

## First Sunday After Epiphany – January 7, 2018

### 8:00 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 100	p. 457
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 123
Collect for Epiphany	p. 117
The Epistle	p. 123
Gradual Psalm: 84: 1-4	p. 437
The Holy Gospel	p. 123

### 9:15 AM – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 66	p. 408
First Lesson: Isaiah 42. 1-12	(Pew Bible page 593)
Second Lesson: John 4. 1-26 (27-42)	(Pew Bible page 856)

### 10:00 AM – HOLY EUCHARIST

**Introit Psalm** (sung) *On a throne exalted I beheld, and lo, a man sitting, whom a legion of angels worship, singing together: behold, his rule and governance endureth to all ages. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. Glory be.....*

Hymn: **748** (We Three Kings) - procession

Children's Talk

The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collect	p. 123
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Gradual Psalm: 84:1-4	p. 437
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Hymn before Homily: **91** (St. Botolph- 493)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **90** (Tallis)

The Intercession	p. 77
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
Hymns during Communion: <b>94</b> (Stuttgart); <b>235</b> (St. Osmund)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: <b>97</b> (Dix)	

*Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall.*

### 5:00- PM EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 119, parts 1 & 2	p. 485
First Lesson: Isaiah 43. 1-13	(Pew Bible page 594)
Second Lesson: John 12. 20-36a	(Pew Bible page 867)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Senator Austin C. Taylor, Ernest G. Bartlett*

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."*

*Jean Anne Hesse, Marlene Murray, Albert Evers, Ralph Stever, Chloe & Aubry Berry, Lalitha (Pavarthi Melvin's mother)*

### This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

<b>Monday</b>	Scouts	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bible Study (Rector's)	10:00 am
	Willing Workers (Ladies Parlour)	2:00 pm
	Beavers	6:30 pm
	Bible Study (Entry)	6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	ReConnect Drop-In	1:00 pm
	Cubs	6:30 pm
	Grief-Share	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Chapel)</b>	10:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Peeling	8:30 am

Vestry – Noel Eustace

Greeters – Betty Lou Wilbur & David Black

**Are you a caregiver for a family member?** A meeting of family caregivers from St. George's is being planned for **January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** in Ladies Parlour. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office (office@stgeorgesmoncton.ca) or call the Rector (855-5209).

**Peelers** are needed for **Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>**, please sign the sheet in the Entry.

*"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness." 1 Corinthians 3.19*

**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](mailto:stgeorgesenvelope@gmail.com)

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

**Willing Workers** – The first meeting of the New Year is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm in the Ladies Parlour.

An **evening Bible Study** is set to begin on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Vestry will meet Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

The next **Hymn Sing** will be **January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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..

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 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at St. George's in the Ladies' Parlour. Everyone is welcome.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>, with a snow date of February 25<sup>th</sup>. **Annual Reports** are due by **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you.

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***Parish Prayer Chain:*** To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 am – 1:00 pm please call Esther @ 855-5209; after Office Hours, please call Cathie @ 384-6327.

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## The Rector's Corner

### “Thermometers or Thermostats”

In his book, Subversive Christianity, Brian Walsh asks this question: “*Is it true that Christians are, by and large, **culture followers** and not **culture formers**?*” In this, he is reflecting on this statement by Martin Luther King Jr: “*Most people, and Christians in particular, are **thermometers** that register the temperature of majority opinion, not **thermostats** that transform and regulate the temperature of society*”.

These are challenging points for us in the Church because we are more than Canadian citizens. We are the children of God in whom the Holy Spirit dwells. Consequently, we are called to “lead the new life” at every celebration of the Holy Eucharist. But how can we say we live the new life if our attitudes and values are the same as our culture’s?

As members of Christ, one of the things we must understand about the new life is that it does not necessarily mesh with our Canadian culture. Fifty years ago, the Church and the culture were closely aligned; but in the last thirty years the Canadian culture has largely separated itself from Christian faith and practice.

The Cambridge English Dictionary defines ‘culture’ as “the way of life, especially the general customs and beliefs, of a particular group of people at a particular time”. So, what are the ideas, values and customs of the Moncton, New Brunswicks ‘way of life’ in 2018? And, how can we as the Body of Christ impact them with His Grace and Truth and Hope? How can we be ‘thermostats’ and culture formers rather than ‘thermometers’ and culture followers?

These are BIG questions, for sure; and, as Brian Walsh says the answers require us to grasp how our Canadian culture “understands itself and its vision of the future”. In other words, what does our culture – what do New Brunswickers in 2018 – “consider to be most important in life and what is of secondary importance”? In thinking about this, I would say that organized sports have certainly taken a more prominent role in Canadian culture in the last forty years, as

have the fast food industry; the Internet; gambling; shopping; and freedom of religion and morality. We could go on and on and on. What is clear, is the diminished importance our culture has placed on ‘organized’ religion, including the Church.

And yet, with the changes in our culture’s priorities, who would say that our collective Canadian soul is more healthy? As the Church, we have received new life – the eternal life of our Saviour Jesus Christ. But, it has been given for us to share, just as the GoodNews was that first Christmas night. “Fear not,” proclaimed the Lord’s angel to the shepherds, “for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord”.

We are now into the Season of Jesus’ Epiphany – His ‘manifestation’ or ‘showing forth’ to the gentiles – to the whole non-Jewish world. May His glory shine through us, His Church, that others may be drawn to Him. And may He help us to bring His Glad Tidings of Joy and Hope into our Canadian way of life.

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### **Bishop Edwards is scheduled to visit us on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> (855-5209).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (8:15 to 9:45 a.m.)
- \* Community Supper on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (4:00 to 5:00 p.m.);
- \* Community Breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.