

After Church today at 12:30 pm all are invited to meet at Pizza Delight (corner of Lutz St. and Mountain Rd). There's an affordable buffet (\$12.99) and lots of parking. The reservation is under "Klaudia".

The **Order for Compline** will be prayed by candlelight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel on December 10th, and 17th. 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 stgeorgesenvelope@gmail.com

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.

Please note that the **greening of the Church** has been set for Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. Following our work, there will be Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. and Supper. Then we will head out to go caroling in the neighborhood. Please come and join in for as much as you can! Supper will be provided, free of charge.

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

Calendars for 2018 are needed for the inmates at Dorchester Penitentiary. If you have any, please drop them off at the office.

St. George's Anglican Church

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Advent 2 – December 10, 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.

Wardens:	Stan Balch	854-4054
	Sheila Searle	856-9419
Associate Priest:	Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin	(danielcorey.goodwin@gmail.com)
Deacon:	Rev. Norm Dupuis	386-1324
Outreach:	Klaudia Ross	(outreachmoncton@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: 80. 1-7	p. 67
Collect for the Day	p. 433
Collect for Advent	p. 97
The Epistle	p. 95
Gradual Psalm: 50. 1-6	p. 97
The Holy Gospel	p. 392
	p. 98

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalms: 96, 97	p. 453
First Lesson: Isaiah 11. 1-10	(Pew Bible page 573)
Second Lesson: Revelation 2. 18 – 3. 6	(Pew Bible page 994)

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

Introit Psalm: (sung) *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 though Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be....*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect: *O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare the ways of Thine only begotten Son, that through his coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn: **701** (St. Bees-106)

Children's Talk

Collect for the Day	p. 97
Collect for Advent	p. 95
The Epistle	p. 97
Gradual Psalm: 50: 1-6	p. 392
The Holy Gospel	p. 98

Hymn before Homily: **61** (St. Thomas)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **235** (St. Osmond)

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving and Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **659** (Picardy - 229),

72 (St. Clement); **62** (Veni Emmanuel)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

The Exhortation p. 90

Final Hymn: **392** (Darwall)

Note: During Advent the Choir will exit in silence.

Please join us in the hall for coffee and tea.

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 98, 99	p. 455
First Lesson: Isaiah 11. 10 - 12 end	(Pew Bible page 573)
Second Lesson: Luke 1. 1-25	(Pew Bible page 820)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Liam Robert Baird, William Joseph Orton

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Kay Peterson, Muriel Taylor, Malvina Somier

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:

Sunday	Community Dinner	4:00 pm
	Compline	8:00 pm
Monday	Scouts	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study (Rectory)	10:00 am
	Beavers	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Drop-In - Christmas Party	1:00 pm
	Cubs	6:30 pm
	Grief-Share	7:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday	Holy Communion (Chapel)	10:00 am
Friday	Beaver sleepover	
Saturday	Community Breakfast (Suburban Parishes)	9:00 am
Sunday	Greening of the Church	3:00 pm

Vestry – Iris Colford
Greeters – Velma Scott & Faye Christie

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."
1 Thessalonians 5.9

The Rector's Corner

There are two candlesticks on the Lord's Table in the main Church, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Gregory Cope (father and son). (The Chapel candlesticks were given in memory of Joseph Fear.) In one sense, they bring a heightened dignity to the Table, declaring that the Meal we share is a very special Occasion. In another sense, these candles say that Jesus, whose words are repeated in the Prayer of Consecration, and whose Death and Resurrection we proclaim, is the Light of the world. In yet another sense, our candlesticks remind us that our Saviour has two natures. He is both God and Man in One Person. As the Creed of St. Athanasius puts it, "He is God of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and He is Man, of the Substance of His Mother, born in the world". And, "although He be God and Man, He is not two, but one Christ".

At this time of year, this Mystery of the God-Man is set before us. We cannot understand how the everlasting Lord of Heaven and earth took upon Himself our humanity through the Virgin Mary and made Himself so small and vulnerable, but we trust He did. And although we believe He came from Heaven to save us, the Mystery of His Love is beyond our comprehension. However, what we cannot describe in words we may leave to symbol – to the candlesticks.

