

# St. George's Anglican Church

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## First Sunday After Trinity June 18, 2017

In honour of St. Alban (June 22<sup>nd</sup>), a martyred Roman Soldier, we will watch the **film of St. George's Honour Roll Sunday, today** at 12:15 in the Ladies Parlour. The DVD and scrapbook were recently completed by Debbie and Barb MacDonald and they tell the story of those from St. George's who were killed in action in the Boer War and First and Second World Wars.

The **Hymn Sing** is tonight at 7pm.

**Community Breakfast** –We do not need any volunteers this week from St. George's. – thank you.

**Falen McNulty's Ordination** to Diaconate will be at All Saints Cathedral, in Halifax on **June 22<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**. Please remember her in your prayers.

Our inventory of **shaving cream and razors** (for men and women) is almost out. These are important items for our community friends. Any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you very much!

**Spiritual Walk in Centennial Park every Thursday morning at 8:30am.** We will gather by the lake, close to the bridge, at 8:30 where we will read the gospel for the day. You are then welcome to walk around the lake alone, in pairs, or in groups to reflect on the reading. You are also welcome to remain seated by the bridge where we will all gather again at 9:15 to have a short talk on your thoughts about the reading. At 9:30 we will head back to St. George's for Holy Communion beginning at 10am. For more information, contact Klaudia.

**Please** feel free to take a **carnation** from the Entry, compliments of Merle Carson.

There is a **collection of books** on a table in the **Church Hall**, please feel **free** to help yourself.

We have been invited to **Trinity Church, Dorchester** to celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St. Paul (**June 29<sup>th</sup>**). Evening Prayer will begin at 6:00 pm and the Holy Eucharist will follow. The **Rev. Deacon Norm Dupuis** is to be the **Preacher**. All are welcome.

*"When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now."* C. S. Lewis



*Lazarus at the rich man's door.*  
(Gospel for today)

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

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

Introit Psalm: 13	p. 343
Collect for Purity:	p. 67
Collect & Epistle	p. 217
Gradual Psalm: 41. 1-4	p. 382
The Holy Gospel	p. 218

### 9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 1, 5	pgs. 331, 334
First Lesson: Joshua 1. 1-9	(Pew Bible page 196)
Second Lesson: Mark 1. 21-34	(Pew Bible page 801)

### 10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

**Introit Psalm** (sung) *O Lord my God, in thy loving kindness and mercy have I trusted; and my heart is joyful in thy salvation: I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? Glory be.....*

Hymn: **487** (Down Ampney)

Children's Talk

Collect for Purity	p. 67
The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect & Epistle	p. 217
Gradual Psalm: 41. 1-4	p. 382
The Holy Gospel	p. 218
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **382** (Martyrdom)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **576** (Mozart)

The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **232** (St. Agnes)

**460** (St. Finbar); **247** (Eisenach)

Gloria In Excelsis p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **598** (Dix 97)

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

Psalms 4, 6	pgs. 333, 335
First Lesson: 1 Samuel 9. 1-10. 1	(Pew Bible page 252)
Second Lesson: Acts 1. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 877)

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”*

*The Ven. Lyman Harding, David Levasseur*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Elwyn and Roberta Wilson, Kimberly Dunnett, Kimberly Allan Peter Stockall*

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Carol Whatley from her son James.*

*A donation to the St. George's Memorial Fund has been made to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Hebert Holloway, Gerald Holloway, Rubin Buck by Raymond and Gweneth Buck.*

*Flowers have been placed in the entrance to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of father Harold E. Carson by son Merle and family.*

*Amongst the faithful departed, we remember Pilot Officer Thomas Willard Percy Price of this parish who died June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1944. He is buried in France and awaits with us the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.*

### 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>	Hymn Sing	7:00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	ALPHA	6:15 pm
	Scouts	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bible Study & Potluck ( <i>Velma Scott's</i> )	10:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Camden</i> )	10:00 am
	Scouting Barbeque	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Chapel</i> )	10:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Breakfast	8:30 am

*Please join us in the Hall for Tea & Coffee*

Vestry – Marilyn Crossman-Riel  
Greeters – Bob Searle & Gregory VanBuskirk

## The Rectors Corner

### **Word Matters: Sanctification**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17). Paul called followers of Jesus to “offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship” (Romans 12:1). Such verses may be familiar to us but what does it mean to be sanctified or made holy? Simply put, sanctification is the working out of being at one (atonement) with Christ because of our conversion to Christ. Paul writes “work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

1. Sanctification is the continuing work of God in the life of the believer, making him or her holy. Holy means to “bear an actual likeness to God.” It is a continuation of what was begun in regeneration. This new way of relating to God because of the atoning work of Christ on the cross begins a journey with Holy Spirit toward Christlikeness.
2. Holiness can refer to the people of God “as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.” The New Testament often refers to followers of Jesus as “Saints”. This does not mean perfection but it does refer to maturity and a standing before God the father as people who have been forgiven their sins because Jesus died for them and removed the guilt of them on the cross of Calvary.
3. “Sainthood” is not the final word concerning sanctification. It is the beginning of a life-long journey with God seeking to imitate the character of Christ. Conversion was an event but growing in holiness is a process. It is bending our life toward the things of God. In fact, God is much more interested in the direction your life is taking than how far you are on that journey. In what direction is your life bent? That’s a central question.

