

Christmas Eve -tonight

7:00 p.m. Blessing of the Crèche and Holy Eucharist

10:40 p.m. Carol Sing

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist



Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr -Tuesday, December 26th

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Feast of St. John the Evangelist-Wednesday, December 27th

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Feast of the Holy Innocents-Thursday, December 28th

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury-Friday, December 29th

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

John Wycliffe of Oxford, Scholar-Saturday, December 30th

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday After Christmas Day - December 31st

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols and Sunday School Pageant

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

The end of the Christmas Season will be marked on Friday, January 5th, with an Open House at the Rectory (56 Williams Street), from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come and bring a friend!

St. George's Anglican Church

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Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 2017



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.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	p. 67
Introit Psalm: 19. 1-6	p. 351
The Collects	p. 102, p. 95
The Epistle	p.102
Gradual Psalm: 145. 18-22	p. 517
The Holy Gospel	p. 103

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 33	p. 367
First Lesson: Isaiah 30. 8-21	(Pew Bible page 584)
Second Lesson: Revelations 14. 13 – 15.4	(Pew Bible page 1001)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: (sung) *Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. Glory be....*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect: *O Lord, we beseech Thee, incline Thine ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of thy visitation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The Litany	p. 30
The Summary of the Law	p. 68
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The Epistle	p. 102
Gradual Psalm: 145.18-22	p. 517
The Holy Gospel	p. 103
Hymn before Homily: 66 (Eisenach)	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 293 (Ascension)	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion; “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” – Alan Bullard; 229 (Picardy); 239 (Nicht so traurig – 219) 238 (St. Flavian); 243 (Eudoxia - 42);	
The Lord’s Prayer and Blessing	p. 85
Final Hymn: 64 (St. Stephen - 65)	

Note: During Advent the Choir will exit in silence.

There will be no coffee time this morning

The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ed Beaver, Archdeacon Alexander, Marg Wright, S. Ross Dunnett, Paul & Jim McLeod

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Edna Cail, Jacob Jones, Bailey Wiley, Kay Peterson,
Jean Anne Hesse, Dr. Jose Bravo*

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

Vestry – Linus Coady Greeters – Bob Searle & Faye Christie

This evening we begin the **twelve days of Christmas** with celebrations of the **Holy Eucharist at 7pm and 11pm**. Please see the back page of the bulletin for the complete listing of the Christmas Services.

2018 Envelopes – The envelopes are available for pick up in the Entry. If you don’t have offering envelopes and would like some, or would like to enrol in P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance), please contact David Black at 388-1480 or email stgeorgesenvelope@gmail.com

The Service of Christmas Carols and Lessons will be held on **December 31st**. **Readers are needed** and may sign for their Lesson in the main entry, please. Thank you!

The **Feast of our Lord’s Epiphany** will be kept on **Saturday, January 6th** with a celebration of the **Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.** in the Main Church. Please note, that in keeping with the Wise-Men’s gift of frankincense, incense will be used.

“But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

St. Jude 1. 20,21

Please note that the Church Office will be closed until January 2nd, however, phone messages will be checked daily.

Volunteers, please! The following ministries operate with volunteer help. If you are interested in offering your time, please contact the Church Office:

- * Peelers for Community Meal on the 2nd Saturday (8:15 to 9:45 a.m.)
- * Community Supper on the 2nd Sunday (4:00 to 5:00 p.m.);
- * Community Breakfast on the 4th Saturday (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.);
- * Weekly Drop-in on Wednesdays (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.);
- * Parish visitors (Police Record Check required);
- * Sunday School Teachers (Police Record Check required);
- * Acolytes (Servers) and Sunday Greeters;
- * Altar Guild members; and,
- * Willing Workers.

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

Bishop Edwards is scheduled to visit us on Sunday, June 17th. At that time he plans to administer **Confirmation** (the Laying on of Hands with Prayer). If you wish to be Confirmed, or for more information, please contact the Church Office by Monday, January 15th (855-5209).

2018 Calendars for Dorchester Penitentiary can be left in the Entry.

You may be interested to know that **upper cupboards** have been installed in the **Ladies' Parlour** by an anonymous donor. They are dedicated to the Willing Workers – past present and future. With them, the capabilities of the Ladies' Parlour are increased and the room is more inviting. **Praise be to the Lord for this generous, helpful and beautiful gift!**

In the Middle Ages, Church Guilds presented **the Miracle Plays**. These were short Gospel dramas based on various aspects of our Lord's earthly life and ministry. The guilds would pass through the village square, one by one, presenting their plays in series. And, you can imagine the vendors and activities that would have been connected: buskers, musicians, food trolleys, and other sales booths. The Anglican Parishes in Moncton and Riverview are thinking and praying about initiating a **Fall Festival for 2018** based on this concept. **An open meeting will be held on January 29th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. George's in the Ladies' Parlour. Everyone is welcome.

