

Please do not leave valuables in the Church Entry.

Easter Memorials – If you would like to place an Easter Memorial in the bulletin, could you please call the Church Office at 855-5209 **no later than Friday March 31st**. Please mark your donation clearly whether it is for the Memorial Fund, Community Meals, or for Flowers. Thank you!

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.

A copy of **A Simple Method of Meditation** is on the table in the Entry for your consideration. This is a way to reflect on God's Word, just as Gospel-based Discipleship is, of keeping our minds focused on the Lord and desiring His truth and glory in all things. Hope it is helpful.

You are invited to watch **'The Passion of the Christ'**, the Mel Gibson film, **on Sunday, April 2nd** (Palm Sunday), following the 10am Service in the Ladies' Parlour. Please bring your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Maundy Thursday Watch It is our custom to keep vigil in the Chapel from 9:00pm on Maundy Thursday until 7:00am on Good Friday, remembering how Jesus asked His disciples, *"Could you not watch with Me one hour?"* Please sign the sheet in the vestibule to indicate the time you can keep watch.

Anglicans of Greater Moncton are invited to gather on **Sunday, April 16th** 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 **Benefit Concert for St. George's Breakfast Program and Community Meals** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30pm**. A 30-voice choir from Oxford County, Ontario, has graciously offered to present the concert at St. George's. If you would be available to assist in providing supper on April 25th or offer someone a bed for the night, please contact the Church Office. More details to follow – let's spread the word!



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 4 - March 19, 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: 122	p. 498
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects for the Day	p. 147, p 138
The Epistle	p. 147
Gradual Psalm: 125	p. 499
The Holy Gospel	p. 146

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 86, 87	p. 439
First Lesson: Exodus 1. 8-14 22- 2.10	(Pew Bible page 52)
Second Lesson: St. Luke 18. 35 – 19. 10	(Pew Bible page 844)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. I was glad when they said unto me: We will go in to the house of the Lord. Glory be....*

Hymn: **720** (Warfare)

Children's Talk

The Ten Commandments	p. 68
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects for the Day	p. 147, p 138
The Epistle	p. 147
Gradual Psalm: 125	p. 439
The Holy Gospel	p. 147
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **775** (Jesus Saves)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **609** (Kingsfold - 426)

Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **236** (Dolomite Chant);
247 (Eisenach); **219** (Bread of Heaven)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

Recessional Hymn: **627** (Ewing)

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall.

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 75, 76	p. 423
First Lesson: Genesis 24. 29 - end	(Pew Bible page 24)
Second Lesson: St. Mark 15. 1-21	(Pew Bible page 818)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Marion McLeod

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

George Martin, Rae Matchett, Michael Bembridge

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**. In addition:

Today	Holy Hour	6:00 p.m.
Monday	Vestry	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion (Camden)	10:00 a.m.
	Willing Workers	2:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Bible Study (St James')	6:30 p.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Friday	Stations of the Cross	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Willing Workers, this Mothering Sunday who will celebrate Corporate Communion at the 10am Service.

Vestry meets **Monday, March 20th** at 7pm in the Parlour.

A **pot-luck lunch** has been planned for **next Sunday, March 26th** following the 10am Service. If you are able to contribute to the meal, please sign the sheet in the Main Entry. **Following the meal**, there will be a Congregational Meeting to further discuss the proposal regarding the future ministry of Moncton Anglicans. This will be in response to the motion at last month's Annual Meeting. Hope to see you!

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought of the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

St. Matthew 6: 34

The Rector's Corner

Today is Mothering Sunday – named so from this phrase in the Epistle: *“Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the mother of us all”*. (Galatians 4.26) It speaks about our heavenly home as God’s children, and the freedom we have now from the powers of darkness, through Christ.

“We are,” wrote St. Paul *“the children of promise”*. We are born again. Our first birth was a physical birth, from our mothers; but we have also been born of the Holy Spirit. In this new life, we seek to follow JESUS, living in obedience to God’s Word. This puts us in conflict with the sinful desires of the flesh – with ‘worldly’ thinking – and, often, with what is popular.

A recent example of this comes from Birmingham, England. Police there, arrested Isabel Vaughn-Spruce for praying silently outside a closed abortion clinic, for the second time in three months. She was not carrying a protest sign, but she was standing within the buffer zone.

Buffer zones (called ‘censorship zones’ by those who disagree with them) of a 150 metre radius have been introduced around abortion clinics by many local councils in the United Kingdom. These are governed by a Public Safety Protection Order (PSPO) which make it a crime to engage in activities that seeks to “influence” women who are seeking abortions or “any person’s decision to access, provide, or facilitate the provision of abortion services.” “Influencing” includes: “advising,” “persuading,” “informing,” “occupying space,” “silent prayer”, “peaceful presence”, “consensual conversation” or even “expressing opinion” near an abortion clinic. It is important to understand that these behaviours are banned, not people themselves.

Videos of Isabel Vaughn-Spruce’s arrest can be seen on You Tube, and an excellent, 26 minute interview with her may be viewed on the podcast, ‘Anglicans Unscripted 793: Arrested for Prayer Crime’. She carries a deep concern for women who feel pressured into getting an abortion and was there to silently pray for them. Statistics show that in the United Kingdom, one out of five women are forced into an abortion. They feel that it is their only choice due to financial constraints; accommodation issues (for example with their employment); or because of pressure from their partner. Isabel also prays for the staff at abortion clinics, some of whom in the past have told her that they feel “cursed” by their work.

It is interesting to me that the promise of the new Jerusalem announced on Mothering Sunday, follows three weeks of Epistles stressing our call to live holy lives, and three Gospels describing the casting out of devils. In

spite of all our struggles and failures, the Lord pours out His abundant grace and gives us new life. But in that new life the Holy Spirit convicts us to think and act differently, as Isabel Vaughn-Spruce has demonstrated.

At the end of today’s Epistle, St. Paul says, *“Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.”* He was addressing those who were insisting that Gentile Christians had to conform to the Jewish Law, including the rite of circumcision for men. To make circumcision a necessity for salvation denied the forgiveness, hope and grace of God offered to repentant sinners through JESUS. Instead of setting people free, it was actually an attempt to control.

This is important for us to reflect upon: *“stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free”*. The Church can easily fall into the trap of requiring certain things of people that are outside of, or contrary to, what the Lord has given us in His Word. This can happen so subtly in response to our culture’s demand for human rights; and, without realising it, we lose sight of the Jerusalem above, the mother of us all. Perhaps this is part of Isabel Vaughn-Spruce’s point.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Jeremiah 29:1-30	Hebrews 5:11-6-end
Monday	Jeremiah 32:1-15	Hebrews 7
Tuesday	Jeremiah 32:16-35	Hebrews 8
Wednesday	Jeremiah 32:36-end	Hebrews 9:1-14
Thursday	Jeremiah 33:1-13	Hebrews 9:15-end
Friday	Jeremiah 33:14-end	Hebrews 10:1-18
Saturday	Jeremiah 34:8-end	Hebrews 10:19-end

Theology Glossary

Kenosis: This is the theological term that describes the great love that Jesus Christ has for us by his sacrificial self-emptying of himself when he came down from heaven in the form of a man. Saint Paul speaks of this sacrificial love in his letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 5-11. This does not mean that Jesus forfeited his divinity by becoming man, but it is his divinity that could only have restored our broken relationship with God. He was not less divine but became what it means to be divine: God is the God of self-giving love. (*Partially referenced from N.T. Wright's "Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters"*)