

Please pick up your Charitable tax receipts in the Entry.

St. George's Greeters are needed here! Please speak to one of our Wardens if you would be willing to volunteer in this way at 8 AM or 10 AM. The job includes handing our bulletins, giving directions to newcomers, and offering a friendly smile! We have "Greeter" lapel pins are available if you wish.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 26th** after the 10am Holy Service. The **snow date** will be Monday, **February 27th**. Please remember reports are due Monday, February 6th. If you would like to help with the lunch please speak to Marion, Bernice or Carolyn.

The **Director of the Department of Social Development's** 'Tiger Team' has been invited to the next Downtown Churches/YMCA **Reconnect meeting on Monday, February 13th at 2pm** at St. George's. We hope to learn from her about the government's vision for ministering to the homeless in greater Moncton, and the Churches' role in that vision.

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching on February 23rd. The Holy Eucharist with the Penitential Rite and the Imposition of Ashes has been scheduled to be celebrated at 8:30am in the Chapel and at 7:00pm in the Main Church. To that end, ***please bring in your palm crosses and branches by next Sunday, February 19th***. Thank you!

This winter, the **Knitting Club at the Moncton Residence** (which includes Connie Spinney) has been knitting hats, scarves and mittens, and donating them to St. George's for those who are homeless. Thank you for this good work!

A **'take-home' Bible Study series** will be available each Sunday for the next seven Sundays. The first one which focuses on the Virtue of Hope is illustrated by the St. Therese of Lisieux. Led by Fr. Norm Dupuis, this is the same study being used on Wednesday mornings.



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

The Most Reverend David Edwards- Bishop

The Reverend Canon Chris VanBuskirk - Rector

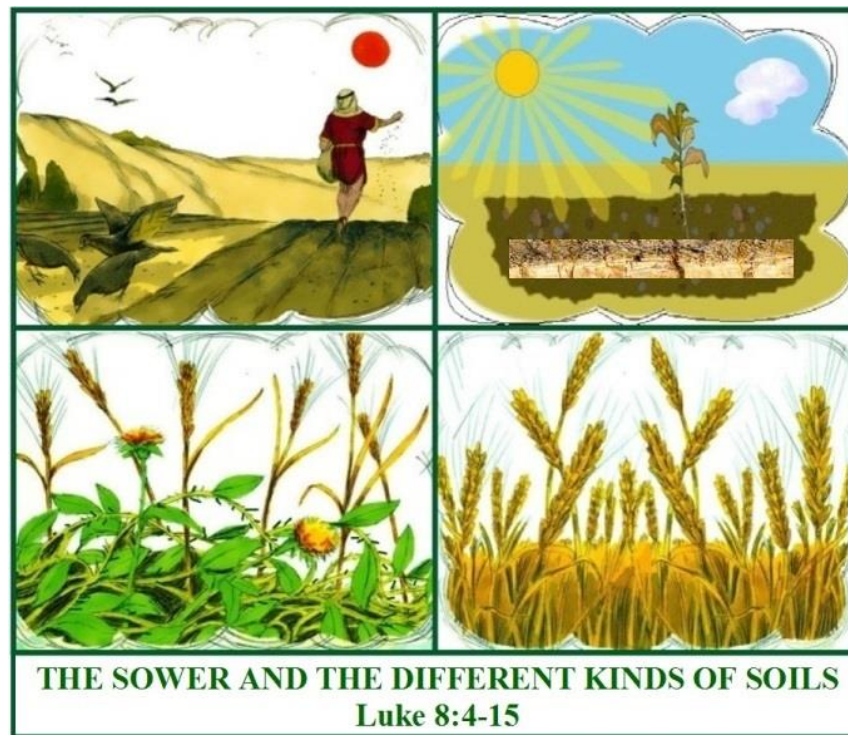
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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Sexagesima - February 12, 2023



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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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 44: 24-27	p. 386
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Gradual Psalm: 17: 6-9	p. 346
The Holy Gospel	p. 135

