

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Blessing of the Crèche and Holy Eucharist

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Christmas Holy Eucharist

3:30 p.m. Drive-In Service (Moncton High)

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr

Saturday, December 26th

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

Sunday After Christmas Day, December 27th

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 3rd, 2021

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer



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

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 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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Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 20, 2020

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

	p. 67
Introit Psalm: 19. 1-6	p. 351
Collects for the Day	p. 102, 95
The Epistle	p.102
Gradual Psalm: 145. 18-22	p. 517
The Holy Gospel	p. 103

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 33	p. 367
First Lesson: Isaiah 35.	(Pew Bible page 588)
Second Lesson: Matthew 25. 31-end	(Pew Bible page 796)

10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: (sung) *Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we, beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. Glory be...*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect: *ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.*

Hymn: **71** "Rejoice, All ye Believers" (Lancashire)

The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Collects for the Day	pp. 102, 95
The Epistle	p. 102
Gradual Psalm: 145.18-22	p. 517
The Holy Gospel	p. 103

Hymn: **67** "On Jordan's Bank" (Winchester New)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **62** "O Come, O Come..." (Veni Emmanuel)

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving and Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **232** (St. Agnes); **235** (St. Osmond)

The Lord's Prayer and Blessing p. 85

Hymn: **548** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Stuttgart)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 25,	p. 358
First Lesson: Isaiah 40. 1-11	(Pew Bible p. 91)
Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3. 1-14	(Pew Bible p 986)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ed Beaver, Archdeacon Alexander

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

*Thomas Bouré, Aaron Melville Gradon,
Marilyn Erb Millett, Neil Huntington*



**Please note that the Church Office will be closed from December 24th until January 4th.
Phone messages will be checked daily.**

There will not be Bible Study or Grief-Share this week. Groups will begin again the week of January 4th.

The **Greening of the Church** is immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist.

There will be a **Drive-In Service** this afternoon at 3:30pm in the Old Moncton High Parking lot.

Readers are needed for the **Lessons & Carols Service** on January 3rd. **Please sign the sheet in the Entry!**

Calling all Jesse Tree makers! You are invited to bring your tree to Church on **Sunday, January 3rd**. No pressure – just an opportunity for others to see and learn about the Jesse Tree. The plan is to have them displayed in the main Church. For more information, please call the Church Office.

"For I have said, "Loving kindness shall be built up for ever; thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the heavens." I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant; thy seed will I establish forever, and set up thy throne, from one generation to another." Psalm 89.2,3

The Rector's Corner

The Lord is at hand

The literal Greek translation says, "The gentleness of you let be known to all men. The Lord is near." The King James Version uses the word "moderation" which speaks of holding back; being reasonable and patient: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand".

Clearly, St. Paul meant everybody, not just fellow Christians. He said "all men – all people". The situation was this: the city of Philippi, noted for its gold mines, was located in the northern part of present day Greece. The Church there was founded by St. Paul in the year 51 A.D., during his second missionary journey.

Fast forward ten years. Paul was in prison, in Rome – about 1300 km away, travelling by land and water. It had been three or four years since he had visited Philippi and as one commentator put it, "He was beginning to wonder if the Church had forgotten him". Then, Epaphroditus arrived from Philippi with "gifts" (see Phil. 4.18) which likely involved an offering of money. During his long journey, he had fell sick and almost died. Needless to say, Paul was deeply touched; and when Epaphroditus recovered, Paul sent him back with a letter – his Epistle to the Philippians (adapted from Halley's Bible Handbook, by Henry Halley, Zondervan 1965).

In his letter, Paul wrote encouragingly to the Philippians, as a spiritual father. No doubt he had a sense that his time was short and that this would be his last communication with them. Near the end of his letter, Paul wrote the words that form today's Epistle:

"Let your moderation be known unto *all* men. The Lord is at hand." His point was simple: whether it was the "dogs" or the "evildoers" as Paul called them -- or whether it was fellow Christians – the way to go was with gentleness. St. John Chrysostom said this:

"It was probable that the Christians in Philippi would be at enmity with the wicked; Paul therefore exhorted them to have nothing in common with them, but to use them with all forbearance, and that not only their brethren, but also their enemies and opposers."

Thought for today: how does this call for gentleness apply in our situation as the Church today?

Amongst the faithful departed we **remember two men from Guinea, Africa: Thomas Bouré and Aaron Melville Gradon.** Both men were uncles of Marthe Gradon – her mother's older brother and her father's younger brother, respectively -- and lived with her parents. Incredibly both men died at home last Wednesday (the 9th) and both were buried at the same Service this past Wednesday (16th). Please remember Marthe and her parents in your prayers.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Isaiah 30:19-end	Mark 12: 13-34
Monday	Isaiah 31	Mark 12: 35 - 13:13
Tuesday	Isaiah 38:1-20	Mark 13: 14-end
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:12-end	Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday	Isaiah 41	Matthew 1: 18-end
Friday	Isaiah 42:1-17	Matthew 2: 19-end
Saturday	Isaiah 42:18-43:13	Matthew 3:1-4:11

Church calendars are now available in the Entry. Cost is **\$8.00**

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now ready. Please pick up your box at the main entry to the church. **If you're not currently registered with offering envelopes** and would like envelopes for 2021 please contact Judy Kendall

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

The **Tai Chi group** on **Tuesday morning** has a couple spots open. If you are interested, please call the Office. There is no cost.

First Baptist will be **live streaming a Blue Christmas service**, for those who find this a very difficult season. It will be on December 21st at 6:30pm, please go to www.firstbaptist.com for the link.

