

On Going Green... Archbishop Edwards has made this guidance available to the diocese as sent to us from the Hon. Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Health. As mentioned last Sunday, the way forward for Churches may be summarized by this saying:

"In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity."

From Minister Shephard: "As New Brunswick moves into the Green Level of Recovery and restrictions are lifted, Public Health New Brunswick recognizes that COVID-19 is not going away. As a result, individuals and organizations are encouraged to continue following core protective health measures. These protective measures are important to keep everyone healthy, particularly the vulnerable and under-vaccinated populations. Faith organizations who work with vulnerable populations, have limited space, or participate in activities, such as singing or sharing food may want to consider the following measures:

Masks and Physical Distancing

- Recognize that some people may wish to continue to practice these protective measures for themselves and others around them.
- Foster a non-discriminatory atmosphere that allows people to be comfortable wearing a mask and keeping their distance.
- Encourage mask use for those who are vulnerable or unvaccinated.
- Consider having space available for those who prefer to maintain physical distancing from others.
- If space allows, consider having choir members spread out to allow for greater physical distancing between one another and attendees.

Hand washing and Respiratory Hygiene

- Continue to offer hand sanitizer upon entering facility, and before/after handling objects that would be shared by others (e.g. books, chalices, prayer mats, other ceremonial objects).
- Encourage regular hand washing, especially before handling food and after using washroom facilities
- Post signs reminding people to wash their hands.
- Consider maintaining a higher level of cleaning and disinfecting, especially of high touch surfaces such as doorknobs and handrails.

Other Considerations

- Continue to offer Services in an alternative format (e.g. online streaming) for those who do not yet feel comfortable with in-person faith gatherings.
- Encourage people to stay home if they are feeling unwell, even if symptoms are mild.
- Encourage people to get tested for COVID-19 if they experience symptoms
- Consider maintaining traffic flow patterns that allows separate entrances and exits to limit unnecessary exposure to respiratory viruses.
- Consider the level of risk associated with aspects specific to the celebration, such as shaking of hands, or sharing a chalice and adjust accordingly to allow for the lowest possible risk while maintaining the integrity of the celebration and rituals therein.

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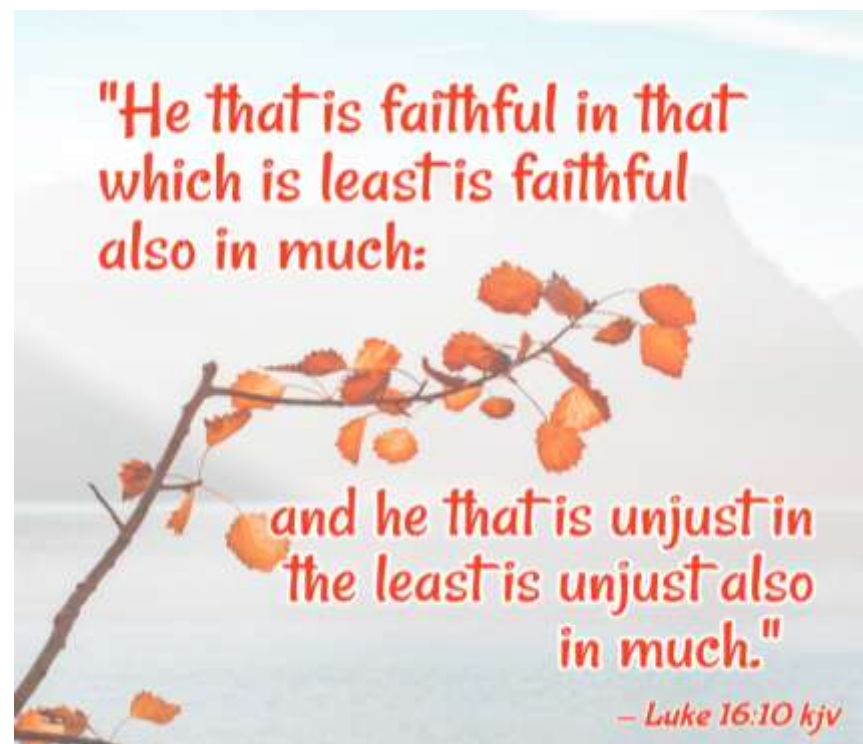
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Ninth Sunday After Trinity

August 1, 2021



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8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 54	p. 397
Collect for Purity:	p. 67
Collect	p. 231
The Epistle	p. 231
Gradual Psalm: 105. Part 2. 39-43	p. 467
The Holy Gospel	p. 232

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 44	p. 384
First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1. 1-20 (21-end) (Pew Bible page 246)	
Second Lesson: Mark 10. 17-31	(Pew Bible page 801)

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is he that upholdeth my soul: reward thou evil unto mine enemies; destroy them in thine anger, for thy righteousness sake, O Lord my strength and my defender. Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength. Glory be...*

Hymn **695** (Thanksgiving)

Children's Talk

Collect for Purity	p. 67
Summary of the Law	p. 69
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 231
The Epistle	p. 231
Gradual Psalm: 105. Part 2. 39-43	p. 467
The Holy Gospel	p. 232
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **581** (Eripe Me)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **490** (St. Peter)

