



# Christmas Services

## **Christmas Day - Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 26<sup>th</sup>**

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 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

## **Holy Innocent's - Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

## **John West, Missionary**

### **Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

## **The Circumcision of our Lord and New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

## **Second Sunday After Christmas January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

A vertical poster for Christmas. The background is a dark night sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed starburst is the central focus. At the bottom, there is a dark silhouette of a forest of evergreen trees. The text 'Merry Christmas' is written in a golden, cursive font, with 'Merry' on the top line and 'Christmas' on the bottom line. Below 'Christmas' is the subtitle 'Celebrating the Birth of Jesus' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

*Merry*  
*Christmas*  
*Celebrating the Birth of Jesus*

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*Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever*

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD OR THE BIRTH DAY OF CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM, 7PM

DECEMBER 24, 2020

### FAMILY EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Collects p. 104, 107

The Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14 p. 107

Gradual - Christmas Anthems (Sung) p. 104

The Gospel: St. Luke 2.1 p. 107

Creed

Children's Talk

Procession to Crib (*children may come to the Altar Rail*)

Hymn: **734**- Away in a Manger (Cradle Song)

#### ***Blessing of Crib***

V/ Our help is in the Name of the Lord

R/ Who hath made heaven and earth.

V/ The Lord be with you;

R/ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

*Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this night caused Thine only begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow and bless this Crib, wherein are shown the wonders of that Sacred Birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of His Holy Incarnation be filled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Offertory Hymn: **76** (Winchester Old)

The Intercession p. 75

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving, Consecration	p. 78
The Administration of the Holy Communion	
Hymn After Communion: <b>739</b> Silent Night (sung kneeling with candles)	
Lord's Prayer	p. 85
Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
Blessing	p. 86
Last Gospel: St. John 1:1	p. 106
Recessional Hymn: <b>77</b> Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Medlessohn)	

## **MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST**

### **11:00 P.M. – Procession & The Mass of Christ**

**V/** Let us go forth in Peace

**R/** In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

**Processional Hymn: 75** - O Come All Ye Faithful (omit verse six)

#### ***Station at Crib:***

**V/** When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man.

**R/** Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

*For the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all mankind; and by it we are disciplined to renounce godless ways and worldly desires, and to live a life of temperance, honesty, and godliness in the present age, looking forward to the happy fulfillment of our hope when the splendor of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus will appear. He it is who sacrificed Himself for us, to set us free from all wickedness and to make us a pure people marked out for his own, eager to do good. (Titus 2 v.11-14)*

**V/** The Lord be With You

**R/** And With Thy Spirit

Let us pray:

*O God who by the birth of thy Son didst will to found a new race of men and to raise us from earth to heaven, hearken to our prayers, that we who behold the light that has shone out of darkness may be found worthy to enjoy the vision of thy eternal beauty. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen*

#### ***Station at the Chancel Steps***

**V/** Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord

**R/** God is the Lord who has showed us light.

*Let your bearing toward one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus. For the divine nature was His from the first; yet He did not think*

*to snatch at equality with God, but made Himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave. Bearing the human likeness, revealed in a human shape, He humbled Himself, and in obedience accepted even death - death on a cross. Therefore God raised Him to the heights and bestowed on Him the Name above all Names, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow - in heaven, on earth, and in the depths - and every tongue confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord", to the glory of God the Father.(Philippians 2:5-11)*

**V/** The Lord be With You

**R/** And With Thy Spirit

Let us pray:

*Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are held in bondage by the old yoke of sin, may be set free by the new birth in the flesh of thy only begotten Son: through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen*

The Service continues on page 67 of the Prayer Book

The Christmas Collects

p. 104, 107

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1

p. 105

Gradual - Christmas Anthems (Sung)

p. 104

The Gospel: St. John 1:1

p. 106

Hymn before Homily: **79** (Of the Father's Love)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **81** Angels from the Realms (Regent Square #628)

The Intercession

p. 75

Confession, Absolution

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Thanksgiving, Consecration

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The Administration of the Holy Communion:

Hymn after Communion: **739** Silent Night (Polish/German/English)

Lord's Prayer

p. 85

Gloria in Excelsis

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Blessing

p. 86

Last Gospel: St. Matthew 1:18

p. 114

Recessional Hymn: **361** Joy to the World!