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 42, 43	p. 383
First Lesson: Genesis 3	(Pew Bible page 6)
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	(Pew Bible page 927)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *Arise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? Awake, and cast us not away forever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our adversity and misery? Our belly cleaveth unto the ground; arise, and save us, O Lord, our helper and our deliverer. O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us. Glory be.....*

Hymn: 699 (St. Benedict)	
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Homily	
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Hymns during Communion: 226 (Rockingham); 222 (Agape); 223 (Dominus Regit Me – 539)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 384 (Richmond)	

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 81	p. 434
First Lesson: Genesis 4: 1-15	(Pew Bible page 7)
Second Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-15	(Pew Bible page 988)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Heath James, Agnes H. Beemer, Al Pierce, Mary Spinney, Ron Chapman

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Eldon Dixon, Patricia Richard, Thomas Doran, Shirley Hines*

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:

Today	Community Dinner	4:00 p.m.
Monday	ReConnect Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion (<i>Spencers</i>)	11:00 a.m.
	Willing Workers	2:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

We welcome today two guests from the **Teen Challenge** in Memramcook who are with us today. One of them will share some details about the 12-month, in-residence alcohol and drug addiction rehabilitation program. The other guest will share some of his personal story of recovery reception will follow the service with an opportunity to speak with the presenters.

"The seed is the word of God....that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." [St. Luke 8: 15]

"For thus saith the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: break up anew your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns." [Jeremiah 4.3]

Please join us for Coffee and Tea in the Hall.

The Rector's Corner

In this morning's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Bible as a seed – a seed just like the seeds we will plant in another three months. He gave this metaphor to highlight the incredible potential for life within God's Word. Many, many people see it as just another book; but it's not. Like a seed, it is packed full of new Life. But also like a seed, it will not grow everywhere. The seed of God's Word seeks a heart of good soil. And, the key component of that good soil is patience.

Of the four types of soil in the parable, the first three failed: when the seed fell on the way-side, the birds gobbled it up. When it fell on the stony ground, it quickly gave way to temptation and withered. The seed that landed in the thorn patch sprouted, but was soon choked out by thorns which represent the cares, riches and pleasures of life. The seed was only fruitful and productive in one area: the good soil. We may all have a visual in our mind of a plot of good soil. I am thinking of Carolyn's family's farm on the Scoudouc Road. The soil where the sheep barn used to stand is rich, and the vegetable seeds that were planted in it last summer bore tremendous yields.

It is very sobering to think that these four soil types represent people. Why? Because only one in four is an honest and good heart which keeps the seed with patience. Twenty-five percent, that's all. The seed is freely offered; the opportunity is available for everyone, but only 25 out of a hundred people will be patient enough to hold onto that precious seed and wait for it to grow.

In some ways that is not surprising, considering the state of the secular Canadian culture in which we live. For most people, the 'here and now' is all that matters. Eternity is irrelevant and meaningless; immediate answers and instant gratification are the ticket. Therefore, the idea of waiting and persevering is a very difficult concept. Nevertheless, it is possible for everyone.

As one scholar noted, "The Greek word for *'patience'* means *'to abide under'*. I find that literal meaning helpful: *"to abide under"*. To remain or to stay *'under'* something, whether it be a time of pain, sickness or uncertainty; or whether it be under the authority or supervision of another person, definitely requires patience. This kind of 'abiding' involves suffering – 'longsuffering', a word which St. Paul used for patience in speaking of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The opposite of patience is *'passion'*, from the Greek word *'pathos'*. While it carries a connection with suffering, it means *'strong emotion'*, *'desire'* or *'affection'*. In his famous book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan makes a clear distinction between the two. At one point, Christian, the main character in the story, meets two children, each sitting in their own chair: the older was named Passion and the younger, Patience. As Bunyan wrote:

"Passion represents the people of this world, and Patience the people of the world which is to come; for, as you have seen here, Passion wants everything now, this year, that is to say, in this life; so are the people of this world. They must have all their good things now; they cannot wait till next year, that is, until the next world, for their portion of good. But as you saw, he quickly spent everything, and had nothing left but rags -- and so it will be with all those who are like him, at the end of this world.

