

St. George's Anglican Church

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Sixth Sunday After Trinity
July 23, 2017

God willing, the **Rector continues his tasking at CFB Gagetown**. He will be out of town from Sunday evenings until Friday evenings. In the **event of a pastoral emergency**, please call the Office at **855-5209** or the Rectory at **389-3516**. Morning and Evening Prayer will continue daily as usual; and the 10 AM Thursday Eucharist will also continue with Archdeacon Stockall as the Celebrant.

The discussion group, "**Sermons for the Trinity Season**" has its last session this **Thursday at 7pm**. Coffee and tea to follow .

Growing in our "with Jesus life" - Mondays in the Church Hall (Basement) at 6:45 pm (coffee/tea)... **7:00 pm** the Session begins.

We are **collecting Manger/Nativity Scenes** as part of our Christmas Outreach program. Any size or type will be appreciated; broken or chipped pieces, too! We will fix them! Thank you!

A Christian's Response to Islam, was written by Dr. William Miller, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, who served in Iran from 1919 to 1962. It is a brief, easy-to-read book which covers the origins of Islam; what Muslims believe; the meaning of certain Islamic customs; and how we can relate our Christian faith to Muslims who are our neighbours. **Beginning on Sunday, August 6th**, and continuing through the Sundays in August, you are invited to gather in the Church Hall **at 12:10 PM** for some reading and discussion on this excellent book.

Retreat! Retreat! Our second Fall Retreat has been scheduled for September 15-16 (Friday evening until Saturday late afternoon) in Wickham, Queen's County. The idea is to combine some Bible study with some recreation and fellowship. Accommodations are available; tents and a trailer or two are welcome. Please mark these dates on your calendar; and, if you plan on coming, reserve your space by calling/emailing the Church Office. Thank you!

A Fundy Park Hike has been scheduled for Saturday, October 14th. We will have lunch on the trail, as well as a couple of 'moments' for directed spiritual reflection. After the hike, on our way home, we will meet at St. Alban's Church in Riverside-Albert for Evening Prayer. Why not invite a friend?

Would you be interested in **volunteering with the Westmorland Institute**, the minimum security facility in Dorchester? Specifically, one-on-one visitors are needed. Volunteers are also needed to drive inmates to Church. Obviously, this is no small request and some training is involved. Nevertheless, if you are interested, please speak to the Rector.

"But to you who are
listening I say:
Love your enemies,
do good to those
who hate you,
Luke 6:27

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: 28. 7-10	p. 362
Collect for Purity:	p. 67
Collect for the Day	p. 226
The Epistle	p. 226
Gradual Psalm: 90. 14-18	p. 447
The Holy Gospel	p. 227

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 34	p. 369
First Lesson: Judges 5	(Pew Bible page 224)
Second Lesson: Mark 6. 53 – 7. 23	(Pew Bible page 808)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up for ever. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be...*

Children's Talk	
Litany	
Collect for the Day	p. 226
The Epistle	p. 226
Gradual Psalm: 90. 14-18	p. 447
The Holy Gospel	p. 227
Nicene Creed	p. 71
Hymn: 704 (Ernstein)	
The Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 401 (St. Denio)	
Intercession	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion: 529 (Woodworth-Additional Tune #38) 235 (St. Osmund)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 779 (What a Friend)	

Please join us in the Hall for Tea & Coffee

5:00 P.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST AND EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 31	p. 364
First Lesson: 2 Samuel 1	(Pew Bible page 276)
Second Lesson: Acts 6	(Pew Bible page 882)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Sandra MacDonald, Gordon Pierce

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

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:

Monday	"Growing in our Life with Jesus"	7:00 pm
Thursday	Holy Communion (Chapel)	10:00 am
	"Sermons for the Trinity Season	7:00 pm
Saturday	Holy Communion (Spencers)	11:00 am

Vestry – Cliff Reid
Greeters – Bob Searle & Gregory VanBuskirk

Next Sunday in addition to the usual morning times, the **Holy Communion** will be celebrated at 5pm.

ATTENTION YOUTH ages 13-19 years! Let's get together! Please join us on Sunday, July 30th, whatever fits your schedule:

5:00 pm Holy Communion in the Chapel; **6:00 pm** Pizza and "make your own sundae"; **7:00 pm** Life and our Faith



Congratulations to Ed & Marilyn Rive who celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on July 17th!

ReConnect is in need of **non-perishable food items!** Gently used **clothing** would also be appreciated. You can drop donations off at the Church. Thank you!!