The Rector's Corner

An Excerpt from 'On the Feast of the Nativity' a sermon by St. Leo (Bishop of Rome from 440-461)

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."* (St. Luke 1:35). The origin is different but the nature like: not by intercourse with man, but by the power of God was it brought about.

A big **'THANK YOU'** to everyone who has assisted with the **Christmas Outreach** program: to those who contributed financially; to those who delivered gifts to shut-ins; to the Willing Workers for all their work purchasing, organizing and addressing the gifts, and for their financial assistance; to individuals and corporations who have sponsored families; and to all who have upheld this outreach in prayer – your kindness, generosity and time is truly appreciated. May all of our efforts be to the glory and praise of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN!**

MANY, MANY THANKS to the Altar Guild; our interior decorator, and to all who have assisted in cleaning and preparing the Church for Christmas. May the beauty of this place point us to that greater and eternal Beauty of Christ Jesus and His Kingdom. And may all glory, majesty and honour be His now and forever! AMEN

Klaudia Ross our Outreach Co-ordinator, is planning to visit some streets in our neighbourhood on **Wednesday, December 27th from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** She will go door to door with information on St. George's and with cookies to make her visit memorable. If you have any leftover cookies you would like to contribute for that effort, please contact Klaudia at outreachmoncton@gmail.com or 855-5209.

The **Sunday School Play is set for Sunday, December 31st** at 10 am during the Christmas Carols and Lessons Service. There will be a practice this morning and on the morning of December 31st.

All 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.

Morning Bible Study will resume Tuesday, **January 9th** at 10 am.

An **evening Bible Study** is set to begin on Tuesday, **January 9th** at 6:30 PM in the Main Entry. It will run for five weeks and focus on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, which is sometimes called the Epistle of Liberty.

Grief Share will resume on Wednesday, **January 10th** at 7:00 p.m.

Vestry will meet on Monday **January 15th** at 7pm.

Last January we began to **collect Nativity Sets** to give away – **18 were collected in 2017 and 17 were dispatched** to good homes. Thanks be to God! And thank you to all who helped!

Are you a caregiver for a family member? A meeting of family caregivers from St. George's is being planned early in January. If you are interested, please contact the Rector or the Church Office.

Attention men! For a long time it has been suggested that the men of St. George's get together for supper. So, after Evening Prayer on **Monday, January 22nd**, we will gather in the Ladies' Parlour for a simple meal and time of fellowship. Evening Prayer is at 5:00 p.m. (for those who can make it), and supper has been set for 6:00 p.m..

Every Sunday we '*Remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life and are rest*'. This phrase comes from page 75 of the Prayer Book. It is a little reminder to us that **the Communion of Saints – the family of God** -- includes not only the living, but the faithful departed. The people named in our bulletin are sometimes known to us as a Congregation, but often they are not. They may be friends or relatives of yours who have never been to St. George's. **We simply remember them before God and pray for their loved ones.** If there is someone you wish to have remembered in this way; or if you would like to have **the Sanctuary Candle** burn for a week in their memory, please contact the Church Office. There **St. George's bereavement cards** you may send to let the family know that we are remembering their loved one. These are **not** the same as St. George's Memorial Cards and you can see a **sample on the table in the Main Entry**. There is no cost for these cards or for the Sanctuary Candle – small donations are gratefully received.

H₂O! – Wells for Tanzania - We have reached our goal of **\$2000! Thank you to everyone!**

Parish Outreach – 2017

First, sincerely thank you to all for the great support! For the past 6 months, I have:

- Developed a monthly newsletter that I deliver to our approximately 60 St. George's families in person.
- Planned and held family-oriented events with help from our Sunday School teachers and parents, our clergy and staff + my committee.
- Begun the first initiative towards a women's "group" at St. George's. We are interested in fellowship and spiritual growth. All women welcome. Join us as you can.
- Joined the Willing Workers and their incredible outreach work that has been ongoing since 1875!
- Volunteered in the community at McKenzie College and Edith Cavell School.
- Been on the past Synod planning committee to share about our outreach efforts.

All news and future events will be shared through the bulletin, my facebook page, and in the newsletter.

I wish everyone a blessed and merry Christmas!
Parish Outreach Coordinator, Klaudia Ross.

