

Due to the increased restrictions both **Bible Studies** will be available only by Zoom.

**Grief-Share** is cancelled until further notice.

The **Annual Meeting** will be **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, with a snow date of February 28<sup>th</sup>. **Annual Reports** are due by **February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**Join us online** for a St. George's reading of **Augustine's Confessions** beginning on **February 15th, from 7pm-8:30pm**. An ancient text of Augustine's journey into God, we will strive to know more deeply its opening line, "our heart is restless until it rests in you." **To order a book, please speak to the Rector**. Also you can contact **Justin Wollf** at [wollfjustin@gmail.com](mailto:wollfjustin@gmail.com) for further details.

*Operation Sunny day is back! If you would like to send some cheer to a St. George's Shut-In, please contact the Office. Let's send cards to every shut-in for:*



- **Valentine's Day (February 14<sup>th</sup>)**
- **St. Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Mothering Sunday (March 27<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Easter Sunday (April 17<sup>th</sup>)**
- **St. George's Day (April 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

### Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Isaiah 63:1-6	Matthew 11
Monday	Isaiah 63:7-end	Matthew 12:1-21
Tuesday	Isaiah 64	Matthew 12:22-end
Wednesday	Isaiah 65:1-16	Matthew 13:1-23
Thursday	Isaiah 65:17-end	Matthew 13:24-43
Friday	Isaiah 66:1-9	Matthew 13:44-end
Saturday	Isaiah 66:10-end	Matthew 14



**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 Anglican Church

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

## Second Sunday After Epiphany January 16, 2022



**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](mailto:cdingwell@gmail.com)

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## Second Sunday After Epiphany – January 16, 2022

### 8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 66: 1-3	p. 408
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 124
Gradual Psalm: 107: 8-9	p. 472
The Holy Gospel	p. 125

### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 27	p. 360
First Lesson: Amos 3.	(Pew Bible page 739)
Second Lesson: John 6. 22-40	(Pew Bible page 859)

### 10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm 66:1-3	p. 408
Children’s Talk	
Collect for Purity	p. 67
The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 124
Gradual Psalm: 107:8-9	p. 472
The Holy Gospel	p. 125
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
Homily	
Intercession	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Music during Communion:	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
Gloria	p. 86

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

Psalm 34.	p. 369
First Lesson: Micah 3. 5-end	(Pew Bible page 748)
Second Lesson: John 4. 43 – 5. 9	(Pew Bible page 857)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Kyle Dingwell, George & Dorothy Thomas, Terry Underhill, Lillian Spinney, Helen Chapman,*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed”  
Bernice Gallant, Frank LeRiche*

### 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**, respectively.

In addition:

<b>Monday</b>	Bible Study by Zoom	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bible Study by Zoom	10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

*Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Marilyn Rice who celebrated on Saturday.*

**Old candles of all shapes and sizes, please:** On **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** the Church Calendar marks ‘The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary’ as a red letter, holy day. In obedience to Jewish law, the Blessed Virgin Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38). Once inside, the Christ Child was recognized by Simeon, who called JESUS ‘A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel’. From his words, the Church, for centuries, has distributed candles on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> for use in homes, and as a reminder of Jesus, the Light of the world. With all that in mind, **we would gladly receive your old candles and bits of candles, please, before Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.** We plan to melt them, and make new candles from the wax. If you are interested in helping, please let us know! Old candles may be dropped off at the Church between 7:30am and 12:30pm, Monday to Friday. There will also be a box in the Church Entry for Sunday drop offs.

## The Rector's Corner

There is a very old family tradition called the King's Feast. Rooted in today's Gospel and Jesus' First Miracle, it is still observed in many countries. Following the theme of the marriage feast in Cana, each family hosted its own feast, and chose one of its members to be *King*. At the end of the meal, a cake was served, and whoever took the piece which had a certain secret mark, was proclaimed the *King* of the day. (My grandmother used to wrap a quarter in wax paper and hide it in the cake.) Then, two portions of the cake were reserved for the poor – this was a way to pay honour to the Infant Jesus and His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary.

There is much more that could be said about this, but, the idea was to tell the story of Jesus' first miracle and preserve it in the memory of the children.

