

The Order for Compline will be prayed by candlelight throughout the Sundays of Advent at 8:00pm.

POSTPONED!!! The Annual Moncton Deanery Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent will take place later in Advent at St George's Church. Due to COVID-19 restrictions you must advise Esther at St George's if you are attending with the number of people in your bubble as we will be allocating seating ahead of time. Esther can be reached at office@stgeorgesmoncton.ca or 855-5209. *More to follow!!*

The Greening of the Church will be on Sunday, December 20th. If you are interested in helping please contact the Office and let Esther know what you would like to help with. In keeping with government regulations, family bubbles will take on each area. Thank you!

Are you downsizing and would like to find a home for excess Christmas Tree ornaments? The Church would appreciate any donations for the Sanctuary Tree. Please drop them off at the Office Monday to Friday 8am-12pm. Thank you!

The 1st Sunday in Advent is on next Sunday, November 29th and is the first Sunday of a new Church Year. "Advent" means "coming". It is the season we prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as our King and Judge. We also prepare to celebrate His humble first coming as the Babe of Bethlehem in order to be our Saviour. To help mark the days of this special season, many Christians use an Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath Booklet is now available in the Main Entry. It provides a history of the wreath; instructions for making an Advent Wreath; and daily devotions to use with the wreath. If you need assistance understanding the booklet, please speak to one of the Clergy.

Grief-Share will continue on Wednesdays at 7pm. If interested, please contact the Office.



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

Sunday Next Before Advent November 22, 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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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 85. 1-7	p. 67
Collect for Purity	p. 438
Collect	p. 67
The Epistle	P. 259
Gradual Psalm: 85. 8-13	p. 259
The Holy Gospel	p. 439
	p. 259

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 80	p. 433
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 11 and 12	(Pew Bible page 561)
Second Lesson: Hebrews 11. 1-16	(Pew Bible page 975)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be...*

Children's Talk	
Litany	
Collect	p. 259
The Epistle	p. 259
Gradual Psalm: 85. 8-13	p. 503
The Holy Gospel	p. 259
The Nicene Creed	
The Homily	
The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
Communion:	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 81, 82	p. 434
First Lesson: Malachi 3. 13 – 4-end	(Pew Bible page 767)
Second Lesson: Hebrews 11. 17 – 12. 2	(Pew Bible page 976)

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	Ministry of Presence	12:00 p.m.
Monday	ReConnect Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	"Imitation of Christ"	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	Compline	8:00 p.m.

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Vincent Bussey, Nathan Mintz*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of
God and in Loving Memory of James D Ross*

The **Ven. Reg Stockall** wishes to **thank** the many people in **St. George's congregation** for the cards, emails and phone messages when he celebrated his 90th birthday early in November.

The parish will always hold a special place in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara and I were both confirmed and married in St. Georges. Archbishop O'Neil ordained me a Deacon and I celebrated my first Eucharist in this grand old parish church. I was also appointed as interim priest in church between Rectors. The parish is now our spiritual home for which we are thankful. God bless all of you! Sincerely R. Stockall

The Lord, thy word standeth fast for ever in thy heavens. Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances; for all things serve thee.

Psalm 119: 89-91

The Rector's Corner

Last Sunday was a tune up of sorts for the Advent Season which begins next Sunday. Whether we are in the ORANGE PHASE or not, Advent will come and so will Christ. He will return as our King and Judge on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. In preparation for all that is to be, last week's Epistle reminded us that, "Our citizenship is in heaven, from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3.20). With that, in the Gospel, Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's".

But knowing what exactly to render, and when to render it, is no easy thing. It is a like razor sharp edge. We live with one foot on earth and one foot in heaven. We are to be in this world but not of it. How does that work?

This was precisely the question on Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer's mind as Adolph Hitler and the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP) gained more and more power and influence through the 1920s and 1930s. What are the limits to the things that belong Caesar? What does it mean to pray "thy Kingdom come, thy will be done"?

In 1931, at the age of twenty-five, Bonhoeffer began to lecture at the University of Berlin. During that time, he wrote an essay entitled, 'Thy Kingdom Come: The Prayer of the Church for God's Kingdom on Earth'. In it, he wrestled with the issues surrounding human idealism. On the bright side, our ideals can motivate us to dream, and to look at what is possible – to see a glass that is half full. On the dark side, our ideals can lead us to be exclusive and negative towards others – to think that we are the only ones who understand and practice what is right. There is that razor sharp edge again.

Considering that edge, Bonhoeffer wrote: "'Thy kingdom come' – this is not the prayer of the pious individual who wants to flee from the world, nor is it the prayer of the fanatical utopianist who stubbornly insists on reforming the world. Rather, this prayer is prayed solely by the congregation of the children of the earth, who refuse to separate themselves from the world and who have no special proposals to offer for its improvement."

What did he mean? Maybe he meant that we have to be prepared to accept what God has given. We all are "children of God"; but we are also "children of the earth", in the sense that we live here. We have limits – we are mere mortals. From that, we can begin to pray 'thy kingdom come' because we know it is His kingdom, not ours. In fact, to press the point, Bonhoeffer asked people to consider how they would design their own kingdom: how many red heads would there be? How many brunettes? How many right-handers and how many left-handers? How many women and how many men? How many Francophones; and how many Anglophones? Needless to say designing 'my kingdom' gets complicated quickly. So, Lord, help me to pray 'Thy Kingdom come'.

A final thought on Bonhoeffer's meaning is this: the children of the earth who refuse to separate themselves from the world and have no special proposals for its improvement, understand that the Kingdom of God always involves a cross – a sacrifice. We are, afterall, 'Christians', followers of the One Who stretched out His arms on the wood of the Cross and was nailed there for us. To pray 'thy Kingdom come' will be to expect suffering and death, but also victory, hope and new life – Resurrection Life.

Returning to the ORANGE PHASE is disappointing and frustrating; but it is also an opportunity to pray 'thy kingdom come', and to really mean it. Advent is coming, and so will the Lord Jesus Christ our King. "*Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly*" (1 Corinthians 16.22)

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	2 Kings 22	Acts 6:1-7:16
Monday	2 Kings 23:1-20	Acts 7:17-34
Tuesday	2 Kings 23:21-35	Acts 7:35-8:4
Wednesday	2 Kings 23:36-24:17	Acts 8:5-25
Thursday	2 Kings 24:18-25:7	Acts 8:26-end
Friday	2 Kings 25:8-end	Acts 9:1-31
Saturday	Jeremiah 19	Acts 9:32-end