The candlesticks speak of a Mystery unique to the Christian Faith – that God stooped down and became one of us; that the Creator actually and really lowered Himself to become the creature. God the Holy Trinity is not detached from our experience, He has lived it in Christ. As the Babe of Bethlehem, He was delivered into this world as we were. He nursed from His Mother's breast. He played and walked and ate. He was subject to His parents. He was hungry and tired. He felt pain, physically and emotionally. He wept. He suffered. He died. In his book, The Jesus I Never Knew, Philip Yancey says, "God emerged in Palestine as a baby who could not speak or eat solid food or control his bladder, who depended on a teenager for shelter, food and love".

Writing in the fifth century, St. Leo, Bishop of Rome, gave this beautiful explanation to his congregation: "Therefore, when the time

came, dearly beloved, which had been fore-ordained for men's redemption, there enters these lower parts of the world, the Son of God, descending from His heavenly throne and yet not quitting His Father's glory, begotten in a new order, by a new nativity. In a new order, because being invisible in His own nature He became visible in ours, and He whom nothing could contain, was content to be contained: abiding before all time He began to be in time: the Lord of all things, He obscured His immeasurable majesty and took on Him the form of a servant: being God, that cannot suffer, He did not disdain to be man that can, and immortal as He is, to subject Himself to the laws of death.

"And by a new nativity He was begotten, conceived by a Virgin, born of a Virgin, without paternal desire, without injury to the mother's chastity: because such a birth as knew no taint of human flesh, became One who was to be the Saviour of men, while it possessed in itself the nature of human substance. For when God was born in the flesh, God Himself was the Father, as the archangel witnessed to the Blessed Virgin Mary: because the Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the most High shall overshadow you: and therefore, that which shall be born of you shall be called holy, the Son of God (Luke 1:35)."

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The Advent Ember Days (the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after the Third Sunday in Advent), are designated by the Church as Days of Solemn Prayer for the Ministry of the Church. To this end, on Wednesday December 20th the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Camden/PPT at 10:00 am and on Friday December 22nd at 8:30 am in the Chapel.

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.

The Youth are invited to a **cookie making** event on **January 4th**. We will make cookies and take them to some of our seniors! We will start at 1pm/

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.

St. John’s United Church presents ‘**A Celtic Christmas Kitchen Party!**’ featuring the Sons of Gael and Friends, **December 16th at 7:30 p.m.** Come join us for an evening of music to get you into the Christmas spirit featuring old familiar Christmas songs and carols as well as new ones. Sing along, tap your toes, and be moved by a memory of Christmas past as you prepare to celebrate this year. Free of charge – please bring a food item for the Karing Kitchen.

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

December Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Scout Dessert Tea was a successful fundraiser. Thanks to all who donated desserts and participated.
- The Scouts will be serving at the December Community Meal.
- The Property Committee continues to work on church maintenance.
- The Finance Committee will begin work on the 2018 budget in preparation for the February AGM.
- Our parish Outreach Coordinator (Klaudia Ross) continues to plan family activities and visiting families. Christian Educational Resources have been purchased for distribution. Deacon Norm is helping out where possible.
- The Bishop has asked parishes to read the book: “Surprise the World” and books are on order.
- Vestry would like to initiate a Monthly Men’s Meeting in the new Year.

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: **\$1,575.00**

**Next Sunday – December 17th
will be the deadline for donations to this cause!**

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.

Thank you to everyone who attended the ‘Back to Church’ Parish Shared Meal! The food and fellowship were wonderful! A huge “thank you” to the Willing Workers, and to those who provided cookies for the reception after the Deanery Lessons & Carols.

Thank you to everyone who donated turkeys – over 120 lbs were donated and cooked for the dinner today!

There are still some **Nativity sets** that **need new homes** – if you would like one, or know someone who would, please feel free to take one.

