

God willing, the **Rector will continue this week on a military course** in Halifax. Please **do not hesitate** to call the Church Office in the event of a pastoral emergency. The **Rev. Rob Salloum** is scheduled to celebrate the **Holy Eucharist on Thursday morning at 10am** in the Chapel.

The Willing Workers **Spring Tea on Saturday, May 13th 1pm -4pm** in the Church Hall. Sandwiches, sweets, tea, coffee & prizes. **Cost is \$10.**

The **choir practices for HRH Service** will be **Sat. May 13th** at 1:30pm and **Fri. May 19th** at 1pm. For more information or to sign up please speak to Toto Phi or Carolyn Keirstead.

Confirmation: Youth and adults interested in Confirmation are asked to please speak to the clergy. **Classes will begin May 14th** at 5pm.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing of the Sick will be offered Sunday, May 14th.

Ascension Day, May 18th In keeping with our custom, we will once again **climb the bell tower at 7:00am** to offer our praise and prayers. breakfast will be available afterwards. As Jesus ascended into the heavens, let us also in heart and mind ascend there!

Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, **May 13th 8am - Noon.** Rain or Shine! Please bring your own bags. **Cash Only.** Masks are strongly encouraged! **St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview.**

Men's Meeting at St. George's on **Thursday, May 18th**, beginning at 6pm. We will have some supper together and prison Chaplain, **Richard VanderVaart, will be the speaker.**

The Parish Garden: Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday After Easter, and is called Rogation Sunday. It is the last Sunday before Ascension Day. "*Rogation*" comes from the Latin word "*rogare*" which means "*to ask*". In the Gospel for Rogation Sunday, Jesus says, "*Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, He will give it to you.*" It was customary on Rogation Sunday and on the three following days for the priest and people to go to gardens and farms and ask God's blessing on the ground and seeds. So, following the 10 a.m. Service next Sunday, we will proceed to the area of our Parish Garden (on the side lawn) and ask God's blessing.



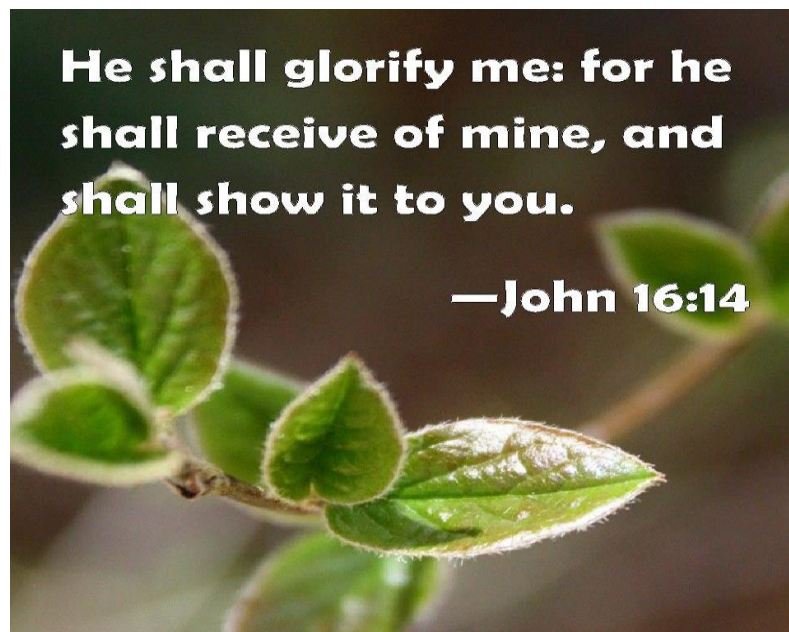
St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.

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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Fourth Sunday After Easter May 7, 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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Fourth Sunday After Easter – May 7, 2023

Introit Psalm – sung *O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvelous things alleluia; in the sight of the nations hath he shewed his righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be...*

Propers of the Day

The Collect p. 194
The Epistle p. 194
Gradual Psalm: 118. 15-18 p. 483
The Holy Gospel p. 195

Today’s Hymns

353 (Praise My Soul)
555 (Dennis)
167 (Hyfrydol- 397)
803 (Gwalchmal)

Hymns during Communion:

227 (Eisenach)
224 (Rockingham);
221 (Undes et Memores)

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 126, 127, 128 pgs.500, 501
First Lesson: Exodus 34. 1-10 (Pew Bible page 84)
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3. 8-end (Pew Bible page 983)

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 136 p. 506
First Lesson: Exodus 35. 30 – 36. 7 (Pew Bible page 86)
Second Lesson: Luke 16. 19-end (Pew Bible page 842)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charles Hamlyn, Doreen Robinson

