

Please do not leave valuables in the Church Entry.

If you are interested in being a member of the Planning Committee to assist with our discussion on the 'Letter to Moncton Vestries' and its proposal for the future ministry of Moncton Anglicans, please speak to the Wardens or the Clergy.

Anglicans of Greater Moncton are invited to gather on **Sunday, April 16th** in order to further discuss/clarify the proposal of forming one parish; share what is unique about each of our Congregations; and discuss ideas on community partnerships that could support our church building costs. The meeting will begin with a pot-luck lunch at 12:30pm. Location to be announced. Stay tuned!

A **take-home Bible Study** is available at the back of the Church. It focuses on the virtue of prudence through Holy Scripture and the life of Thomas a Kempis - please help yourself.

The **Lenten Bible Study** at **St. James'** continues **Wednesday** evenings at 6:30pm.

If you would be interested in contributing to **another shared meal** after the 10am Service on **March 26th**, please sign the sheet in the **Main Entry**. **Thank you!**

Mothering Sunday is fast approaching on **March 19th**. As is our custom, **carnations** will be presented to the ladies of our Congregation on that day. There is a need for drives for some of our ladies – if you are able to provide transportation, please contact the office.

This past week we received a **generous gift** for the kitchen: the **toaster of all toasters!** It was immediately pressed into service and has already proved its value to the breakfast program. Many, many thanks to Allen and Nancy Urquhart, and to Dolphin Village for this generous donation. ***'Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!'***

'Late for Church?' ...**No problem!** Call the Church at 506-855-5209, or one of the Wardens (their numbers are on the front of the bulletin); or knock loudly on the Main Church door, and we will get you in.



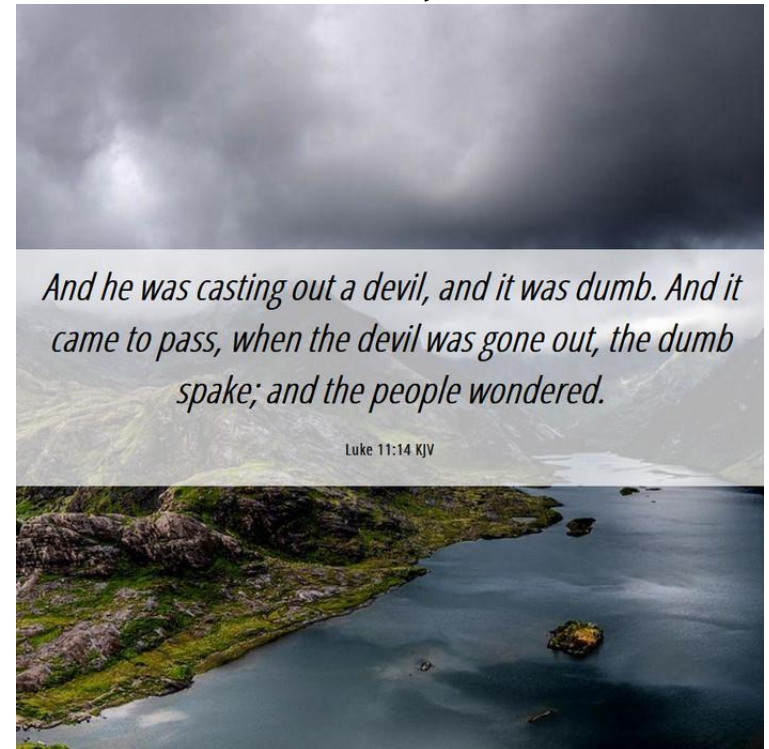
St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.

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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Lent 3- March 12, 2023



And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Luke 11:14 KJV

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

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| Introit Psalm: 25. 8-15 | p. 358 |
| Collect for Purity | p. 67 |
| Kyrie | p. 70 |
| Collects for the Day | pp. 145, 138 |
| The Epistle | p. 145 |
| Gradual Psalm: 25. 16-22 | p. 359 |
| The Holy Gospel | p. 146 |

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

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| Psalm: 52, 54 | p. 395, 397 |
| First Lesson: Genesis 18. 16 - end | (Pew Bible page 18) |
| Second Lesson: St. Luke 18. 1 – 14 | (Pew Bible page 843) |

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 **719** (Jesus Bids Us Shine)

Children's Talk

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| The Collect for Purity | p. 67 |
| Kyrie | p. 70 |
| Collect for Lent 3 & Ash Wednesday | pp. 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: **555** (Dennis)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **241** (Albano)

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| Intercession | p. 75 |
| Confession, Absolution | p. 77 |
| Thanksgiving | p. 78 |
| Consecration | p. 82 |
| Hymns during Communion: 229 (Picardy); 236 (Dolomite Chant); 244 (St. George/St. Olave) | |
| The Lord's Prayer | p. 85 |
| Recessional Hymn: 558 (Morning Light) | |

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

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| Psalm: 55 | p. 397 |
| First Lesson: Genesis 24. 1-28 | (Pew Bible page 23) |
| Second Lesson: St. Mark 14. 53 – end | (Pew Bible page 818) |

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Kenneth Douglas Stockall, Isa Reid, Helen MacDonald, Rocky & Judith Rockwell

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Michael Bembridge, George Martin, Rae Matchett, Sue Balcom,
The Venerable Thomas Crowther*

