

2024 Offering Envelopes are in the Entry. If you would like envelopes or would like to **sign up for PAR** (pre-authorized remittance) please contact Esther in the office.

Calendars are available in the entry for \$9

The process of forming one Parish amongst the Greater Moncton Anglicans has moved to the next step: Archbishop David Edwards has communicated his Notice of Intention to Issue a Memorial of Amalgamation. If you would like a copy, please ask the clergy or a member of Vestry. If you have objections to the proposed amalgamation, please write to the Archbishop and set out the reasons for your objection. (The Most Rev. David Edwards, 168 Church Street, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 4C9.) Please note that the Archbishop will be present at the next **General Meeting of Moncton Anglicans which is scheduled for 6:00pm on Sunday, December 3rd** (following Advent Carols and Lessons), in St. George's Church Hall.

Grief Share is scheduled to begin this **Tuesday, November 21st** at 7:00pm. This ten-week program has three components: a work book; a weekly video; and the discussion group. Over the years it has been helpful to many who are grieving. **Please contact the Office** to register. Everyone is welcome.

St James Christmas Bazaar will be held **November 25th from 9-12**. Gently used Christmas items and baked goods greatly appreciated. Please drop in!

Just a friendly reminder that **the First Sunday in Advent is coming quickly** on December 3rd. **Time to dig out the Advent Wreath and buy some candles**. If you need instructions on how to make your own wreath, please go to the parish website www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca and click on News in the top right corner.



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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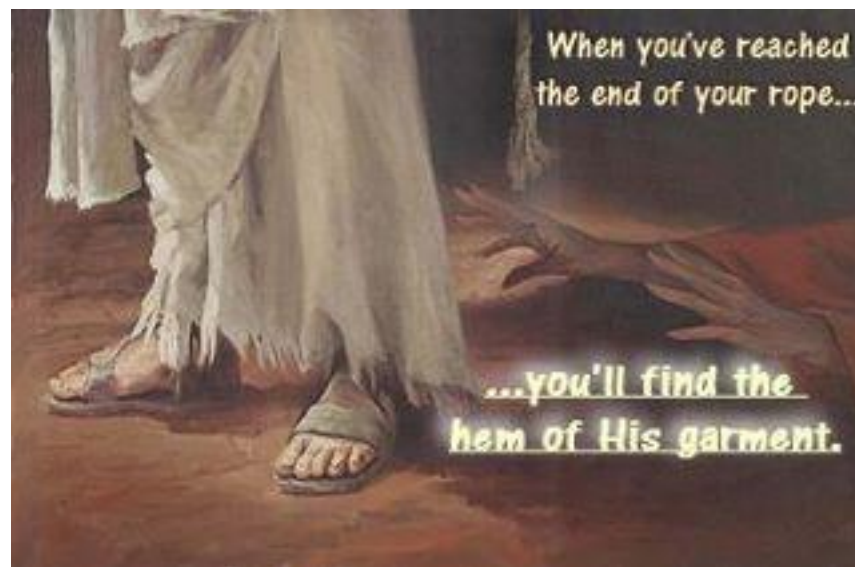
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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Trinity

November 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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Honorary Assistant:	Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin	
Deacon:	Rev. Norm Dupuis	(506) 386-1324

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Propers of the Day

Introit Psalm (sung): *Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be....*

Ten Commandments

Collect for Purity: p. 67

Collect & Epistle p. 257

Gradual Psalm: 147. 12-15 p. 519

The Holy Gospel p. 258

Hymns for the Day

328 (Martyrdom – 382)

388 (Duke Street)

292 (Kingsfold – 426)

751 (Londonderry Air)

Hymns During Communion

783 (Invocation); **127** (Batty); “Seek Ye First” (Printed in bulletin)

672 (Bread of Life); **669** (Father to Thee I Come)

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 143 p. 513

First Lesson: Habakkuk 3. 2-end (Pew Bible page 751)

Second Lesson: James 3 (Pew Bible page 979)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 17 p. 346

First Lesson: Jeremiah 22. 1-9 (Pew Bible page 629)

Second Lesson: Matthew 21. 12-32 (Pew Bible page 790)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of
God and in Loving Memory of Donald R. Beers,
The Rev, John Pearce*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Helen Osborne*

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. In addition:

Monday	Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion (Camden)	10:00 a.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 p.m.
	Bible Study (St. James')	1:00 p.m.
	Cubs & Scouts	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Community Breakfast	9:00 a.m.