*"Jesus, name above all names*

*Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord*

*Emmanuel, God is with us*

*Blessed Redeemer, Living Word." lyrics, Nadia Hearn*



## Christmas Day December 25th

### 10 A.M. -HOLY EUCHARIST

Hymn: <b>75</b> “O Come All Ye Faithful” (omit verse 6)	
Introit Psalm 98. 1-4	p. 455
Kyrie	p. 70
The Christmas Collect	p. 104
Epistle: Hebrews 1:1	p. 105
Gradual - Christmas Anthems	p. 104
Gospel: St. John 1:1	p. 106
Hymn before Homily: <b>691</b> ” In the Bleak Midwinter”	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn: <b>734</b> “Away In A Manger”; <b>77</b> “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”	
The Intercession:	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving, Consecration:	p. 78
Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
The Blessing	p. 86
Hymn: <b>81</b> “Angels From The Realms Of Glory”	

### 5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 85, 110	pgs. 438, 277
First Lesson: Isaiah 7. 10-14	(Pew Bible page 570)
Second Lesson: 1 John 4. 7-end	(Pew Bible page 989)

**On this Holy night, just a note of appreciation** who have prepared the Church so beautifully for the Christmas Season. Also, thank you to those who, throughout the year, have contributed to our worship and service.

Our **Service of Christmas Carols and Lessons** is scheduled for **Sunday January 3rd**. Readers are needed, please!

*The Christmas Bulletin is donated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents James D. and Jean E. Ross, Linwood & Emily Rice, and other relatives and friends given by the Rice family.*

*Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents James and Marguerite Wright from your children and grandchildren who love you and miss you both dearly.*  
*and*

*Ceressa Huntington. Forever in our hearts Forever in our memories Until we meet again love Gary Shay Megan Amy Brittney, Cody, Ellie & families*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Jim McLeod*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”  
Pauline Emery, Colin & Margaret McLeod, Dora Cliff  
George & Joan Peabody, Karoline White, Ted & Helen White,  
Ruth Gulliver, Gladys Hollis, Ralph Black*



**MANY THANKS** to all who have contributed to our **Parish Christmas Outreach Project**: to the Willing Workers for their generous support; to those who have contributed in prayer and financially; and our corporate sponsor.

**\*Please note that the Church Office will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup>, however, messages will be checked daily.\***

An excerpt from Archbishop Edwards' Christmas Message:

*“I know that for many, it is easy to feel that we have been deserted by God during this period. As I have said before, there are no easy answers in this regard. What we can know is what God is. God is love, God is present, God is peace, God is hope, God is just. These and many more are God's attributes.”*

The complete message may be found at [www.anglicandioceseoffredericton](http://www.anglicandioceseoffredericton) click on 'NEWS'.

## Rector's Corner

### Talking About Loneliness

*As we move into this pandemic-Christmas Season, the glass can still be half-full, rather than half empty. That's not to say it will be an easy 'half-full'; but it is possible. And seeing the glass half-full does not mean ignoring feelings. Some people are feeling lonely and left out; disappointed; frustrated; afraid. As the voice crying in the wilderness, John the Baptist must have been acquainted with loneliness. As a first-time mother in a strange city, ready to give birth in a barn, the Blessed Virgin Mary must have been afraid. The Rector's Corners through the Christmas Season will attempt to reflect on these feelings. Three articles have been adapted for this purpose. Please reach out if you are lonely. At the heart of our Faith is a relationship with the Lord Jesus Who offers **Hope**.*

The following is the first of three articles on loneliness by Pastor Adrian Rogers (from 'OnePlace.com').

“Christmas is, for many people, the most joyful, glorious, happy time of the year. At the same time, it can be the loneliest season for others. Many look around and see others laughing, hugging, kissing, and singing; and it reinforces their emptiness and loneliness.

“What is ironic and sad is that Christmas is about undoing loneliness. Isaiah shared with us seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ, *"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel"* (Isaiah 7.14). *Immanuel* means *"God with us."* And if God is with us, how can we ever be lonely again? But, far more people are lonely than we may dream.

“**What is loneliness?** Well, let me tell you what loneliness is not. Loneliness is not solitude. Thank God for solitude. Jesus, many times, would withdraw Himself from the crowds to be alone. Loneliness is not lonesomeness. You can be lonesome and not lonely. Loneliness is not isolation. You can be lonely in a crowd. In fact, sometimes a crowd may increase your loneliness.

