

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now ready. Please pick up your box in the Church Office. **If you're not currently registered with offering envelopes** and would like envelopes for 2021 please contact Judy Kendall

Operation Livestream: We are spreading the word to Nursing Homes, Special Care Homes and Seniors Residences -- and anyone else who is interested -- about the 15 Services being livestreamed from St. George's each week. If you would like a pocket card with the pertinent information, there are some on the table in the main entry. May this capability be used for the glory of God!

Charitable tax receipts are ready to be picked up in the Office.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st** after the 10am Holy Eucharist Service. The **snow date** will be Sunday, February 28th. All **reports** should be sent to the Office by **February 5th**.

Lent is coming quickly!

For your information...

- Ash Wednesday Services with the Holy Eucharist and the Penitential Rite have been scheduled for 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM. These will be live-streamed. More details to follow.
- Through Lent:
 - a celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be live-streamed at 5:00 PM on Wednesdays;
 - the Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM; and
 - the Rector's Corner will focus on the Holy Communion.



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

Septuagesima - January 31, 2021



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: 18. 1-7	p. 347
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 132
The Epistle	p. 133
Gradual Psalm: 119, Part 4	p. 486
The Holy Gospel	p. 133

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 104, Part 1	p. 462
First Lesson: Genesis 1. 1 – 2.3	(Pew Bible page 5)
Second Lesson: St. John 1. 1-18	(Pew Bible page 853)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *The sorrows of death came about me; the pains of hell gat hold upon me: and in my tribulation I made my prayer unto the Lord, and he regarded my supplication out of his holy temple. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my Saviour: Glory be.....*

Hymn	
Children’s Talk	
Collect for Purity	p. 67
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Hymn before Homily:	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn:	
Intercession	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
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Hymns during Communion:	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
Gloria	p. 86
Recessional Hymn:	

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 80	p. 433
First Lesson: Genesis 2. 4-end	(Pew Bible page 6)
Second Lesson: Revelation 4	(Pew Bible page 995)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Donald & Bonnie Jones, Maynard Stewart, Myrtle Stirling

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed
Bill Munroe*

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	Drive-In Service	3:30 p.m.
Monday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion	5:00 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.

There will be a **Drive-In Service** this afternoon at **3:30 pm.**

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Amos 8	Matthew 25:31-end
Monday	Amos 9	Matthew 26:1-30
Tuesday	Micah 1	Matthew 26:31-56
Wednesday	Micah 2	Matthew 26:57-28 end
Thursday	Micah 3	John 1:1-28
Friday	Micah 4:1-5:1	John 1:29-end
Saturday	Micah 5:2-end	John 2

“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for truly I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” St. Matthew 17.20

The Rector's Corner

Today marks another change in the Church Year. We turn our eyes from Bethlehem and Nazareth where Jesus was born and where He lived with Mary and Joseph, to Jerusalem, the place of His Passion and Crucifixion. As difficult as it is to believe, we are heading into the Season of Lent. The Altar hanging has been changed to purple – that is one clue; but the name of this Sunday tells us the situation plainly: ‘Septuagesima’ – seventy days before Easter.

Today's Collect wastes no time in highlighting the reason for Jerusalem -- we are offenders who deserve to be punished:

“O Lord, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness”.

It is true: we deserve punishment for all the times we fail the Lord; but mercifully He does not give us what we deserve. Mercifully, through the precious Blood of Christ, He offers us forgiveness and salvation. The Season of Lent helps us to reflect upon God's mercy, even when that mercy permits us to suffer. The Rev. L.E. H. Stephens-Hodge expands on this point:

“The word ‘punished’ (in the Collect) would be better translated ‘afflicted’. Affliction comes to all of us, because we belong to a race which as a whole has turned away from God and gone its own way. Affliction is God's means of showing us the consequences of our wrong choices and of recalling us to repentance and a humble seeking of His Face. It is when we realise that we have all sinned and have all come short of the glory of God that we open a door whereby God is able to come in and change the situation.” (The Rev. L.E.H. Stephens-Hodge in The Collects)

Today and the next two Sundays are like a warm-up. They tell us of the virtues we all need to consider. For example, in this morning's Epistle, St. Paul speaks of self-control; in the Gospel, we read of what ‘right’ looks like in God's eyes. Thankfully, what is ‘right’ to Him is not the same as what is right according to human judgement. We deserve to be punished for our offences, but by His goodness, we are mercifully delivered.



Operation Sunny Day! (Make a St. George's Shut-in smile)

1. ***The Mission:***
Send cards to every shut-in from St. George's for:
 - ***Valentine's Day (Feb 14th)***
 - ***Mothering Sunday (March 14th)***
 - ***Easter Sunday (April 4th)***
 - ***St. George's Day (April 23rd)***
2. ***Execution:***
 - a. ***Please contact the Church Office to obtain names and addresses of shut-ins; and***
 - b. ***Write a brief note or greeting and send the cards.***
3. ***The Telephone Option:***

In addition to (or instead of) sending greeting cards, contact the office and arrange to become a ‘phone friend’.

On Christian Unity

**“This union in His Church is God's own gift,
Not to be siez'd by man's rude sinful hands,
But the bright crown of mutual holiness.” (Isaac Williams)**

**“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe
in Me through their word,
that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in Me, and I
in You.” (St. John 17.21)**