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. weekdays**, respectively. In addition:

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| Today | Community Dinner | 4:00 p.m. |
| | Holy Hour | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | ReConnect Church Meeting | 2:00 p.m. |
| | Grief-Share | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Holy Communion (<i>Spencer's</i>) | 11:00 a.m. |
| | Funeral for Rae Matchett | 2:00 p.m. |
| | Scouts | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Bible Study | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Holy Communion | 5:00 p.m. |
| | Bible Study (<i>St James'</i>) | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Cubs & Beavers | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Ante Communion | 10:00 a.m. |
| Friday | Stations of the Cross | 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | Community Breakfast | 9:00 a.m. |

A reminder that the **Order for Morning Prayer** will be held in the **Chapel** on Sundays at 9:15am.

Belated 42nd Wedding Anniversary wishes to Cliff and Cheryl Reid!

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth: Where fore he saith Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Ephesians 5: 8, 9, 14

The Rector's Corner

God's Finger

It is a great mystery how Pharaoh's magicians were able to duplicate the first two plagues; but the Bible says they did. After Moses' brother, Aaron, stretched out his rod, the water in the Nile River, and all the lesser rivers, canals, ponds and pools of Egypt was turned into blood. However, then the Scripture says, "But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their enchantments -- their secret arts".

The same thing happened with the second plague: following the Lord's command, Aaron once again stretched out his rod over the waters of Egypt and frogs came up and literally covered the land. There were frogs everywhere! And yet, mysteriously, the Scripture says, "But the magicians did the same by their secret arts."

Interestingly, however, they were not able to duplicate the third plague. Once again, in obedience to the Lord's instruction, Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and, this time, he struck the dust of the earth. And, "All the dust of the earth became gnats throughout all the land of Egypt". Then the Bible says, "The magicians tried by their secret arts to bring forth gnats, but they could not." So there were gnats on man and beast. And, in defeat, the magicians said, "This is the finger of God".

'This is the finger of God'. Of this, Matthew Henry says, "We know that God has the devil in a chain, and limits him both as a deceiver and as a destroyer; he shall come so far, but no further. The devil's agents when God permitted them, could do great things; but when he laid an embargo upon them, though but with his finger, they could do nothing."

In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus makes reference to 'the finger of God'. He had just finished casting out a devil and some standing by were jealous and accused Jesus of doing this through Beelzebul, the prince of devils. (As a side bar, in his sermon on this text in 1534, Martin Luther explained that in German, 'Zebub' means 'a bumblebee or big fly'. Therefore, 'Beelzebul' means 'master or lord of the flies'.) Anyway, Jesus challenged the stupidity of the accusation by pointing out that, "Every kingdom divided against itself falleth...if, therefore, Satan also be divideth against himself, how shall his kingdom stand?"

And then, the Lord challenged them: "But," He said "if I cast out devils by *the finger of God*, no doubt the kingdom of God has come upon you." The finger of God – this is what Pharaoh's magicians said. It means the power of God – the almighty power of God -- immediately available to intervene as quickly and easily as He lifts or points His

finger. It is not the bulldozer of God, nor is it the clenched fist of God; it is His finger. That makes us really think. He has all that power in His finger. He only needs to lift His finger; in fact, He does not even need to do that, for in the beginning He simply said, "'Let there be light,' and there was light."

There is a tremendously important thing for us in this Gospel. It issues a challenge to the Church and to each one of us personally: what do I believe about the finger of God and His power? Do I trust that it is truly almighty, and that it is the highest and most creative force in the universe? Do I understand it to be supreme not only in the material world but in all the invisible and spiritual realms too? Do I believe this power to be *active* rather than reactive? Do I know that this Divine and Holy Power is not only the force which governs all of creation, but also seeks to bring order to the energies of my soul? Do I believe that the Source of this eternal and infinite Power is the Loving Heart of the Blessed Trinity? And, therefore the Suffering and Death of Jesus Christ on the Cross was not a defeat but rather a victory of God's Charity?

What we believe about 'the finger' or power of God will determine the way we live, not just as individuals, but together as the Body of Christ. May we believe as the Canaanite mother did in last week's Gospel.

Daily Bible Readings

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

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| Sunday | Jeremiah 19 | John 20 |
| Monday | Jeremiah 21:1-10 | John 21 |
| Tuesday | Jeremiah 22:20-23:8 | Hebrews 1 |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 24 | Hebrews 2 |
| Thursday | Jeremiah 25:1-14 | Hebrews 3 |
| Friday | Jeremiah 27:2-end | Hebrews 4:1-13 |
| Saturday | Jeremiah 28 | Hebrews 4:14-5:10 |

This past Wednesday, **Rae Matchett departed from us**. Rae was a long-time member of St. George's. A native of the Miramichi, he came to Moncton and worked with the Canadian National Railway. He also served in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Primary Reservist. Rae had a very lively faith in the Lord and, when he could no longer get to Church, he looked for every opportunity to receive the Holy Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. He and his wife, Janet, had three daughters: Dianna, Kelly and Stephanie. **Please remember them in your prayers**. Rae's funeral has been set for **Tuesday, March 14th at 2:00pm**, at St. George's. "*Rest eternal grant unto Rae, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*"