As we think about the turning of the water into wine, it is important to underline two things right off the bat: it *was* Jesus' first miracle, or 'sign' as St. John called it; and, it was done at a wedding. In other words, His choice of that wedding for His first miracle was deliberate, not random. Why? Well, on the one hand, by turning water into wine at a wedding, Jesus pointed to the importance of Christian Marriage and the family unit. It is in marriage, after all, and through our family relationships, that we begin to learn the depth and width and length and breadth of Charity – the unselfish, sacrificial Love of Christ.

But there is something else about Jesus' first miracle. Perhaps He chose to perform it at a wedding because of the fact that He had come from Heaven to take a bride for Himself. St. Paul spoke of this great mystery in his Epistle to the Ephesians. He likened the Lord to a groom, and the Church to His bride, quoting this passage from the Book of Genesis: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"; then he said, "This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church". (Ephesians 5. 31-32)

Reflecting on this, there is something really wonderful that follows: in coming to take the Church as His bride, Jesus knew that she was sick and dying. So, in order to save her, He sacrificed Himself. He loved His bride so much that He did that. And, through His Sacrifice, His bride was saved. In fact, her life-threatening disease was cured; and

her condition was permanently changed. Her Husband's Love changed her life!

This is one way of thinking about the miracle presented in today's Gospel. Just as the water was changed, so the Lord wants to change us. He wants to give us new life – the new life of His Grace and Truth which is eternal. He wants to heal our broken hearts, and forgive our sins, and restore us with His Hope. As English poet, song-writer and Priest, Malcolm Guite put it, our merciful Lord wants "to move us from the mere outward purity, symbolised by the water for ritual washing, to a transformation of inward joy, symbolised by the wine".

He is referring to the ritual hand-washing which guests performed before attending a Jewish wedding feast. This was done with a special cup called '*the negel vasser*'. Using it, water would be poured on each hand three times, alternating hands. Of course, that would require a lot of water! Thus today's Gospel mentions the six stone water-pots which held between 20-30 gallons each. But the point is, just as Jesus changed the substance of that water, so He wants to change us. He does not want just our hands to be clean, He wants to cleanse our hearts. He wants to illuminate our hearts of all darkness, and purify our souls. And only He can do that because He is our only Bridegroom.

### **When do St. George's Church bells ring?**

Sundays:

7:50am (before the 8 o'clock Eucharist);  
9:50 AM (before the 10 AM Eucharist);  
12 Noon;  
4:50 PM (before Evening Prayer); and  
6:00 PM.

Mondays to Fridays:

8:20 AM (before Morning Prayer);  
12 Noon;  
4:50 PM (before Evening Prayer); and  
6:00 PM.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work."*

Psalm 19.1

## Our Approach to Level Three

### January 2022 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to December 31, 2021, was \$266,716 with expenses totalling \$254,871. December was a phenomenal month with many extra donations from parishioners (local and from away), our community and local organizations. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”
- The AGM will be held on Sunday February 27, 2021 (noon hour) with a storm date of Monday February 28, 2022. The 2022 Budget was approved by Vestry and is ready to be presented along with changes concerning the Memorial Fund and our Investment Fund in Fredericton.
- Vestry voiced their support for Operation Sunny Day which will help the Church maintain contact with our shut-ins etc.
- Vestry will hold a Visioning Day on Saturday May 7/2022 to review and update its 5-year plan for the church.
- Nick Saulnier will be ordained a deacon in our church on Saturday June 11/2022. More details to follow.
- The February Vestry Meeting will be held following the AGM.

**Church is not something you go to;  
it's a family you belong to.**

### Sundays

Sunday Services at 8 AM, 9:15 AM and 5 PM will be live-streamed (Clergy/Layreaders only).

The 10 AM Sunday Eucharist will be celebrated at the old Marven's Building parking lot (1 Factory Lane, off King Street).

Everyone is welcome! Come as you are, come in your car!

### Weekdays

Morning and Evening Prayer (Monday to Friday) will be live-streamed at 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

The Tuesday Eucharist at People's Park Tower has been cancelled until further notice.

The Thursday Eucharist will be live-streamed at 10:00 AM.

The Church Office will be open as usual from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Bible Studies (Monday at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM) will continue by ZOOM.

Grief Share will be cancelled until further notice.

The daily breakfast and shower program will continue as usual.

All Services can be viewed 'LIVE' or later on at your convenience.

For more information, please contact the Rector at 855-5209 or at [office@stgeorgesmoncton.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgesmoncton.ca).