

The **Hymn Sing** is tonight **January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

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

The Tuesday evening **Bible Study** continues 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.

A **women's study group** will take place **Wednesdays** from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. We will be reading through "The Practicing of His Presence" by Brother Lawrence. This series is open to women of all ages. Please join us when you can!

**ATTENTION MEN! Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will gather in the Parlour for a simple meal and time of fellowship. Evening Prayer is at 5:00pm (for those who can make it), and supper has been set for 6:00 pm.

St. James Anglican Church is having a **Yard & Bake Sale** on Friday, **January 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. For more information Please call 854-5499 or 382-7725.

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 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, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 pm at the Riverview Arts Centre. Visit [www.riverviewartscentre.ca](http://www.riverviewartscentre.ca) or call 871-9657. \$25.35 advance/\$28.23 at the door, all taxes and fees included.

The Willing Workers **Valentine's Tea** is Saturday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-4:00pm. All proceeds will go to Outreach programs.

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## Third Sunday After Epiphany January 21, 2018



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

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## Third Sunday After Epiphany – January 21, 2018

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

Introit Psalm: 148. 1-6	p. 520
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 126
Gradual Psalm: 102: 15-18	p. 458
The Holy Gospel	p. 127

### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalms: 96, 97	p. 453
First Lesson: Amos 5. 6-24	(Pew Bible page 741)
Second Lesson: John 6. 41-end	(Pew Bible page 859)

### 10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

**Introit Psalm – sung** *All ye angels of God, fall down, and worship before him: Syon heard, and was exceeding joyful, and the daughters of Juda were glad. The Lord in King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof: Glory be.....*

Hymn: **11** (Wareham-198)

Children's Talk

Collect for Purity	p. 67
The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 126
Gradual Psalm: 102. 15-18	p. 458
The Holy Gospel	p. 127
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **5** (Madrid-269)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **393** (Lobe Den Herren)

Intercession

Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **Anthem:** "Star Of Wonder" by Allan Bullard; **529** (Misericordia); **232** (St. Agnes); **93** (Dundee)

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

Recessional Hymn: **503** (Kingsfold)

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

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

Psalms: 65, 67	p. 407
First Lesson: Micah 4. 1-7	(Pew Bible page 748)
Second Lesson: John 9.	(Pew Bible page 863)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Terry Underhill, Helen Chapman, Donald Jones*

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed".  
Pauline Emery, Lynn-Eric Hebb, Kay Kirkpatrick, Bill Arthur,  
Ken Meldrum*

*The flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Terry Underhill from Lydia, Catherine, Brent, and Ramona.*

### 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:

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Baptism</b> ( <i>Chapel</i> )	5:00 pm
	Hymn Sing	7:00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Men's Group	6:00 pm
	Scouts	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bible Study ( <i>Rectory</i> )	10:00 am
	Beavers	6:30 pm
	Bible Study ( <i>Entry</i> )	6:30 pm
	Elmwood Cemetery Board	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Spencers</i> )	10:00 am
	ReConnect Drop-In	1:00 pm
	Women's Study Group	5:45 pm
	Cubs	6:30 pm
	Grief-Share	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Chapel</i> )	10:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Breakfast	9:00 am

Vestry – Noel Eustace  
Greeters – Martin & Maria Stam

## The Rector's Corner

It is being called the most important trophy in hockey – the GOOD DEEDS CUP. Chevrolet and Hockey Canada have combined efforts to challenge eleven and twelve year olds playing in the peewee aged leagues across Canada to perform the best good deed. Ten teams have been selected as semi-finalists, and the competition runs to the end of the month. If you google ‘Good Deeds Cup’ you can see these entries captured in short, imaginative, well done videos.

But something doesn't fit – the kids are doing good deeds to win something. There is a lot of hype on television. It is a colourful, well-known competition with some cool rewards for the winner, including: some Hockey Canada/Chevrolet swag; a celebration ceremony; a one-minute television team feature; a summer practice with a celebrity; and \$15,000 for the charity of the team's choosing. But is that really what good deeds are about?

Jesus instructed His disciples to do good deeds differently. He said, *“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.”* (St. Matthew 6.1-3)

No doubt some of you have already decided that I am wrong; and maybe I am. But these two questions are worth considering: Is something a good deed if it is done for recognition? Is it appropriate to use people and their needs as an opportunity to gain recognition? Interestingly, as Michael Frost relates in his book, Surprise the World, the fourth century Roman Emperor, Julian, discovered his answers to these questions the hard way. Concerned that acts of hospitality and philanthropy done by Christians (who Julian called ‘atheists’) were positively influencing too many of his subjects, “he decided to mobilize his officials and the pagan priests to out-love the Christians”. Julian “decreed that a system of food distribution be started and that hostels be built for poor travelers”.

Here is part of what he said: “Why do we not observe that it is their benevolence to strangers, their care for the graves of the dead and the pretended holiness of their lives that have done most to increase atheism? I believe that we ought really and truly to practice every one

of these virtues...For it is disgraceful that when...the impious Galileans support not only their own poor but ours as well, all men see that our people lack aid from us”. (Note that Julian referred to Christianity as ‘atheism’; the Christians as ‘Galileans’; and their acts of mercy as ‘pretended holiness’.)

Despite his best efforts, the Emperor's social program failed. As Frost says, “He could not motivate the pagan priests or Roman officials to really care for the poor. In the end, Julian failed to realize that the Christians were filled with the Holy Spirit of love and motivated by His grace. The message they shared – that God loved the world – was absurd to the average Roman; the pagan gods cared nothing for humankind.”

In this Epiphany season we are challenged to see the glory of God that fills the whole earth, and to let His Light shine through us. And, if we desire to impact our culture – to be thermostats instead of thermometers – we need to be clear on our reason for doing good deeds. Jesus said, *“When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”*

### January 2018 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- There are 8 Scouts, 19 Beavers, 11 Cubs along with 10 leaders currently involved at the church. Many winter activities have been planned for these youngsters.
- Vestry reviewed the proposed 2018 Operational Budget and it was accepted. The budget will now go to the Annual General Meeting on February 18, 2018 for final approval by the congregation.
- The Building Committee is currently working on a five (5) year maintenance/improvement plan for the church. It also continues its search for appropriate brighter lighting for the Nave.
- The Parish Outreach Coordinator (Klaudia Ross) continues her work to encourage more families to become involved in the life of the church. Lenten and Easter activities are being planned.
- The Vision Plan for St. George's is approaching the end of its first year of implementation. The plan will be reviewed by the new Vestry in March and adjusted accordingly.

*“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*  
Romans 12. 4,5