



Happy Mother's Day!



Thank you to all who have supported in so many ways while I was away on course. I truly appreciate your help! CVB +

Confirmation classes will begin today at 5pm.

The next three days are **Rogation Days**: Days of Solemn Prayer before Ascension Day. To that end, God willing, the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated on **Monday and Wednesday at 5:00pm** in the Chapel.

Vestry meets Monday, **May 15th** at 7pm in the Ladies' Parlour.

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!

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

The final **choir practices for HRH Service** will be on Friday **May 19th at 1pm**. For more information or to sign up please speak to Toto Phi or Carolyn Keirstead.

Outbound will be next **Sunday, May 21st** beginning with lunch in the Hall.

The opportunity to provide **your input** on the proposal to form **one parish in the Moncton area** will continue until 11:30am next **Wednesday, May 17th**. This can be done in a number of ways: in person at the Church Office; by telephone (506-855-5209); or by email. You can also request that a ballot be brought to you at home. If **you have questions, please let us know!**



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

Fifth Sunday After Easter - May 14, 2023 Rogation Sunday



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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Fifth Sunday After Easter (Rogation Sunday) May 14, 2023

Introit Psalm – (sung) *With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia: utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be....*

Propers of the Day

The Collect p. 196
The Epistle p. 196
Gradual Psalm: 66. 15-19
The Holy Gospel p. 197

Today's Hymns

721 (All Things Bright)
399 (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)
171 (St. Flavian – 238)
352 (Old Hundreth-350)

Hymns During Communion

579 (Toplady, AT #41); 779 (What a Friend)

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 46, 63 pgs.388, 405
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34 (Pew Bible page 195)
Second Lesson: Acts 13. 26-43 (Pew Bible page 891)

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 61, 62 p. 404
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6 (Pew Bible page 169)
Second Lesson: Luke 10. 38 – 11. 13 (Pew Bible page 835)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Judith Rothwell, Phyllis Dingwell, John R. MacKinnon, Gordon & Ethel (Sammie) Shaw

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Mary Shute, Margaret Petrie, The Rev. John Cooper*

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 10am Holy Eucharist.

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**

Today	Community Dinner	4:00 p.m.
Monday	Holy Communion Vestry	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion (Camden) Scouts	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study Holy Communion Beavers/Cubs	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Ascension Walk Holy Communion	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

Following the Laying on of Hands and Anointing of the Sick, we will **move to the Parish Garden** to ask God's blessing on the soil. An announcement of the move will be made in the Hall, at Coffee Hour.

Happy Belated wishes to Carolyn VanBuskirk and Maria Stam and belated anniversary wishes to Stan & Shirley McGovern and Linus & Bernice Coady.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Deuteronomy 29:10-end	Acts 21:1-16
Monday	Deuteronomy 30	Acts 21:17-36
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Acts 21:37-22:22
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:14-29	Acts 22:23-23:11
Thursday	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14	Acts 23:12-end
Friday	Deuteronomy 32:15-47	Acts 24:1-23
Saturday	Deuteronomy 32:48-end	Acts 24:25-25:12

*“For we are labours together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.”
I Corinthians 3. 9*

The Rector's Corner

CBC reporter Adrienne Arseneault, who also anchors 'The National', recently had an exclusive interview with Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne. Perhaps you watched it. I did not realize that Her Royal Highness is regarded as "the hardest working Royal" having made 214 public appearances last year; and that she is involved with 300 charities. In addition, Princess Anne has been the Colonel-in-Chief of the 8th Canadian Hussars since 1972.

But the main point Her Royal Highness made in the CBC interview, in my opinion, was about long-term stability. She said, "The monarchy is about conveying continuity of service and understanding....So much of what we see and hear is very much in the now. Fashions have their place, but long-term commitment has a lot going for it."

Implied in the idea of stability is authority – a recognized authority that provides a reference point for good order, as well as the values of service, commitment and understanding. In our fallen condition, we often struggle with submitting to authority. We want to exert our independence. For example, we read in the Psalms that, "*The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein*". (24.1) He is "*the King of glory, strong and mighty*". Indeed, "*The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, and the Lord remaineth a King forever.*" (29.9) Nevertheless, Israel was not content with His authority. In 1 Samuel, chapter 8, we read how the people pleaded with Samuel: "*Appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.*" Samuel was hurt, and no doubt disgusted, but God told him, "*Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.*"

Going forward, we see the Lord's hand in choosing and anointing Saul, David and Solomon as the Kings of Israel. Their stories and Israel's history can only be understood in terms of God's election and providence. As the Prophet Daniel was inspired to write, "*Blessed be the Name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings.*" (2.20-21)

This fits with what St. Paul told the Church in Rome: "*There is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*" So, even with Israel's rejection of God's Kingship and authority, the fact remains that as the Almighty One, He still ruled. As the Psalmist said, "*Thy throne, O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre*". (45.6) As Lord – the One with all authority -- He holds the power and uses Kings and Queens and Governments to accomplish them, even when they themselves are not aware of His purposes.

It is from that understanding – that point of faith – that we can perceive stability, even when things seem to be going sideways. It is with that belief that we pray each day with hope: "*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*". And, I would suggest that it is from her allegiance to Christ the King that Princess Anne so beautifully and effectively conveys long-term commitment and continuity of service.

A few years ago, we chose this verse as our parish motto: "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.*" (Hebrews 13.8) Our King and Saviour's love for us is solid. He is faithful. His Character, His Truth, His Life, His Mercy and the Promise we have in Him never change. Ultimately, then, the ability of the king to provide stability and continuity to the government and the people rests in his consecration to Christ the King of kings. God save the king.

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The Theology Glossary

The Te Deum Laudamus as it appears in the Book of Common prayer found on pages 7 to 9 in the Morning Prayer office is a Latin hymn to the Father and the Son. It is named after the first Latin words "We praise thee, O God". On an interesting note, the rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer states that at the Ministers discretion the third section of the Te Deum Laudamus can be omitted because it was not apart of the original hymn. Partially referenced from "The Oxford Guide to The Book of Common Prayer".

"Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus."