The **Men's Meeting** will be Monday, **September 28th**. The guest speaker will be **Dr**, **Brian Davidson** who will speak on Creation. Supper will be **at 6pm**, come and bring a friend.

Our Fall **evening Bible Study** continues **Tuesday** evenings at 7:00 pm. You may attend in person, or watch it by live-stream; or join in by ZOOM. **If you wish to receive the ZOOM link,** please contact the Office. We will continue to study the Gospel according to St. Luke.

The **Bible Study at the Rectory** is Wednesday mornings at 10am. If you would like to **join by Zoom**, please contact the Office.

Our Sunday **Intercession Book** is at the back of the Church. Please add the names of any you would like us to pray for together. In order to respect people's privacy, **please do not write surnames unless** you have the person's **permission**.

We received a package in the mail with multiple paper copies of two icons; and with this note: *Enclosed*, *please find two packages of paper* icons from the Conestoga Iconographic Studio. These are for you to freely distribute...as a small means of blessing others with the presence of Jesus Christ and His mother, Mary. Such paper icons are part of a more recent tradition within the church. Found in the private cells of modern saints, they profoundly enter our daily lives in the collections they found both in prayer corners and on bookshelves. Such icons offer an iconographic portal to heaven in a way that can be very dear in our prayers. Often given as tokens of generosity and love to friends and children, they are the embodiment of God's freely given love even in their unassuming simplicity. We live in a time of much fear, anger, and confusion; our hope is that these little icons will bless you and your community with the presence of the one who promises to be with us always. If you wish to learn more about these particular icons, or the studio's work in general, please visit the website:

<u>www.conestogaicons.com</u> Symeon vanDonkelaar, Iconographer You are welcome to take a copy of each.

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<u>Parish Prayer Chain</u>: 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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8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 146. 1-6	p. 517
Collect for Purity:	p. 67
The Collect & Epistle	p. 242
Gradual Psalm: 146. 7-10	p. 518
The Holy Gospel	p. 243

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 90	p. 446
First Lesson: Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 19-end	(Pew Bible page 681)
Second Lesson: Luke 9. 46-end	(Pew Bible page 833)

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving-kindness toward all them that call upon thee. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery. Glory be...

Children's Talk The Litany p. 30 Collect for Purity p. 67 Kyrie p. 70 The Collect & Epistle p. 242 Gradual Psalm: 146. 7-10 p. 518 The Holy Gospel p. 243 The Nicene Creed p. 71 Hymn before Homily: **384** "Praise to the Holiest" (Richmond) Homily Offertory Hymn: 398 "Ye Watchers and Ye..." (Lasst Uns Erfreuen) The Intercession p. 75 Confession, Absolution p. 77 p. 78 Thanksgiving Consecration p. 82 Hymns during Communion: 229 (Picardy); 238 (Lincoln); **301** (Melita) The Lord's Prayer p. 85 Gloria In Excelsis p. 86 Recessional Hymn: "Christ the Fair Glory" (insert)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 91	pg. 448
First Lesson: Nehemiah 2	(Pew Bible page 429)
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13	(Pew Bible page 929)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Harold Mitton

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed." Doreen Buchanan, Elizabeth Grimmer

Amongst the faithful departed we remember, from this Parish, Robert Norman Anderson who was killed in action on October 1st, 1916 and is honoured at Vimy and Trooper Warren Mason Cooper who was killed in action on October 2nd, 1943, and buried in Italy. With us, they await 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 at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday** – **Saturday**, respectively.

Today	St. George's Outbound	1:00 p.m.
Monday	Men's Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	"Imitation Of Christ"- reading	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

The **Outbound** excursion will gather for lunch and then visit **Irishtown Nature Park**.

Harvest Thanksgiving is fast approaching on October 4^{th} . This will also be Confirmation Sunday. On the morning of Saturday, October 3^{rd} , fruits and vegetables will be gratefully received in the Hall.

To follow our presentation last week from **Teen Challenge Atlantic**: information on **financial support** is available in the Main Entry or by contacting them at (506) 758-2337 or <u>www.tcatlantic.ca</u>.