Wool Sock fundraiser! Beautiful hand knit socks have been donated for our Outreach. We would like to sell them for **\$10/pair**. Each pair sold will purchase 20 pairs of socks for us to hand out to our Community friends. There is a basket in the entry. **Thank you!**

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	2 Kings 13	Acts 6:1-7:16
Monday	2 Kings 14	Acts 7:17-34
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 26	Acts 7:35-8:4
Wednesday	2 Kings 15:17-end	Acts 8:4-25
Thursday	2 Kings 16	Acts 8:26-end
Friday	2 Kings 17:1-23	Acts 9:1-31
Saturday	2 Kings 17:24-end	Acts 9:32-end

Please pray for Yazy and his parents as he is brought for baptism next Sunday.

*"I will tell of the decree of the Lord, wherein he hath said unto me,
'Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee. Psalm 2. 7*

Rector's Corner

This will be the last of my reflections on the Arctic.

During the first week of our 'sail' I found myself almost mesmerized by the vastness of the sea. Even the trip from Halifax to St. John's left me amazed by the immensity of the water. But once we left St. John's, the Labrador Sea introduced me to another level: we travelled days without seeing land. And so it was in the Davis Strait and through the North West Passage, and up the coast of Greenland. I remembered that line from Coleridge's 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner':

*"Water, water, everywhere, And all the boards did shrink;
Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink."*

But, of course, long, long before Coleridge there is God's mysterious Word from the beginning:

"God created the heavens and the earth in the very beginning. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water....And God said, 'Let the waters that are under the sky be gathered together in one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas; and God saw that it was good.'" (Genesis 1. 1-2, 9-10)

St. Basil, Bishop of Caesarea in the fourth century, reflected upon the six days of Creation in his Hexameron – particularly the idea of the waters under the sky being gathered together into Seas. For example, he wrote:

"It was ordered that it should be the natural property of water to flow... Some flow of their own accord like springs and rivers, others are collected and stationary... Waters flow in virtue of God's order, and the sea is enclosed in limits according to this first law, 'Let the waters be gathered together unto one place.' For fear the water should spread beyond its bed, and in its successive invasions cover one by one all countries, and end by flooding the whole earth, it received the order to gather unto one place. Thus we often see the furious sea raising mighty waves to the heaven, and, when once it has touched the shore, break its impetuosity in foam and retire."

I find it helpful to have the verses from Genesis broken down in this way by thinking about water 'flowing' and 'gathering'. By slowing down to consider these things, we are reminded of this fact presented by St. Basil: *"To say that the waters were gathered in one place indicates that previously they were scattered in many places. The mountains, intersected by deep*

ravines, accumulated water in their valleys, when from every direction the waters betook themselves to the one gathering place."

Near the end of the Book of Job, God asks Job: *"Have you entered into the depths of the sea? Or have you walked in the foundations of the deep?" (38.16)*

It is a humbling question that reveals our smallness. And that's how I felt standing on the quarterdeck of the HMCS Harry DeWolf, watching the trail of foam disappear behind us. How very small we are – how utterly dependent upon the Lord. In Job's words:

"Who am I to think that I can give counsel without knowledge? You have declared to me that I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me which I did not know." (42.3)

And so unto God Almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost – the only wise God -- be ascribed all majesty, dominion, power, honour and glory forever and ever. Amen

Seek Ye First

Verse 1

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 3

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

NEW TESTAMENT

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HEROD
 JAMES
 JESUS
 JOHN
 KINGDOM
 LAMB
 LASTSUPPER
 LAZARUS

LUKE
 MARK
 MATTHEW
 MIRACLES
 PAUL
 PETER
 RESURRECTION

ROMANS
 SALVATION
 SAMARITAN
 SERMON
 SPIRIT
 TEMPLE
 TITUS

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

November 2022 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to October 31, 2023, was \$193,350 with expenses totalling \$228,088. The deficit is now -\$34,738.
- The Cubs, Beavers and Scouts continue to be busy, one of the activities is learning how to use a compass. The annual dessert party has been moved to Spring/early summer.
- The Property Committee reported that the repairs on the chapel steps will be done in the spring when the weather is better for concrete. However, the loose railing will be repaired soon. The Committee will also investigate better lighting for outdoors using LED lights.
- The sale of the Rectory is moving forward, pending approval of the Diocesan Property Committee as well as the Finance Committee.
- Grants have been received from Mazon and St. Martin's in the Woods for Community Meals.
- There will be a volunteer training session on Nov 29, 2023, focusing on de-escalation and trauma care.
- The Annual general meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday February 11th, 2024, following the 10am service. The snow date is Monday February 12th, 2024, at 7pm.
- With amalgamation on the horizon, finances were discussed at length with two budgets, one for the new parish and the second for the maintenance of St. George's Church as each church is responsible for the upkeep of their buildings. As well, there was discussion on the need/election of 2 wardens for the new parish and a church committee to oversee the upkeep of St. George's.
- With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, the church will be decorated on Sunday December 17th following the 10am service.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday December 11, 2023