“**Loneliness is a painful sense of being unwanted, unneeded, uncared for, maybe even unnecessary.** Every person has three basic emotional needs. Every one of us has a need for someone to love and someone to love us. We also all need somebody who understands us, who knows how we feel. And then we desire somebody who wants us and needs us. We need to be needed.



## “So, what can cause loneliness?”

- **Past Rejections** — You may have been rejected in the past, and you're afraid to try again.
- **Insecurity** — In your mind, you may not feel worthy to be accepted, so you don't reach out.
- **Grief** — If you've experienced grief, you may feel like nobody understands how badly you hurt. You close up, drop out, and live a lonely life of isolation because you think nobody understands.
- **Self-centeredness** — You may be all wrapped up inside of yourself. You live in a bubble of pride.
- **Sinful Lifestyle** — Sin builds walls. Cain murdered his brother Abel and was driven away from the presence of God, from home, and from loved ones. (Genesis 6.13).
- **The Depersonalization of Society** — When you buy something in a store, you may never even make eye contact. You may live in a house and not even know your neighbors.

“**Loneliness cripples.** It may cripple you **emotionally**. One survey showed that eighty percent of psychiatric patients sought help because of loneliness, and counselors will tell you that loneliness is a “leading cause of suicide. It will hurt you **physically**. Fifty percent of the heart patients were lonely and depressed before they had a heart attack. Loneliness also shows up as fatigue, loss of appetite, or overeating. It can cripple you **spiritually**. The irony is when a person experiences loneliness, they drop out of church — the very place they can go to get strength and encouragement. They drop out, sit at home, and drink from the intoxicating cup of self-pity and has a hangover called loneliness.”

“Let me tell you Who the answer to loneliness is — Jesus! In the first place Jesus understands your loneliness. He knows how you feel. Isaiah 53.3 says, *“He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows....”* And St. John 1.11 says, *“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.”* He lived a life of loneliness. When He died upon the cross, He was suspended between heaven and earth. Because He had taken the sin of the world upon Himself, even God His Father, in holy righteousness, could not look upon Him. Even His disciples forsook Him. Jesus died alone.”

“You are precious to Him. Had there not been one more soul on Earth, He would have died for you alone. Through Jesus Christ you have significance. He knows the very hairs of your head. He wants you and needs you. He knows, He cares, and He understands. He's always there. You may be lonely, but you're never alone. He promised never to leave us (Hebrews 13.5). If no one else understands, He does. If everybody else fails you, He will not. And when you get to the bottom line, He alone will meet the needs that you have. Jesus alone is the answer to loneliness”.



## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



### **have been placed to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of**

- ❖ Loved ones from Dale and Ruth Aiken and family
- ❖ Wife Lorraine and mother Ruth from Ken Arbeau and girls.
- ❖ Grandparents William and Emily Arbeau and grandmother Margaret "Teddy" Payne from Ken Arbeau and girls.
- ❖ My husband Harold Arthur, Bill Arthur and the Arthur family, and my parents Melvin and Mildred Arnold, from Irene Arthur.
- ❖ Doris Cameron and the Cameron families from Irene Arthur.
- ❖ My husband Arnold from Rita Beers.
- ❖ Parents George and Florence Beers, George LeBlanc, Beatrice LeBlanc and son David Beers from Rita Beers.
- ❖ Our parents and loved ones from Michael and Marion Bembridge and family.
- ❖ Roy Boutilier, Wallace and Etta Furlotte, and Milton and Edna Boutilier from Bev and family.
- ❖ Leo and Ella Coady, Bill Coady, Stewart and Mabel Shears, and Norma Shears from Linus and Bernice Coady.
- ❖ My parents, Beulah and Donald Cochrane, Durward Stevens, Norman Crossman, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. John Balcom from John Cochrane.
- ❖ Wife and mother, Linda Dupuis, from husband Norm, children Hannah, David, and Reuben, and grandchildren.
- ❖ Vernon, Phyllis and Stephen Mann from Bonnie, Stephanie, Jody, Mary and Alex.
- ❖ Ronald Knowles, Sprague Wiseman, Ralph Scott, Mildred Taylor and Vernon Taylor from Colin, Melony, Bryce and Keira.
- ❖ Bill Hodgson from wife Elodie and family.
- ❖ Our parents, Velma and Blair MacDonald, from Debbie and Barb.
- ❖ Janet Matchett and Brian Morgan from Rae, Kelly Matchett-Morgan, Stephanie Arsenault and Diana Stokes.
- ❖ Dawn Nelson and infant son Andrew from Carl and Stephanie.
- ❖ Keith and Thelma Williston from Robert & Sheila Searle.
- ❖ Henry and Reta Sauer from Bradley Smith
- ❖ Our parents, Cecil & Lorna Staples, Kenneth and Cora Sheppard, sister Pat Creighton, Geoffrey Creighton and Aunt Ruby Staples from John and Helen Staples and family.
- ❖ Terry Underhill, Omer and Eileen Corney, Millet and Beatrice Underhill from Lydia, Catherine, Brent and Ramona.
- ❖ Deceased members of the Willing Workers.

