

Vestry will meet **Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Church Hall at 7pm.

The **Order for Compline** will be prayed by candlelight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel for the season of Lent. This 'last Service of the day' is about 20 minutes in length. We pray it by candlelight to emphasize the Light of Christ which overcomes all the darknesses of our souls.

**Stations of the Cross** continues through Lent at **6:00 pm** in the Main Church.

There have been a couple requests for **Large Print Prayer Books**. If you would like an **order one**, the office is planning to order a few. They are **\$42** (including tax).

God willing, **Nicholas Saulnier**, a son of this parish, will be **ordained a Deacon** on St. Barnabas Day, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. George's. This will be a big day! We have ordered a large-print Prayer Book and a red stole, as gifts from the Congregation. If you **wish to contribute to these gifts**, please mark the amount on your offering envelope.

**Diocesan Lenten Retreat**, March 25-26 at the Villa Madonna, Rothesay NB "Freedom through Lent" - Join us for a 24hr break-away during Lent to help still our hearts and minds as we continue in our Lenten journey, looking forward to the Easter mysteries and celebrations. The Rev'd Jasmine Chandra is our retreat leader. Register: [nb.anglican.ca/Lent-Retreat](http://nb.anglican.ca/Lent-Retreat)

**Confirmation classes will soon be offered.** If you are interested in learning more about the Christian Faith and Deepening your relationship with the Lord, this is a great opportunity! For more information, please speak to the clergy. **Anyone may attend** – even if you have been confirmed already.

As mentioned in the bulletin a few weeks ago, we were recently given a print of **Rembrandt's** painting, '**The Return of the Prodigal**'. God willing, this will be dedicated to God's glory at the Community Meal on April 10<sup>th</sup>. An invitation has been extended to donor; and you are welcome to come as well!



**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*

**Lent 3 – March 20, 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

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### Lent 3 – March 20, 2022

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

Introit Psalm: 25. 8-15	p. 358
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects for Lent 3 and Ash Wednesday	pgs. 145 & 138
The Epistle	p. 145
Gradual Psalm: 25. 16-22	p. 359
The Holy Gospel	p. 146

#### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 52, 54	p. 395, 397
First Lesson: Genesis 33. 1-17	(Pew Bible page 34)
Second Lesson: Hebrews 12. 18-end	(Pew Bible page 977)

#### 10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

**Introit Psalm – sung** - *Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net: look thou upon me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded. Glory be....*

Hymn: **5** (Madrid - 269)

Children's Talk

The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Collects for Lent 3 and Ash Wednesday	pgs. 145 & 138
The Epistle	p. 145
Gradual Psalm: 25. 16-22	p. 359
The Holy Gospel	p. 146
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before the Homily: **118** (St Bernard)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **460** (St Finbar)

Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion: <b>244</b> (St. Christopher); <b>247</b> (Eisenach)	
<b>245</b> (Terntham-485)	

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

*(The Gloria in Excelsis p. 86 is omitted during the Lenten Season)*

Recessional Hymn: **812** (St. Patrick)

*Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall.*

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

Psalm: 55	p. 397
First Lesson: Genesis 44. 1 – 45. 8	(Pew Bible page 45)
Second Lesson: St. Luke 22. 54-end	(Pew Bible page 849)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Alice & Frank Parker, George Douglas, Marion MacLeod, Pat Crossman, Owen Branscombe*

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."*

*Bob Oke*

#### 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** as well

<b>Today</b>	Compline	8:00 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
	Vestry	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	"Confessions of St. Augustine"	7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	5:15 p.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10:00 a.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

**Next Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> is Mothering Sunday.** We welcome **Father Allen Tapley** and the Willing Workers will have Corporate Communion.

**Marthe Gradon**, our beloved sister in Christ, is **moving to Ottawa.**

Please join us for an opportunity to **wish her well** after the **10am Service on April 10<sup>th</sup>**; and please keep her in your prayers.

**Supplies are getting low** and we could use belts, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, men's underwear and single packaged toothbrushes. **Thank you** for all your support!

*"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who shall privily bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction."*  
2 Peter 2.1

## The Rector's Corner

I am still thinking about last week's Epistle and Gospel. The mother who came to Jesus on behalf of her daughter must have been at her wits end. The devil had infiltrated their home. Even worse, he had possessed the girl and she was "grievously vexed". She was severely afflicted. She was in danger of injuring herself and others. Her mother was exhausted from being constantly on the watch. She had been embarrassed and humiliated more times than she could remember.

Isolation. Darkness. Confusion. These are the rotten fruits of the devil and our unholy exploits. St. Paul describes our unholy behaviours as "the works of the flesh", and he names some of them in his letter to the Galatians (5.19-21):

"Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery (magic/witchcraft), enmity (hatred/hostility), strife (conflict), jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like."

Exhausted from battling the forces of darkness, the Canaanite woman came to the Lord. Kneeling before Him, she simply said, "Lord, help me." And He did. The Gospel says that her daughter was made whole. Her soul was cleansed. The demon was expelled and there was peace in that house.

That miracle helps me to understand the importance of St. Paul's words last week: "This is the will of God, even your sanctification. ...For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness". In our Baptism we received the Holy Spirit. God's desire, therefore, is our holiness and peace. We should also say, our happiness – our true happiness which comes when we rest our minds and hearts in Christ.

The signs of this holy peace and rest are described by St. Paul as the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5. 22-23). Imagine a world where every heart was full of only these holy virtues. Imagine a city; a business; a school. Imagine a Congregation; a family; a soul. How wonderful and beautiful life would be! Therefore, St. Paul says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification".

Throughout the Season of Lent the Church teaches us to pray for a new heart: "Create and make in us new and contrite hearts". New hearts – brand new – unsullied by selfish and unholy desires. Contrite hearts –

humble – "broken in spirit by the sense of our sins". Such new hearts, washed and cleansed by the Blood of Christ, have room to be filled with faith, hope and charity. They seek what is holy, and yearn for Him Who is Holy -- even with people who are hard to love.

Coming to the Altar to receive the Holy Communion is a test of our hearts. I come with my hands out to receive Him Who gave Himself for me. I come a mere mortal, needing to be forgiven and to forgive. I come because I need Strength and Refreshment for my soul. But God's grace is not cheap. Sanctification has a price – I must lay down my power and die to myself. The Catechism sets this out:

Catechist: What is required of those who come to receive the Lord's Supper?

Answer: To examine themselves, whether they:

- (1) truly repent of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead the new life;
- (2) have a living faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and
- (3) be in charity with all men – (that is, with everyone).

May the Lord Who has the power and authority to cast out the devil and bring Light to our lives, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, filled with His Peace.

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	Jeremiah 9:1-24	Romans 3
Monday	Jeremiah 10	Romans 4
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14	Romans 5
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15	Romans 6
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:1-18	Romans 7
Friday	Jeremiah 17:19-end	Romans 8:1-17
Saturday	Jeremiah 18:1-17	Romans 8:18-end

A talk by **Elissa Rodkey** entitled: "**A Wandering Bird: Psychologist Magda Arnold and Intellectual Communities Open and Closed**" is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm** in Stultz Hall Room 177. Please note that face masks are requested to be worn by those attending. Elissa is a member of St. George's and a professor at Crandall University. If you **need transportation**, please contact the Church Office.