The example of St. Paul's patience, described in this morning's Epistle, caused me to really reflect on the meaning of patience -- on what it looks like to keep the seed of God's Word. It seems to me that in order to keep it, I must truly love it. If I am to read it and live by it daily as my source, and the source of hope and truth, it must be valuable to me. Frederick Robertson, who was known and admired as a preacher by Charles Dickens, echoed this point by simply saying, "It is the work of a long life to become a Christian." May we seek the help of the Holy Spirit to embrace the Way of Patience, for it is truly the Way of eternal Life.

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An example of patience

Last month, Ivan Provorov, a first-line defenceman for the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team, created a stir when he refused to participate in a pre-game warmup, where the team wore Pride-themed jerseys and used sticks wrapped in rainbow Pride tape in celebration and support of the LGBTQ+ community. As a Russian Orthodox Christian, Provorov said, "I respect everybody's choices. My choice is to stay true to myself and my religion." His crusty coach, John Tortorella, backed him up with this supportive word saying that Provorov "was true to himself and to his religion." "It's one thing I respect about Provy, he's always true to himself," Tortorella said. In response to the controversy that was created, the NHL released this statement: "Players are free to decide which initiatives to support."

Theology Glossary

Incarnation. Form the Apostles Creed BCP p. 71

“Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man,”

Incarnation means to enter into or become flesh. This is referring to the Christian doctrine that Jesus pre-existed as the Son of God and then became man as the Son of Mary. The Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, and Luke, along with Saint Paul do not reference this doctrine but it is alluded to in Hebrews 1: 1-3. John, in the opening chapter of his Gospel, writes that the pre-existent Word of God "became flesh and dwelt among us ." This doctrine of the incarnation that stemmed from John's Gospel was so widely accepted that by the third and fourth centuries it was used by the early church fathers to argue against the rising tendency of denying Jesus' humanity. Referenced from HarperCollins "Bible Dictionary" (1996)

Turkey and Syria Relief: The Primates World Relief and Development Fund

PWRDF will immediately allocate \$35,000 to the ACT Alliance to support its members working in the area. PWRDF is also accepting funds to support this appeal.

(ACT Alliance is a global alliance of more than 145 churches and related organisations from over 120 countries created to provide humanitarian aid for poor and marginalized people.) For example, ACT member the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East-Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD) is providing food, blankets, mattresses and medical aid in affected communities in Aleppo, Hama and Latakia. Plans are underway from other ACT members to supply winterization materials, ambulances, and other needed supplies as the extent of the need is known.

Please keep the people affected by this devastating earthquake in your prayers. Donations can be made to support PWRDF's response through your Sunday offering envelope (please mark the amount for Turkey/Syria), online, or over the phone by calling 416-822-9083 (or leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and your call will be returned).



Pancake Supper Volunteers, please! The Pancake Supper is fast approaching on Tuesday, February 21st with three 'sittings' at 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm. It will be a **combined effort of the Anglican Churches in Moncton** and everything will be held at the Brix Building (245 St. Georges Street). If you would like to come, please sign up for one of the sittings. **Free**

will donations will be gladly accepted and **volunteers are needed to be greeters, pancake flippers and to assist with the clean up.** A 'Volunteer Sign-up Sheet' is at the back of the Church. Thank you!

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Habakkuk 2	John 3:22-end
Monday	Habakkuk 3:2-end	John 4:1-26
Tuesday	Malachi 1	John 4:27-end
Wednesday	Malachi 2:1-16	John 5:1-23
Thursday	Malachi 2:17-3:12	John 5:24-end
Friday	Malachi 3:13-4end	John 6:1-21
Saturday	Obadiah	John 6:22-40



St James Jesters walking for 'Coldest Night of the Year' supporting Youth Impact initiatives fighting youth Homelessness in Moncton. Please consider a small donation. **Saturday Feb 25 – 4:00 pm at St James for a short walk.**

Refreshments afterwards! All are welcome to join!

You can make a donation whether you walk or not

either online Coldest Night of the Year – Moncton by cheque to St James marked 'Coldest Night'. In the past Vestry donated \$100 and \$10 per person who walks.