

B.E. W.E.L.L. is cancelled this week due to a previously scheduled engagement. See you all next week!!!

The **Rector** will be away on **Wednesday and Thursday, July 29th & 30th**. Rev. Deacon Norm will pray the Order of **Ante-Communion at 10 am on Thursday** morning.

The **Thursday evening Gospel-based Discipleship** meeting (in person, by Zoom or live-stream) continues on Thursday evening. We will meet on-line or in the Church Hall from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** to read and reflect upon the Good News according to St. Luke.

Repairs to fix the leak in the main entry have been progressing. This leak has been traced to a problem with the **elevator roof** and to a need for insulation inside the **bell tower**. There is also some masonry work that needs to be done on the exterior of the bell tower. **Contributions to the roof project** would be gratefully received and may be made through the Sunday envelope and marked 'Roof Project'. Thank you very much!

Confirmation Class is set to begin on **Sunday, August 2nd at 4:00 pm**. You are welcome to participate in person or by live-stream. You may even want to participate as a refresher course.

How is your flower garden? We are always looking for flowers for the Altar. If you have any you would like to share, we would be glad to receive them. They can be arranged in vases on Saturday evening, or on Sunday morning. If you are interested, please call the Office (855-5209).

*Please pray for **Elizabeth Ross**, her parents and Godparents as she is brought for Baptism next Sunday, August 2nd at 10am. Praise God from all Whom all blessings flow!*



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Seventh Sunday After Trinity July 26, 2020



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 the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com

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Seventh Sunday After Trinity – July 26, 2020

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 47. 1- 4	p. 389
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collect & Epistle	p. 228
Gradual Psalm: 34. 11- 15	p. 370
The Holy Gospel	p. 229

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 37 Part 1	p. 374
First Lesson: 1 Kings 21. 1-23	(Pew Bible 328)
Second Lesson: Acts 21. 15-36	(Pew Bible 900)

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – (sung) *O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of joy and triumph. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. Glory be...*

Children's Talk

Litany

The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect and Epistle	p. 228
Gradual Psalm: 34. 11- 15	p. 370
The Holy Gospel	p. 229

Hymn: **503** (Kingsfold)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **229** (Picardy)

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

Hymns during Communion: **429** (Martyrdom)

219 (Bread of Heaven); **221** (Unde et Memores)

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

Recessional Hymn: **360** (Hanover)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 37, Part 2	p. 376
First Lesson: Jeremiah 52. 1-11	(Pew Bible 661)
Second Lesson: St. John 16. 1-15	(Pew Bible 871)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Gordon Pierce, Malcolm Buchanan, Bert Stewart, Jean Ross

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Balley Claire Bouré, Rev. Eric Caldwell*

Amongst the faithful departed, we remember Private Harry B. Swetnam of this Parish who died July 31, 1917 and is buried in France. He 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:

Today	St. George's Outbound	12:00 p.m.
Thursday	Ante Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

When Martin Luther was dealing with The Black Death plague, he wrote these wise words that can help inform the way we approach things happening in our world right now...

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

(*Luther's Works* Volume 43 pg 132 the letter "Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague" written to Rev. Dr. John Hess)

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10: 15, 17

The Rector's Corner

Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had nine months to think things over – to reflect on what had happened when he was on duty in the temple. The angel who appeared to him said that he would soon have a son. The angel was very specific: “Your wife, Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John...He will be filled with the Holy Spirit...and he will cause many Israelites to turn to the Lord their God”.

As wonderful as it all sounded, Zechariah doubted. You can imagine him shaking his head in disbelief as he said: “I am an old man and my wife is well on in years.” And then it happened: his speech was gone. Nevertheless, just as the angel said, Elizabeth did conceive. Nine months went by quickly especially with Mary, the blessed Virgin and Elizabeth's cousin, visiting for the last three.

When the time came, everything happened exactly as the angel said: Elizabeth gave birth to a son! There was great excitement and rejoicing all around at the news; and, of course, the neighbours and relatives began to discuss possible names. On the eighth day, when the baby was brought to be circumcised and named, they would have called him Zechariah after his father. “No,” Elizabeth replied “he shall be called John”. “But there is no one in your family called John,” the relatives said, and they went to ask Zechariah what he thought.

He was waiting for this – it had been nine months of thinking and praying and wondering. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name” – just like the angel had told him. And then, “immediately, his mouth and his tongue were opened and Zechariah spoke and blessed God”.

Try to imagine the stories that began to circulate. The Scripture describes the situation in this way: “Fear came on all their neighbours; and these things were spoken throughout the mountain of Judea. And all who heard it reasoned in their hearts, saying, ‘What manner of child shall this be!’”

They were right, of course: there was something truly special about this child. The angel had announced his conception in advance, and declared his name; and by simply speaking it, his father's speech was restored. In our terms, maybe the neighbourhood thought they

had the next Wayne Gretzky or Sidney Crosby – baby John was the talk of the town: “What manner of child shall this be?”

But then, the unexpected happened. Here's what the Gospel says about young John: “The boy grew and became strong in spirit; and he was in the desert until the day of his appearance to Israel”. The desert? Yes, the desert, off the beaten track -- not in the temple. And wearing clothes made out of camel's hair – not exactly a fashion statement! No, but he was making a powerful statement about the kingdom of God. There he was, the forerunner of Christ -- the Saviour of the world – in the desert wearing camel's hair and eating locusts. It could not have looked like much: austere and bleak – definitely not “happening”. The point is, sometimes the kingdom of God doesn't look like much.

And now, a closing story. There are two outside taps at St. George's: one at the back, near the garden; and one in the front between the elevator and Chapel doors. The tap in the back has a shut-off valve, but the one in the front does not. When we realized that the front tap had been ‘discovered’ by some of our community friends, I had the bright idea that we would buy an adapter to lock the handle. While leaving the church that same night, however, there were two people getting a drink from that tap. It was a warm evening after a sweltering day, and it made me reconsider my plan.

In talking with Fr. Dan about it, he said something that fits with John the Baptist and the desert – he said, “Sometimes the kingdom of God doesn't look like much”. As St. Paul told the Corinthians, “We walk by faith, not by sight”. May the Lord help us to see the things that belong to His kingdom, even when they don't look like much according to the standards of this world.

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Proverbs 10:1-22	Luke 6:39-7:10
Monday	Proverbs 11:1-25	Luke 7:11-35
Tuesday	Proverbs 12:10-end	Luke 7:36-end
Wednesday	Proverbs 14:9-27	Luke 8:1-21
Thursday	Proverbs 15:18-end	Luke 8:22-end
Friday	Proverbs 16:31-17:7	Luke 9:1-17
Saturday	Proverbs 18:10-end	Luke 9:18-50