"O Praise the Lord, all ye nations: laud him, all ye peoples. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord. Psalm 117

The Rector's Corner

Last week St. Paul said, "For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation." The issue he addressed was whether Gentiles (non-Jews) had to be circumcised when they converted to Christianity. Initially, the majority of Christians were Jews; but, as the Good News of Jesus spread, the Gentiles came to faith. The Jewish Christians wrestled within themselves on whether the Laws and ceremonies they had grown up with, now applied. And what St. Paul is saying to the Galatians is that circumcision is not what is important. The important and necessary thing is what happens in the heart – a new creation.

On the topic of this 'new creation', Brenda Tays showed me some amazing photographs from her daughter Kim's garden in Texas. The first picture was of a very small, round, green ball – a butterfly egg -- that had been deposited on a leaf. (Apparently, butterfly eggs are usually laid on the leaves of plants.)

Following the egg photo, Kim sent pictures of some caterpillars. As soon as the caterpillar 'hatches' its first activity is to eat the leaf it was born onto. Instinctively, the mother butterfly lays her eggs on the type of leaf the caterpillar will eat. Since they are tiny and cannot travel to a new plant, the caterpillar needs to hatch on the kind of leaf it wants to eat. Caterpillars need to eat and eat so they can grow quickly.

Next comes the 'pupa stage'. Kim had some good snap shots of this, too. As soon as a caterpillar is done growing and has reached its full length/weight, it forms a pupa, also known as a chrysalis. From the outside of the pupa, it looks as if the caterpillar may just be resting, but inside is where all of the action is. Inside of the pupa, the caterpillar is undergoing an incredible transformation called 'metamorphosis' to become a beautiful butterfly. The caterpillar's old body parts -- the issue, limbs and organs -- have all been changed by the time the pupa is finished. Miraculously, the caterpillar grows wings!

When the butterfly first emerges from its cocoon, both of the wings are soft and folded against its body. This is because the butterfly had to fit all its new parts inside of the pupa. As soon as the 'baby' butterfly has rested, it will pump blood into the wings in order to get them working and flapping. Then, usually within a three or four-hour period, the butterfly will master flying and will search for a mate in order to reproduce. Brenda had many breath-taking pictures of butterflies – some swallow tails and some monarchs -- all having undergone the amazing metamorphosis.

The point of this illustration is the metamorphosis – the complete transformation – from caterpillar to butterfly. The butterfly is no longer a caterpillar. The same is true for us: we are new creatures in Christ. We are no longer children of Adam and Eve; we are the children of God.

As we know, the baby butterfly begins to fly; it no longer crawls like a caterpillar. *It lives differently in its new life*. And that's the point of last week's Gospel – live differently because you are a new creature in Christ. And so, the Lord Jesus says, in this new life, "You cannot serve God and Mammon." 'Mammon' represents material things; it flows from the secular mindset that focuses on money. As a new creature in Christ, our mind should be on heavenly things. And so the Lord Jesus tells us: "Stop worrying. Trust your heavenly Father, whose child you are; and seek first, above everything else, the kingdom of God, and His righteousness".

This is an important Word for us as the Church, as we all continue with the effects of the corona virus and anticipate a second wave. We have been made new creations in Christ. Like the butterfly which no longer crawls after its transformation from a caterpillar, let's concentrate on flying. We, too, have been given 'wings' – the new life of our Saviour, by the Holy Spirit Who lives in us.

"Be not anxious about your life. Your heavenly Father knows what you need. Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness."

Daily Bible Readings A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons			
Sunday	2 Samuel 23:1-17	John 17	
Monday	2 Samuel 24	John 18:1-27	
Tuesday	I Kings 1:5-31	John 18:28-end	
Wednesday	I Kings 1:32-end	John 19:1-30	
Thursday	I Chronicles 22:2-end	John 19:31-end	
Friday	I Chronicles 28:1-29:9	John 20	
Saturday	I Chronicles 29:10-end	John 21	