#### Some Characteristics of Sanctification:

1. It is a supernatural work; something done by God and not something we accomplish on our own or by our natural strength. It is decidedly NOT self-improvement, a common aspiration in our society’s self-help industry. Paul writes, “May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus” (1 Thess 5:23).
2. It is not completely passive. This sounds contradictory of #1 but not so. While sanctification is entirely of God, that it is comes

from his holiness, the believer is constantly directed in scripture to work and grow in their new life in Christ. We work out our salvation and “put to death the works of the body” (Romans 8:13). Paul also wrote “Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh” and if we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit” (Galatians 5: 16 & 25). We are called to act and pursue the character of Christ but it is ultimately accomplished by God’s gift of grace working through us. How? Because he indwells us by his Holy Spirit which happened at regeneration. This does not mean following a series of laws with the belief that such an act will lead to growth in holiness. It can lead to a dry brittle legalism and spiritual pride that prevent becoming more like the Lord we serve. God is looking for us to grow in the character or likeness of Jesus. This means increasing our love for God and obeying him out of a heart of joyful devotion.

3. As has been mentioned, the work of God in us after receiving Jesus as our savior is to help us take on the likeness of Christ. “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son” (Rom 8:29). Sanctification is the will of God and central to his great plan for believers. Put another way, sanctifying is an ongoing growing into spiritual maturity that will continue until our passing or the return of the Lord Jesus.

So what? If we are believers that this word matters, how does it matter to us as followers of Jesus?

1. Taking God’s holiness seriously can motivate us to seek his sanctifying work in our lives. It pushes up to submit to his will and be open to the changes he wants for our benefit and his glory.
2. Growing in holiness is the will of God and he not only desires it for his people he is eager to extend his grace to see it flourish in our lives.
3. Holiness brings us closer to God. Be holy for I am holy, says God in several places in the Bible.
4. This pilgrimage toward spiritual maturity is not a lonely walk but one we can enjoy as God’s people. We may also have the great privilege to encourage others in the faith.
5. Growth in maturity may be used by God to bear witness to the Lord who it at work in our lives.

Jesus said, “For them [disciples] I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified” (John 17:19). By God’s grace, may it grow in our lives!

## **Congratulations to our Graduates:**

Nicole Daigle  
Catalina Ordonez  
Jefferson Hayre  
Diba Mirzaei  
Rozbeh Ziaee  
Tyler McNeill  
Bailey Meredith



## **Exciting News**

I would like to inform you about some recent developments that have resulted in an important decision at the Vestry meeting last Tuesday night. On April 8th, the Vestry met at St. Martin's-in-the-Woods Anglican Church, Shediac Cape, with the Rev. Ken Neilson for a 'Visioning Session'. Ken is the Parish Development Officer for our Diocese and helps parish's identify their mission and ministry objectives. During our time with him, the need to build relationships with young families and youth was named as a high priority.

Following our Visioning Session, the Vestry struck a committee to follow up with an Action Plan for the objectives. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, that committee met to consider possible ways to pay for a family/youth outreach position. Realistically, was it feasible?

A three-way funding split was proposed between the St. George's, the Diocese, and outside sources, such as foundation grants. We immediately called the Diocesan Treasurer and were able to get on the Diocesan Finance Committee's meeting agenda for June 6<sup>th</sup>. The application for "new ministry", including a job description, was then completed and submitted on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Last Tuesday, before the Vestry met, we received the news that our application was accepted, and a grant of \$25,000 was approved for 2017-2018. With that confirmation, the Vestry decided to match the amount and approve the position effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The designated funds will come from a bequest recently received from the estate of Miss Helen Howard.

In the midst of all of this, and unbeknownst to her, one of our members, Klaudia Raniszewska, experienced a call to ministry. She met with Rector, the Bishop, and the Parish Development Officer (Ken Neilson), as a way of discussing and testing this call. Interestingly, Klaudia expressed a desire to reach out to youth and young families – the same priority named by Vestry members at the Visioning Day.

In the end, to make a long story short, the Vestry decided to hire Klaudia initially for one year to visit young families and youth and try to establish relationships with them. The work will begin immediately under the direction of the Rector, and written monthly reports will be made to the Vestry. Please pray for Klaudia as we make this leap of faith. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Rector (855-5209). May the LORD inspire and direct this effort for His glory and for the furtherment of His Kingdom.

### **Vestry Briefs**

**New Chapel doors**, Once painted, these will match the steel basement doors. Many thanks to our property committee for overseeing this project. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

St. George's is very fortunate to have a **new custodian** – our very own **Dianne Dallaire!**

Out of necessity, a **new computer** has been purchased for the Parish Office. The old one crashed and was no longer serviceable. Thanks be to God that all the records were retrievable.

From the bequest of Miss Helen Howard, the Vestry designated \$5000.00 for a **multi-purpose medical/spiritual center** to be built outside the city of Conakry in the **Diocese of Guinea**. It will serve a population of 400,000 people.

**Many thanks to the St. George's Beavers** (and their leaders) who recently planted flowers under the Church sign! It looks terrific! The St. George's Scouts are preparing for their jamboree in Nova Scotia, and all of their funds have been raised. Praise the Lord!

The **Parish Garden** has been tilled (with some manure added) and it is ready for planting. This year, we are attempting to provide vegetables for the Karing Kitchen. If you are **interested in helping with the planting, please call the Church Office** by Tuesday for timing details. Many thanks to Fred and Mike for tilling the garden!

### **Upcoming in July:**

**Monday night Bible Study** in the Church Hall with The Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin

**Thursday night book study** with the Rev. Deacon Norm Dupuis. Stay tuned for more details!