



*Congratulations to Caleb and Bailey who were married yesterday.*

Many thanks to **Nancy and Allen Urquhart** who have beautifully decorated the Church for Harvest Thanksgiving, lifting our minds and hearts to be truly grateful for the provisions the Lord has once again provided. The Form of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of the Harvest are found on pages 617-620 of the Prayer Book and are commended for your private use. Many thanks to our decorators for the generous gift of their time and talents! Next week we shall continue our Thanksgiving observances by focusing on God's blessings to us as a nation. The readings for next Sunday – Thanksgiving Day -- are found on pages 307-309. *“O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious; because His mercy endureth for ever.” (Psalm 118.1)*

**Time to vote!!!!** It is time to choose the new Parish name. Each Church will keep their name, but we need an official Joint Parish name. **Pick up to 5** names in order of preference and submit your ballot. **Please sign the sheet** to indicate that you have cast your ballot.

**Bible Study** is set to begin again: on Wednesday **October 18<sup>th</sup>** evenings at 7:00pm at St. James'.

**Volunteers** are still needed for the **breakfast program** – if you can spare a **morning** once a week, please call the Office at (506) 855-5209.

**Tyler McKenna** is back at Wycliffe this fall – if you would like to **donate** to his school expenses mark your envelope “Tyler”. **Money will be sent at the end of each month.**

If you or a loved one are **admitted to hospital** and would like a pastoral visit, **please call the Church Office.** Thank you!



**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*

## Harvest Thanksgiving Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity - October 1, 2023

### PROPERS FOR THE DAY

Introit Psalm (sung): *Give peace O Lord to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of thy servant and of thy people Israel. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be.....*

The Collects	p. 620 & 244
The Lesson	p. 620
Gradual Psalm: 131	p. 503
The Holy Gospel	P. 621

### HYMNS OF THE DAY

**305** (Nun Danket)

**307** (St. George)

**308** (Wir Pflügen)

**“Christ the Fair Glory”** - insert

### 9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 65, 67	p. 407
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8	
(Pew Bible page 170)	
Second Lesson: Revelation 14. 14-19	(Pew Bible page 1001)

### 5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 147	p. 518
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 28. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 187)
Second Lesson: St. Matthew 13.8-30	(Pew Bible page 782)

## The Rector's Corner

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; / and the firmament showeth his handy-work.
- 2 One day telleth another; / and one night certifieth another.
- 3 There is neither speech nor language; / their voice cannot be heard;
- 4 Yet their sound is gone out into all lands; / and their words into the ends of the world.

*Psalm 19:1-4*

It seems that each age has a phrase that passes unnoticed into the common language. "It is what it is" was perhaps the phrase that most defined our age; that is, until the lockdowns came in 2020 and so many of us were forced to transition to Zoom or Teams or the like to get together for work or recreation; at which point an entirely new phrase was repeated over and over again until it also passed, like all the others, into the common language: "You're on mute."

The author of the 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm (above) writes of how the glory and beauty and majesty of the created order speak powerfully, if only we are willing to listen, about the glory and beauty and majesty of the God who is its maker; of how Creation communicates without language or speech; of how Creation has no audible voice, as we do; but still, of how the sound of Creation's praise extends to every time and place: *Yet their sound is gone out into all lands.*"

That's a reality every day of the year but it's especially true for us in this corner of God's world at this time of year. The Fall, with its cooler days and beautiful colours, speaks loudly to those who listen of the goodness of God's Grace which is, as I have said before, never just sufficient but always abundant.

But our ability to hear the sound of that praise is challenged because so much of life serves to 'mute' the created order. In a world where the loudest is rewarded with our attention, so much of our business and busyness drown out the still quiet voice of Creation. So, listening to Creation's voice takes a special tuning in. It requires us to put away self-interest, profit, greed, and power, as well as the inherent human desire to always want more. If, by Grace, we are willing to do that, then we might just hear Creation reminding us that, while we humans have been made in the image of God, we are

a part of a diverse and glorious song of Creation which, together and only together, tells us of the mystery of God.

So as we move from September to October, with the annual celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving before us, let us commit to turning off some of the noise of life so that we can hear what Creation would tell us about our mission and ministry as those made in the image of our creating and creative God. The psalmist reminds us that the heavens declare the glory of God, which we are called to do as well. Are we listening to the lessons that the Creation can teach us?



**Happy belated birthdays** to Fran Cormier (September 28<sup>th</sup>), Helen Staples & the Rector (September 29<sup>th</sup>) Happy Birthday to you...and many more!

**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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*Amongst the faithful departed we remember, Robert Norman Anderson who was killed in action on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916 and is honoured at Vimy and Trooper Warren Mason Cooper who was killed in action on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1943, and buried in Italy. With us, they await the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Cherry Howard Schott*

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."  
Shirley Eustace, Michael Bembridge, June Oke*

### **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**, respectively.

<b>Monday</b>	Beavers	6:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Camden</i> )	10:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs & Scouts	6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10:00 a.m.

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	2 Samuel 17:1-23	John 20
Monday	2 Samuel 17:24-18:18	John 21
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18:19-end	Hebrews 1
Wednesday	2 Samuel 19:1-23	Hebrews 2
Thursday	2 Samuel 19:24-end	Hebrews 3
Friday	2 Samuel 23:1-17	Hebrews 4:1-13
Saturday	2 Samuel 24	Hebrews 4:14-5:10

*Thank you to Canon Stockall for being here to celebrate with us while the Rector was away.*

If you are able to **help with clean-up** for the Community Dinner on Sunday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, please contact the Office.

*"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

Matthew 11. 29, 30

St.

## **Christ the Fair Glory**

Christ, the fair glory of the holy Angels,  
Thou who hast made us, thou who o'er us rulest,  
Grant of thy mercy unto us thy servants  
Steps up to heaven.

Send thy Archangel, Michael, to our succour;  
Peacemaker blessèd, may he banish from us  
Striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful  
All things may prosper.

Send thy Archangel, Gabriel, the mighty;  
Herald of heaven, may he from us mortals  
Spurn the old serpent, watching o'er the temples  
Where thou art worshipped.

Sent thy Archangel, Raphael, the restorer  
Of the misguided ways of men who wander,  
Who at thy bidding strengthens soul and body  
With thine anointing.

May the blest Mother of our God and Saviour,  
May the assembly of the Saints in glory,  
May the celestial companies of Angels  
Ever assist us.

Father almighty, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God ever blessèd, be thou our preserver;  
Thine is the glory which the Angels worship,  
Veiling their faces.

Amen.

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