

Tyler McKenna will soon be leaving for his summer placement with Archdeacon Kevin Stockall and the Congregation of **St. Mary's**, York in Fredericton North. **Today is his last Sunday** and will deliver the Sermon at both 8 AM and 10 AM.

'Citizens of Heaven', a brief reflection for Ascension Day, by Sister Basilea Schlink, is available on the table in the Main Entry.

Session 4 of **'How Shall We Forgive?'** a webinar with Archbishops Edwards and MacDonald is **Monday at 7:00pm**. You may also ZOOM-in from home. Please register to receive the ZOOM link on the website, or plan to come in person to the Church!

Ascension Day falls on Thursday, May 13th. It is the day Jesus went up into Heaven. In keeping with our custom, we will once again **climb the bell tower at 7:00pm** to offer our praise and prayers. Coffee and muffins will be available in the Hall afterwards. As Jesus ascended into the heavens, let us also in heart and mind ascend there!

Planning for **St. George's Green Space is moving forward**: Thanks be to God! A **work day has been planned for Saturday, May 15th**. If you have pointed shovel or a wheel barrow that could be loaned for the day, or if you would like to help, please let us know.

Operation Live Stream involves live-streaming Morning and Evening Prayer from Monday to Friday, each week, at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. If **you might be interested in assisting** occasionally as a reader, please speak to the Rector. An **orientation** for those who are interested has been scheduled for **Tuesday evening, May 18th, at 6:30pm at St. George's**.

The Day of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit descended on the Church, is on May 23rd. Following it are three special days of prayer for the ministry of the Church (Ember Days). On the first of these, Wednesday, **May 26th**, we will, with God's help, **read through the Book of Psalms** (all 150 of them!), beginning at 12:30pm. God willing, this will be live-streamed. If you are available to help, people are needed as members in the Congregation, and as readers. In the past we have taken turns reading for 30 minutes.



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

Fifth Sunday After Easter - May 9, 2021 **Rogation Sunday**



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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Fifth Sunday After Easter (Rogation Sunday) May 9, 2021

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 107. 1-9	p. 471
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect and The Epistle	p. 196
Gradual Psalm: 66. 15-19	p. 409
The Holy Gospel	p. 197

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 46, 63	pgs.388, 405
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34	(Pew Bible page 195)
Second Lesson: Acts 13. 26-43	(Pew Bible page 891)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – (sung) *With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia: utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be....*

Hymn 399 (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Children's Talk

The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect and the Epistle	p. 196
The Easter Anthems	p. 182
The Holy Gospel	p. 197
Nicene Creed	p. 71
Hymn: Benedicite, Omnia Opera	p. 26

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **171** (St. Flavian – 238)

The Biddings and Intercession

Confession, Absolution

Thanksgiving

Consecration

Communion Hymns: **579** (Toplady, AT #41); **779** (What a Friend)

The Lord's Prayer

The Gloria in Excelsis

Recessional Hymn: Hymn: **352** (Old Hundreth-350)

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 61, 62	p. 404
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6	(Pew Bible page 169)
Second Lesson: Luke 10. 38 – 11. 13	(Pew Bible page 835)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Doreen Buchanan, Judith Rothwell, Phyllis Dingwell, John R. MacKinnon

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”

Alan Buchanan, Rhonda Beers, George Henderson Thompson

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,**

Today	Community Dinner	4:00 p.m.
Monday	“How Shall We Forgive”	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Vestry	7:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Beavers/Cubs	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Ascension Walk	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
	Garden work day	9:00 a.m.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



It is the Church's custom on **Rogation Sunday** (and the three days that follow it) to ask God's blessing on farm fields and gardens for the upcoming growing season. To that end, **following the 10am** Service today, we will ask the Lord to **bless the side lawn** and seek His direction as we begin to develop that area. Please join us, if you can.

The first adventure of 2021 for **St. George's Outbound** is set for Sunday afternoon, **May 30th**. If you plan to come, please contact the Office.

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by pray and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4. 6,7

The Rector's Corner

St. George's Green Space – “Heavenly Greens”

“Heavenly Greens” – it could be St. George's version of ‘Green Acres’. Remember the sitcom that starred Eva Gabor and Eddie Albert, two New York City city-slickers who decided to try life on the farm? The theme song was unforgettable:

Green Acres is the place to be.
Farm livin' is the life for me.
Land spreadin' out so far and wide
Keep Manhattan, just give me that countryside.

New York is where I'd rather stay.
I get allergic smelling hay.
I just adore a penthouse view.
Dah-ling I love you but give me Park Avenue.

Well, like I said, we may not be Green Acres, but we could be ‘Heavenly Greens’, and this coming Saturday, the Scouts hope to make our first step by preparing the ground and building six boxes (8' x 4') that will serve as raised vegetable garden beds. The plan is to add six more next year. Eventually, there is the possibility of covering the beds with plastic and extending the growing season from May through October.

To complement these ‘beds’, the Beavers have made bird houses which will be hung around the Church property. Hopefully, there will be other pieces to ‘Heavenly Greens’ as well; such as above-ground composting; rain water collection; solar lighting; and various flower gardens. Without a doubt, this enhancement/transformation of St. George's side lawn will be a work-in-progress for a few years. The Vestry's hope is that ‘Heavenly Greens’ could become a place where people from the Congregation and the community – of all ages -- come together to witness the incredible wonder and beauty of God's Creation; that from looking down at the earth, we would learn to look up to Heaven.

That was St. Basil's hope for his people. He told them: *“I want creation to penetrate you with so much admiration that everywhere, wherever you may be, the least plant may bring to you the clear remembrance of the Creator.....A single plant, a blade of grass is*

sufficient to occupy all your intelligence in contemplating the skill which produced it. (For example), why is the wheat plant better with joints? Are they not like fastenings, which help it bear easily the weight of the ear, when it is swollen with fruit and bends towards the earth?”

In a series of Lenten Sermons on the Book of Genesis written in 370 A.D. (called The Hexaemeron), St. Basil reflected on the ‘Six Days of Creation’. He saw in nature, a perfect way to talk to people about God the Holy Trinity. Surely that could also happen at ‘Heavenly Greens’! Why not – for, as Basil said, *“In creation nothing exists without a reason”*.

Please pray for this project which has been dubbed ‘Heavenly Greens’. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to develop the side lawn for the glory of God. It has potential, and, as the Lord Jesus said, *“With God all things are possible!”* (St. Matthew 19.26)

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Esther 4	Philippians 1
Monday	Esther 5	Philippians 2
Tuesday	Esther 6 & 7	Philippians 3
Wednesday	Ecclesiastes 1	Philippians 4
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 2: 1-23	Colossians 1: 1-20
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3	Colossians 1:21-2:7
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 4	Colossians 2:8-3:11

We are planning to recognize our **High School, University and College graduates** on Sunday, June 20th. If you know of a graduate connected to St. George's, please call the Office at 855-5209 by **Friday June 4th**.

For your calendar: St. George's Parish **Picnic – Sunday, June 20th** following the 10am Service.

The comfy **red pew cushions** that have **grown in number** since last Sunday are from a bequest left to St. George's by Anita Hills, a long-time member. Janet Terris was contracted by the Vestry to make them, and she delivered her latest batch this past week. Thanks be to God!

Happy Birthday to Maria Stam! Happy Belated wishes to Carolyn VanBuskirk who celebrated her birthday on May 6th, Stan & Shirley McGovern on their Anniversary on May 1st and Linus & Bernice Coady on their Anniversary on May 4th.