The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **245** (Trentham-485)

247 (Eisenach)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

The Gloria & Blessing p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **558** (Morning Light)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms 46, 47	p. 388
First Lesson: 2 Samuel 12. 1-23	(Pew Bible page 286)
Second Lesson: Acts 11. 1-18	(Pew Bible page 888)

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

Terry Connors, Lynda Bolton, Edith Nutter

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Jean Ross, Jack Jones,
John Pierce, Joseph Chapman, André Hay, Phil Dempsey*

*Amongst the faithful departed, we remember Sergeant Leonard
Chelsey Trites of this parish who died August 7th, 1943 and is buried in
Italy. He awaits with us the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the
Last Day.*

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be at **8:30**

A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday, respectively. In addition:

Wednesday Holy Communion (*St. Albans*) 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Holy Communion (*Feast of the Transfiguration*) 10:00 a.m.

Please note that incense will be used at Thursday's Eucharist Service.

We **extend a warm welcome** to **Keith Scott** who is filling in for Toto for the next few weeks. *It is wonderful to have you back with us again!*



Happy Birthday to Marthe Gradon!

Please note that there is an **opportunity to attend the Holy Eucharist at St. Alban's Church** in Riverside-Albert this coming Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm. St. Alban's is an architectural gem. Following the Service, you are invited to motor on to Mary's Point (approx. 5 minutes). **Bring your own picnic lunch** and enjoy the spectacular scenery and some Christian fellowship! **For more info, please contact the Rector (855-5209).**

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him: for he careth for you."
1 Peter 5. 6,7

The Rector's Corner



The story of William Wilberforce is a story of great courage. He was only 21 years old when he entered the British House of Commons in 1780. He was, according to one historian, “a very wealthy young man with little purpose to his life beyond the conventional duties and privileges of his class”. But over the next four years something radical happened within him: what he believed in his mind intellectually about the Lord Jesus Christ, became something

he embraced in his heart. In other words, Jesus became more than an idea for Wilberforce. He asked the Lord to be His Saviour. According to author Stephen Reynolds, here’s what happened next: “Transformed from being a Christian in name only to someone who actively practised his faith, Wilberforce threw himself into projects for the moral conversion of English society; and it was at this time that he agreed to bring before Parliament a bill to end all traffic in slaves”. (from For All the Saints, Toronto, 1994)

Reynolds continues, “For twenty years, in parliamentary session after session, Wilberforce reintroduced his bill and pleaded for its passage with unflagging conviction and eloquence, only to see it defeated by the tactics of the slave owners’ party. But the resistance wore down before his persistence, integrity, and Christian character. The night it passed its second reading, the entire House stood and gave Wilberforce a standing ovation.” That was March 25 1807.

But that is not the end of the story. Wilberforce immediately introduced another bill – one for the liberation of slavery itself. Twenty-six years later, as Wilberforce lay on his death bed, Parliament prepared to pass his second bill ensuring the liberation of slaves in the British Empire.

As a follower of Christ – as someone in whom the Holy Spirit dwelt – as a Christian, William Wilberforce was enabled to see beyond the assumptions and systems and conveniences and excuses of his culture. He became convicted of the sanctity – the sacredness – of human life, regardless of a person’s skin colour. This conviction about the sacredness of life extends, of course, into the discussions about abortion, euthanasia, and medical assistance in dying (M.A.I.D). This is also the reason why we provide care for the elderly.

I have been reflecting about this principle of life’s sacredness in terms of our community outreach. While most of our community friends express sincere gratitude, there are some who do not. At the daily breakfast we meet people who are struggling mentally; others are deep in the throes of addiction. So, at times, there is a meeting – an intersection – between good will and ingratitude. On the one hand, Jesus said, “Love your enemies” (St. Matthew 5.44); on the other hand He said, “Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” (St. Matthew 10.16). There is a tension here – a very fine line. On the one hand in showing compassion, we make ourselves vulnerable; on the other hand, we are not meant to be doormats. Rather than enabling the addiction, we want, through loving service, to ignite a spark towards Good News, new life and change – towards faith and repentance.

As far as I can tell, a key to following Jesus’ Word, and maintaining the necessary equilibrium, is staying in our lane. We must know what we *can* do and stick with that without over-extending. A big part of that discernment comes in knowing our resources: our volunteer base, our financial support, our physical space, and our weekly schedule. But there is another resource: faith and godly fear. With these, the Holy Spirit drives the will to act even when an action is not popular.

That was the case with William Wilberforce: by faith in God and cherishing His creation of life as a sacred thing, he continued on with his bill when it was contrary to conventional standards. There is much to think about without easy answers. Let us continue to seek the Lord’s help as we navigate this ministry to which we have been called.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	2 Samuel 19:24-end	Luke 9:51-end
Monday	2 Samuel 23:1-17	Luke 10:1-24
Tuesday	2 Samuel 24	Luke 10:25-end
Wednesday	I Kings 1:5-31	Luke 11:1-28
Thursday	I Kings 1:32-end	Luke 11:29-end
Friday	I Kings 3	Luke 12:1-34
Saturday	I Kings 4:21-end	Luke 4:21-end



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