## **ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL FUND**

### **Christmas time donations have been made to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:**

- ◆ All family and loved ones from Anne Allen
- ◆ The Rev. Matt and Joan Lanigan from Bob, Wendy, and family.
- ◆ Pam, Vicky and Doreen from Bob and Wendy Battis.
- ◆ In Memory of Ralph W. Black from his Family.
- ◆ Our parents, family and friends from Noel and Shirley Eustace.
- ◆ Our parents, Edward and Jennie Hayward, and Vernon & Minnie Hyslop from Faye and Allan Hyslop.
- ◆ Keith and Jean Leighton from Bill and Ann Irving
- ◆ Robert, Joseph, and Marion LeDrew, Mabel and Lloyd Joudrey, Leona Wamboldt, and John Lingley from Ray and Barbara Joudrey and family.
- ◆ Walter Graveston from Judy and Cliff Kendall.
- ◆ Jim Kendall from Judy, Cliff and Elsie Kendall.
- ◆ Jeanne Lipton from Michael, John, Heidi, Nadine and grandchildren.
- ◆ My parents, Alex and Marguerite, brothers Frank and Ronald, sisters-in-laws Verna and Florence and brother-in-law Mark from Shirley and Stan McGovern and family.
- ◆ My parents Charles and Laura, sister Rachel, brother Jack and aunt Carrie Doyle from Stan and Shirley McGovern and family.
- ◆ A dear friend Sharon Gautreau from Stan and Shirley McGovern & family.
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- ◆ Keith and Jean Leighton from Pauline and Kenneth Oulton.
- ◆ In Memory of my husband, David Wilbur, from Betty Lou, Chris & Kerry
- ◆ In Memory of our parents, Isabelle & Reginald Mason, from Betty Lou, Jim & families.



*A donation to the Community Outreach fund has been made to the glory of God and in memory of our Sister, Deborah Ritchie and our nephew Robert Ritchie from your Family who loves you and misses you both dearly.*



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



## **ST. GEORGE'S COMMUNITY MEALS**

### **Christmas time donations have been made to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:**

- Ernest D. Jenkins from Don and Karen Banks.
- Ralph, Norma and Shirley Kelly from family and friends.
- Parents Rubin and Annie Buck, Herbert and Ellen Holloway, brother Gerald Holloway, aunt Mabel Buck, daughter Dawn Nelson and grandson Andrew Nelson from Raymond and Gwyneth Buck
- Family members and loved ones, from Cathie, Ralph, and Laura Dingwell.
- John and Gladys Gavell, and George and Pearl Cole, from Bob and Beth Cole.
- Hayward and Jean Dunnett love the family
- Our brother Ross and sister Kimberly Dunnett love the family
- Fred & Norma Whitenect and Baby Rhys Perry from Cherie Perry
- Our grandparents from Allen and Nancy Urquhart.
- Ivy Moreton, Arthur Moreton and Mervin and Jean Hesse from Alan and Cheryl Moreton.
- Loved ones from Cliff, Cheryl, and Tom Reid.
- Ralph "The Man" Kelly from Alexander, Makhaila, and Natasha Urquhart.
- A dear friend Debbie Ritchie from Allen and Nancy Urquhart.
- Arnold "Grampy" Beers, from Alexander, Makhaila and Natasha.

## ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel!***

As you leave the Church tonight please remember that the **Christmas Season is just begun**. Contrary to our culture's commercial season, the Church's celebration of Christ's birth runs for 12 days. So, let us wish one another a **Merry Christmas until January 5<sup>th</sup>**.

We've only just begun!

