We give thanks and praise to the Lord for the safe arrival of Arthur Daniel Carpenter to Ross and Julie Carpenter and a brother for Henry, born on November 27th; and for Nick Arie Stam, born to Peter and Agnes and a brother for Olivia on November 28th.

Thank you Bailey for sharing your beautiful music with us today!



Welcome to those who are joining us today for '**Back to Church Sunday**' We are glad you are here, and we hope that you will join us for lunch following the 10 am Service! **Thank you for everyone who brought food to share today.**

In the Hall, please take a moment to look at all the **Nativity Sets** that have been laid out. These are to **given away**; so if you **know a family or an individual** who would like to have one, please choose one as a gift. May the Good News of our Saviour be received by many souls through the simple Creche.

The **Deanery Service of Lessons & Carols** is set for **4 pm this afternoon**. Following the Service, Bishop Edwards will ask God's blessing on our outdoor Nativity Set.

1st Moncton-St. George's Scouting will be offering leftover desserts for a free will offering after the 10am service during coffee and conversation. Please help support Scouting at St. George's.

Peelers are needed for **Saturday morning** and 3 people are needed on **Sunday for clean-up** – Please sign the sheet in the Entry – thank you.

Church Calendars are available in the Entry. Cost is \$7. Don't forget to check out the beautiful centerfold.

Christmas Cards - the major fund-raiser for the Karing Kitchen - are available in the brochure rack at the Church entry. 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. Please call Marion Bembridge at 384-1200 for more info or to receive cards. Copies of **Our Daily Bread** (Dec/Jan/Feb) are available in the Entry.

If you enjoy singing the Choir would love to have you join them! Please speak to a member of the Choir or to Toto, the organist.

The Youth are invited to a **cookie making** event on **January 4th**. We will make cookies and take them to some of our seniors! Stay tuned for more details.

Central United Church presents the movie "Zootopia", in the Community Peace Centre Forum, **Thursday, December 7th @ 7:00pm**. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring family and friends.

The **Gentlemen of Harmony Barbershop Chorus**, female a cappella ensemble Riversong, The Harrison Trimble High Vocal Ensemble, and award winning male quartets "Gale Force" and "Seventh Wave" will warm the cold winter night as they present **Vocal Magic**, Feb. 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Riverview Arts Centre. Tickets are available now and would make a great Christmas gift for parents, grandparents or other music lovers on your list. Visit www.riverviewartscentre.ca or call 871-9657. \$25.35 advance/\$28.23 at the door, all taxes and fees included.

H₂Oh! – As a Christmas Outreach project, the Primates' World Relief and Development Fund is inviting parishes to donate towards drilling wells in Tanzania. Incredibly, Global Affairs Canada will match every dollar with six Canadian dollars. So, \$ 2000.00 will be multiplied to become \$14,000! This has just come to our attention in the past week. For more information, please see the elevator or Hall bulletin board. If you would like to Donate, please mark the amount on your offering envelope for 'PWRDF WELLS'.
The total to date is: **\$1,535.00**

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.

Advent Church Lunch at Pizza Delight! Let's all get together on **December 10th at 12:30 pm** at Pizza Delight on the corner of Lutz St. and Mountain Rd. There's an affordable buffet (\$12.99) and lots of parking. The reservation is under "Klaudia".

The Greening of the Church will be on Sunday, **December 17th at 3pm**, Evening Prayer at 5pm, and a light supper at 5:45pm. After supper we will go caroling in the neighbourhood. (There is no Hymn Sing that night.)

The **Sunday School Play is set for Sunday, December 31st** at 10 am during the Christmas Carols and Lessons Service. **Practices** will begin next **Sunday at 10 AM** and continue at the same time on **December 10th and 17th**; and even on the morning of **December 24th** for those who are available.

St. George's Tour Books and Lapel Pins are available for purchase. Please speak to one of the Wardens: Sheila or Stan.



Happy Birthday to Elissia Budgell!