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Audrey Melanson, Mary Shute, Albert Arsenault*

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. weekdays**

Monday	ReConnect Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Willing Workers	2:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Beavers & Cubs	6:30 p.m.
	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Choir Practice	1:30 p.m.
	Spring Tea	2:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit

V B F Y K N U X D W E V Z Q O F Z
Y M X F N M O S R Z R Y U T N Z T
I X O B B B Y T Q O G N M L H K R
Y Y U D G H J W S J D L X G I A U
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F G S N Q U M T K J L U S O L R R
E N U K O R E H C A E T B A D E F
R Q N C H E L P E R I T K L N V U

understanding	wisdom	invisible
truth	intercessor	dove
water	fire	unknowable
helper	comforter	teacher
counselor		

The Rector's Corner

It is both interesting and ironic, given the King's Coronation yesterday, that we read in last week's Epistle: *"(Live) as free men, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."* The English Standard Version translates the passage this way: *"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."* Of course, adding to the irony, we look forward to having the King's sister, Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, with us for Evening Prayer on the day after Ascension Day.

As you know, there has been a lot of talk about King Charles' view of the Christian Faith, and Faiths in general. His view is based in the relativism of our culture, rather than in the solid faith that God's Word is absolutely true and that JESUS, the Son of God, is exactly who He said He is. *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life,"* said JESUS, *"No one comes to the Father except through me."* (St. John 14.6)

What does the King's lukewarmness mean for the Anglican Church? No doubt many things, but today I offer these two:

First, in spite of our frustrations, last week's Epistle calls us to *"honour the King"*. The Greek verb used here for "honour" means "to respect". No doubt, for some, this is a tall order. However, in thinking about this duty, it may be helpful to remember the background of last week's Epistle. It is part of a general letter written by St. Peter for circulation amongst the churches in present day Turkey where believers were being persecuted. At best, the Roman Emperor at the time was unpredictable in his behaviour towards Christians. Often, he promoted their torture and execution.

Second, it may be helpful to read Article XXXVII on page 713 of the Prayer Book. But, before you do, remember that these Articles of Religion, "finalised in 1571, are the defining statements of doctrine and practices of the Church of England with respect to the controversies of the English Reformation". (adapted from Wikipedia). It was a rocky time for the Church, and in an attempt to state its position in relation to the Church of Rome, these Articles were published.

Anyway, Article 37 is entitled 'Of Civil Magistrates' and in the second paragraph we read: "Where we attribute to the King's Majesty the chief government...we give not to our Princes the ministering either of God's Word, or of the Sacraments...but that only prerogative, which we see to

have been given always to all godly Princes in holy Scriptures by God himself; that is, that they should rule all estates and degrees committed to their charge by God, whether they be Ecclesiastical or Temporal, and restrain with the civil sword the stubborn and evil doers."

Basically, the Article says that the King should use his power to maintain good order. Of course, we wish that he would recognize His divinely-given duty to serve JESUS, the King of Kings – to be and to do as the Monarch is called in the Bidding Prayer on page 63: "Defender of the Faith".

Instead of being disgusted about this, let us do what last week's Epistle says: "Honour the king". We don't have to like his views. We don't even have to like him. But he has been placed in this position for some reason by God; so, let's pray for Charles III. Some helpful aids are found on pages 48-49. There is also the Collect within the Communion Service, on page 70. It has this beautiful petition: "Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Charles, our King and Governor, that he, knowing whose minister he is, may above all things seek thy honour and glory".

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Deuteronomy 17:8-end	Acts 16:6-end
Monday	Deuteronomy 18:9-end	Acts 17:1-15
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 19	Acts 17:16-end
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 21:22-22:8	Acts 18:1-23
Thursday	Deuteronomy 24:5-end	Acts 18:24-19:7
Friday	Deuteronomy 26	Acts 19:8-20
Saturday	Deuteronomy 28:58-end	Acts 20:17-end

Theology Glossary

The Benedictus appears in the office of morning prayer on page 9. The word Benedictus means "blessing". In the morning office it is a canticle that is read after the Te Deum Laudamus, the psalm and first lesson appointed for the day. The Benedictus is poetic oracle attributed to Zechariah, who was the father of John the Baptist. The Benedictus is taken from the Gospel of Saint Luke Chapter 1 verses 68-79. Zechariah praises God for His great act of salvation that was to be accomplished through the Messiah Jesus Christ. John was the prophet that proclaimed to the world the arrival of the Messiah.

A congregational meeting will be held this morning after both the 8am and 10am Services. A secret ballot vote will take place on the Motion of Joining with the Parishes of St. James', St. Philip's, St. Andrew's, St. Albans and St. Mary's Hillsborough.