Thank you to everyone for keeping up with their offering! It is truly appreciated. If anyone needs any information about PAR or etransfers, please contact the Office @ 855-5209. We currently are in a deficit position and even though programs are fewer in the summer, our bills still need to be paid. Donations have dropped over the past couple of months.

Coming up...Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – A trip to St. Alban's Church in Riverside-Albert and to Mary's Point. The Holy Eucharist is scheduled to be celebrated at 4pm at St. Alban's. Following that, we plan to motor on to Mary's Point for a cup of tea and some refreshments.

**Tuesday evenings in the Summer:** On Tuesday **July 26**<sup>th</sup>, August  $2^{nd}$ ,  $9^{th}$ , and  $16^{th}$  from 7:00 – 8:30pm a two-part session will be offered. From 7:00 to 7:40pm, we will use the **Gospel-Based Discipleship method to reflect on the Gospel** for the upcoming Sunday. Then, following a break, we will watch a Church History video on the Anglican Church in the  $17^{th}$  century.

Mark the date - Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 'Singing and Sizzling in the Park' - a Hymn Sing with a BBQ -- bring your own chair. Location to be announced. Let's get to know each other!

Water bottles – if you are cleaning out a cupboard, and find a spare water bottle or two, we can use them to support our community friends. Also we could use socks, underwear (men & women), men's shorts, gym pants. Thanks!

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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

## Fourth Sunday After Trinity July 10, 2022



<u>Parish Prayer Chain</u>: 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: 27. 1-7	p. 360
Collect for Purity:	p. 67
Collect & Epistle	p. 223
Gradual Psalm: 9. 9-12	p. 339
The Holy Gospel	p. 224

#### 9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

First Lesson: 1 Kings 12. 1-20	(Pew Bible p. 317)
Psalm 18, Part 1	p. 347
Second Lesson: Acts 17. 16-end	(Pew Bible p. 895)

#### 10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When mine enemies pressed sore against me, they stumbled and fell. Though an host of men were laid against me: yet shall not my heart be afraid. Glory be...

Hymn: 353 (Praise My Soul) Children's Talk Collect for Purity p. 67 Collect & Epistle p. 223 Gradual Psalm: 9, 9-12 p. 339 The Holy Gospel p. 224 The Nicene Creed p. 71 Hymn before Homily: 267 (Maryton) The Homily Offertory Hymn: 600 (Terra Beata) The Intercession p. 75 Confession, Absolution p. 77 Thanksgiving p. 78 Consecration p. 82 Hymns during Communion: 235 (St. Osmund) **538** (571- All for Jesus) **16** (Eventide) Gloria In Excelsis p. 86 Recessional Hymn: 475 (Puer Nobis Nascitur)

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

First Lesson: 2 Kings 22(Pew Bible p. 354)Psalm 18, Part 2p. 349Second Lesson: St. John 14. 15-end(Pew Bible p. 869)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Peter Fairburn, Margeurite Roberts, Florence Roberts, Dora Cliff, Ed Hamer, William Ellis Stockall, J.F.E. (Ted) White, Erva Lucille Scott, Millet and Beatrice Underhill

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed." Rev. Dale Petley, Doreen Coulter

Amongst the faithful departed, we remember Private Arthur E. G. Godard of this parish who died July 12, 1917 and is buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, England. 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 prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

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#### Please note that Morning and Evening Prayer Monday to Friday will be prayed in the Chapel now that we are able to live-stream in there.

"For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to even subdue all things unto himself."

Philippians 3.20, 21

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall.

#### **The Rector's Corner**

*"Misericordia"* is the combination of 'misereri' and 'cor' – 'merciful' and 'heart'. This is what the Lord Jesus calls us to have and to be and to do in today's Gospel: to have a merciful heart; to be merciful; and to do acts of mercy. In His words, *"Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful"*. Some would wonder why He had to even mention this: doesn't everybody know this already? Isn't it simply the right thing, and the obvious thing, for us to do?

First...Yes, of course, but apparently some of the Jewish religious leaders were teaching otherwise. They had twisted something in the Law communicated by God through Moses. Specifically, in the Book of Leviticus, the Israelites were told, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Hearing the emphasis on "your own people" and "your neighbor" some began to make a wrong assumption: 'If we are to love our neighbor, then we must hate our enemy'.

The Lord Jesus flipped that wrong assumption upside down with His message of a merciful heart. For example, in His Sermon on the Mount, He said: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you'". (St. Matthew 5.43) Likewise, in St. Luke's account, these words of Jesus were recorded, including the opening sentence from today's Gospel: "Love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return...Be merciful as your Father also is merciful". (6. 35-36)

Second, loving our neighbor *and our enemy* is the good and right thing to do, but look at the state the world is in! Look at the incredible and ghastly acts of violence that human beings do to each other every day! In a certain way, this is what St. Paul is speaking about in this morning's Epistle: "The whole creation groans and travails in pain." ... "The whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth". So, although a merciful heart and loving our enemy is basic information – and what we might call 'common decency' – our fallen human nature tends towards selfishness and destruction without God's grace. Every day, over and over again, we need to hear, "Love your neighbor. Love your enemy. Be merciful as your Father also is merciful".

One impediment to loving our neighbor and being merciful is the desire for revenge. We cannot open our heart to God's way of mercy if we are bent on continuing the feud. In his book entitled, <u>How to Forgive</u>, Canadian priest and author, Jon Monbourquette urges his readers to 'end the offensive actions' which come with seeking revenge. As difficult as this is to do, the Lord tells us clearly in this morning's Gospel to 'let it go'. Jesus said, "Be merciful as your Father also is merciful.\_Judge not and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive, and you shall be forgiven''.

There are all kinds of difficulties with nurturing a merciful heart, a *miserere cor*; because it goes against the grain of our fallen nature. Nevertheless, it is the way of our Lord and Saviour, and it is the way of eternal life; and, by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit working in us, a merciful heart is possible!

<b>Daily Bible Readings</b> A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons				
Sunday	Job 23	I John 5		
Monday	Job 24	2 John		
Tuesday	Job 25 & 26	I 3 John		
Wednesday	Job 27	Romans 1		
Thursday	Job 28	Romans 2:1-16		
Friday	Job 29:1-30:1	Romans 2:17-end		
Saturday	Job 31:13-end	Romans 3		