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." Isaiah 64.4

The Rector's Corner

Practice Matters: Reading the Bible (By Dan Goodwin)

We continue with practical aspects of Christian living, essential for the Trinity Season. The Christian life is a journey with Christ. The Lord Jesus is the constant companion of the believer. He points the way in times of decision. He restores the soul when sin is confessed. He gives wisdom and strength in times of discouragement. He fills the life of his child with his joy as he has fellowship with his own (John 15:11; 1 John 1:3).

This walk with Christ can be a daily experience as the Christian spends time in the presence of the Lord. Bible reading and prayer are practical means of daily meeting with God at a definite time, and of fellowship with him always. While this certainly a central aspect of Sunday worship, further reading and study are particularly helpful in understanding and further intimacy with God. Through his word, he speaks to his children per their needs and gives them food for their soul. Through prayer we respond to God and receive his blessing.

It pleases the Father that we, his redeemed children, go to him in love and worship. He wants us to go to him freely out of love to him not out of a "legal" requirement. He desires our fellowship (see John 4:23). Surely the fact that he wants to spend time with us should lead us to want to spend time with him. See the promise in James 4:8: "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

Why Read the Bible?

Whether we are new to the faith or have been Christians for a long time, we can't give our best to God without having regular food for our souls. We need the Bible every step of the way just as we need the Holy Communion. Here are some ways in which God's word helps us. 1. For Correction: 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:9,10. 2. For counsel: Psalm 73:24. 3. For spiritual warfare: The key to victory over temptation and sin is the scriptures. See Matthew 4:1-11 and notice when Jesus was tempted how many times he used the Old Testament scriptures to resist Satan. 4. To know God: The scriptures show us what God is like as creator, saviour and sustainer.

A Suggested Four-part Approach to Bible Study:

John 10:1-14, 27, 28 as an example

1. **Repetition:** Slowly read the Biblical text 2-3 times. What different aspects of the passage appeal to you after each reading?
2. **Concentration:** Focus on 10:4, 10, 27, and 28. Read these verses together 3-4 times. As best you can, allow your attention to focus on these words. Which images or ideas do you want to know more about?
3. **Comprehension:** In Jesus' setting, shepherds led sheep and did not force them to follow—unlike cattle drovers. The sheep trusted the shepherd and trusted his voice. In the four verses, you have been

concentrating on, it seems that Jesus desires his followers to be able to recognize his voice and to follow him to places where life is abundant (overflowing) and eternal. Take a few minutes to focus on this truth. It is a wonderful offer from the Lord Jesus.

4. **Reflection:** What is the significance of this passage for your life? Does this passage make us want to live life differently? If so, how? What might living differently look like for you?

Tips on Reading the Bible

1. A quiet place for unhurried and uninterrupted study and meditation is almost a necessity. As far as possible, find a place where you can meet God regularly. Parents with young children or those with heavy schedules may need take time to read a verse or two and reflect upon it during the day. Those who travel or prefer to listen can easily find the Bible on CD or online. See Fr Dan for suggestions.
2. When possible find a regular time to meet God for prayer and Bible study. Many people find that 15 minutes in the early morning is best. However, temperament, routine etc. will undoubtedly dictate when the best time will be. Work at guarding the time you decide upon.'
3. Above all, you should enter the time with a sense of expectancy. You are there to meet Jesus personally, believing that he has something to teach you from the Bible. Trust his promises and instruction and enjoy the closeness often experienced on such occasions. Before you begin reading, pray something like Psalm 119:18: "Open my mind and let me discover the wonders of your Law."
4. Many people are helped by using a modern translation of the Bible that has footnotes with comments on selected verses. You may also wish to buy a notebook and record observations, and important things you have learned from reading the Bible.

Actual Reading of the Bible

1. Read with a purpose. While it is important to read the Bible through it is also important to read it devotionally, reading shorter passages with the express goal of asking God to speak to you.
 2. Read thoughtfully. Apply your attention in determining what the verses are saying.
 3. Once we have come to understand the truth of the Bible verses of the day, spend some time thinking about how they apply to you personally (ie. I need to pray more, love more, get right with a friend or family member, serve more, stop a specific sin etc). We may even wish to commit a verse to memory and tell another Christian what God has taught you. These things add vitality to our Christian life.
- Using Bible reading guides such as those provided in the Book of Common Prayer lectionary or the "further Bible reading list in the *Daily Bread* take you to all parts of the Bible in the run of a year. If one plan does not work for you try others.