

### May 2023 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to April 31, 2023, was \$78,295 with expenses totalling \$85,443.
- The Group Committee reported that the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have been active. They have been working on Heavenly Greens and other activities. They will finish the year in June with a weekend camp.
- The church hall will be closed from the month of July to allow for the installation of a new floor as well as work on the back staircase. The Provincial Government is paying for this work.
- Church and Rectory repairs are on schedule. The chapel steps are in need of repair and a course of action will be determined.
- The Outreach program is seeing an average of 50 community friends with many new faces seeking help.
- Vestry was informed that the Rev. Deacon Rick Cunningham's curacy will end at St. Georges effective July 31, 2023.
- The votes on the Future of the Moncton Parishes will be counted on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The results will be published to the Parish and the Vestry will make a recommendation to be sent to the Archbishop at its next meeting in June.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday June 12th.

On Sunday, **June 4th**, during the 10am celebration of the Holy Eucharist, ***there will be a wedding!*** **Ali Larsen**, a member of St. George's who recently moved to Dartmouth, was confirmed last June. Her fiancé, **Marcus Hahn**, is the son of Marilyn Mockler. Marilyn was a member of St. George's prior to her death last year. Please **remember them in your prayers** and do plan to come and join with us in worship.

Also on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** we look forward to the **Baptisms of Oliver and Alice Guitard at 5:00pm**. Please **remember** these children and their parents, Travis and Jessica, **in your prayers**.



**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

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*Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever*

## **Sunday After Ascension Day** **May 21, 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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**Introit Psalm – sung** *Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord, have I sought ; thy face, Lord will I seek: **O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia.** The Lord is my light, and my salvation: **whom than shall I fear? Glory be....***

**Propers of the Day**

The Collect	p. 203
The Epistle	p. 203
Gradual Psalm: 47. 5-10	p. 389
The Holy Gospel	p. 203

**Today’s Hymns**

- 354 (Coronation)
- 392 (Darwell)
- 397 (Hyfrydol)
- 174 (Ascension)

**Hymns During Communion**

235 (St. Osmond); 503 (Kingsfold)

**9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER**

Psalms: 20, 21	pgs.352, 353
First Lesson: Isaiah 65. 17-end	(Pew Bible page 609)
Second Lesson: Luke 24. 36-end	(Pew Bible page 852)

**5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER**

Psalms: 98, 99	pgs. 455, 456
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31. 1-13	(Pew Bible page 638)
Second Lesson: Ephesians 5. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 948)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Karl Robinson, Frank Pierce*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”*  
*Rev. Randy Matters, Mike Pragnell*

**Outbound** will depart for **Irishtown Park** after a light lunch in the Hall.

**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.** In addition:

<b>Monday</b>	“Office Closed”	.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> ( <i>Grass Home</i> )	10:30 a.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs/Beavers	6:30 p.m.
	Bible Study ( <i>St.James’</i> )	6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ante Communion</b> ( <i>Chapel</i> )	10:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

The **Parish Picnic** is being planned for Sunday, **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, at Shediac Cape, following the 10am Service. Stay tuned!

**The Ascension of Jesus**

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

Heaven	Galilee	Samaria	Judea
Israel	Baptized	Gift	Father
Jerusalem	God	Kingdom	Forty Days
Holy Spirit	Apostles	Jesus	Ascension

## The Rector's Corner

Today is the Sunday After Ascension Day. Interestingly, we have a stained-glass window that commemorates Jesus' Ascension. It is the farthest one on the pulpit side of the Church, given in memory of Canon William Bernard Sisam who was the Priest and Rector of St. George's from 1907-1932. In the image, the Lord Jesus has His arms uplifted; and two angels, on either side, are watching Him ascend into Heaven. The text says, "*O come let us adore Him.*"

The most significant thing about that window, however, are our Saviour's hands and feet. Very clearly, we can see the wounds from the nails of His Crucifixion. And that's the thing: the wounds *were* visible. Though He was risen from the dead, the scars from the Cross remained in Jesus' Body. As we read in the Gospel according to St. John: "*Jesus stood in the midst, and saith unto them, 'Peace be unto you.' And when He had so said, He showed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.*" (19. 20) Those glorious wounds, as they have been called, served to identify Jesus to His friends. And one day we shall see those wounds of love too.

But why did Christ go up into Heaven? Why did He leave us? The Bible sets forth these reasons:

1. His work for our salvation finished, He went up to take the place of authority at His Father's right hand, and from there He prays for us as our Advocate and Mediator;
2. He also ascended to restore our humanity to that communion with God, intended by the Father from the beginning of creation;
3. He went up to Heaven to send forth the Holy Spirit, our Counsellor and Comforter; and
4. Our King ascended to prepare a place for us.

In his classic manual for members of the Anglican Communion, entitled The Catholic Religion, Vernon Staley offered this helpful imagination:

Behind the cloud how wondrous must the scene have been, for the gates of heaven were lifted up, and the holy angels poured forth to conduct their King, returning from His humiliation, to the highest place of honour at the right hand of the eternal Father! "*He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.*"

Then Staley went on to add: "The Ascension is the completion of the Incarnation. The Son of God took our nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin never to put it off....As St. Chrysostom says, 'He has put on our flesh, not as if to lay it aside again, but to have it ever with Himself.' He is still Son of Man, and will be for ever and ever. The truth of the eternal manhood of Jesus is one of supreme importance, for it has much to do with our salvation. By His Ascension our blessed Lord opened the gates of heaven, which, since the Fall, had been closed to man. Our Lord was the first of the human race to enter heaven. He ascended into heaven that we might follow Him; thus, He is described as 'the forerunner', entering in for us."

Here is God's Hope and almighty Power for all people, remembered and proclaimed in Jesus' Ascension. *Alleluia! Christ has ascended into Heaven! O come let us worship! Alleluia!*

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	Deuteronomy 33	Acts 25:13-end
Monday	Deuteronomy 34	Acts 26
Tuesday	Joshua 1	Acts 27
Wednesday	Joshua 2	Acts 28:1-15
Thursday	Joshua 3	Acts 28:16-end
Friday	Joshua 4:1-5:1	Hebrews 1
Saturday	Joshua 5:13-6:20	Hebrews 2

### **The Theology Glossary**

The word Venite is the Latin for "come" and appears in the first sentence of "O come let us worship" in Psalm 95. This Psalm is used in the Book of Common Prayer on page 6 in the service of morning prayer. The Venite Exultamus Domino is used after the confession and absolution to give praise and thanksgiving to God for His mercy, forgiveness and creation.

*"Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. God is love. [IJohn4.4] Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God: and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. [IJohn4.7]*