

This Tuesday is the final session of **B.E. W.E.L.L.** (Because Everyone needs to **W**orship **E**at **L**augh and **L**earn).

The **Thursday evening Gospel-based Discipleship** meeting (**in person, by Zoom or live-stream**) continues on Thursday evening. We will meet on-line or in the Church Hall from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** to read and reflect upon the Good News according to St. Luke.

A gift for Tyler McKenna – seven volumes of Bishop J.C. Ryles’ sermons on the Gospels – has been purchased and inscribed. These are at the back of the Church and waiting for you to sign your name. Please do! Thanks to Christine Stam for doing the beautiful calligraphy.

The next **Outbound excursion, August 30th** will be to the Irving Park in Bouctouche. Following our time in Bouctouche we have been invited to Peter and Agnes Stam’s for supper, which will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair. Come for the day or just for supper - whatever works!

“Did you know? Our Sunday sermons are available from our website as a podcast. Go to www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca/sermons and choose the date you want to hear. Push “play” and that’s it! Or, click “subscribe” to be directed to Apple Podcasts or Google Podcasts to download and listen on the go.”

Here is a helpful website with good Christian material in audio form. It is called **LibriVox**. Type this link into your web browser and click on Genre/Subject. Then scroll down to Non-Fiction (Bibles) or Non-Fiction (Religion/Christianity).

Free Audiobooks at: <https://librivox.org/>



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity **August 23, 2020**



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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8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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| Introit Psalm: 111 | p. 477 |
| Collect for Purity | p. 67 |
| Collect and Epistle | p. 234 |
| Gradual Psalm: 51. 15-17 | p. 395 |
| The Holy Gospel | p. 235 |

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

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| Psalms: 65, 67 | pgs. 407, 409 |
| First Lesson: Jeremiah 18. 1-17 | (Pew Bible page 626) |
| Second Lesson: Luke 4. 1-15 | (Pew Bible page 825) |

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *God in His holy habitation, it is He that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: He will give the dominion and pre-eminence unto His people. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before him. Glory be...*

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| Children's Talk | |
| Litany | p. 30 |
| Collect for Purity | p. 67 |
| Kyrie | p. 70 |
| Collect and Epistle | p. 234 |
| Gradual Psalm: 51. 15-17 | p. 395 |
| The Holy Gospel | p. 235 |
| The Nicene Creed | p. 71 |
| Hymn before Homily: 581 "Cast Thy Care on Jesus" (Eripe Me) | |
| The Homily | |
| Offertory Hymn: 529 "Just As I Am" (Misericordia) | |
| The Intercession | p. 75 |
| Confession, Absolution | p. 77 |
| Thanksgiving | p. 78 |
| Consecration | p. 82 |
| Hymns during Communion: 236 (Dolomite Chant); 233 (St. Agnes); 229 (Picardy) | |
| The Lord's Prayer | p. 85 |
| Gloria In Excelsis | p. 86 |
| Recessional Hymn: 427 "He Who Would Valiant Be" (Monks Gate) | |

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

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| Psalm 68. | p. 410 |
| First Lesson: Zechariah 2. | (Pew Bible page 758) |
| Second Lesson: Galatians 1. | (Pew Bible page 941) |

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Charles Stockall, Yvonne Kruky

*Let us remember before God the faithful departed
John Hreno, Muriel Connors*

Amongst the faithful departed, we remember from this Parish Charles Tupper Busby who died on August 29, 1901 and is buried in South Africa He awaits with us the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

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| Today | Confirmation Class | 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday | Holy Communion | 5:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Be Well | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thursday | Holy Communion | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Holy Communion (Camden PPT) | 1:15 p.m. |
| | Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |

Daily Bible Readings

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

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| Sunday | I Samuel 14:1-23 | Luke 21:5-end |
| Monday | I Samuel 14:24-48 | Luke 22:1-38 |
| Tuesday | I Samuel 15 | Luke 22:39-53 |
| Wednesday | I Samuel 16 | Luke 22:54-end |
| Thursday | I Samuel 17:1-30 | Luke 23:1-25 |
| Friday | I Samuel 17:31-54 | Luke 23:26-49 |
| Saturday | I Samuel 17:55-18:16 | Luke 23:50-24:12 |

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Collect for Holy Communion page 67. BCP

The Rector's Corner

The brown, crunchy grass; the cracked earth; and the fine dust all testify to our great need for rain. Even the sun-worshippers agree. With rainfall in New Brunswick being measured at some of the lowest amounts in recorded history, it is no wonder that sandbars and rocky shoals are appearing in many of our rivers and lakes. Like the Corona Virus, this shortage of precipitation is yet another reminder that we are just people, dependent on the mercy of our Heavenly Father. We cannot make it rain, plain and simple.

Near the end of the Book of Job, the Lord asks Job a number of pointed questions. The Scripture says the Almighty spoke out of a whirlwind and emphasized (in the words of Henry Halley), "the ignorance, helplessness and infinitesimal smallness of man compared to God" (Halley's Bible Handbook, 1962). It is a forceful address and sobering to read; and, in it the Lord raises man's complete lack of understanding when it comes to rain:

"Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; to cause it to rain on the earth...to satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of tender herb to spring forth? Hath the rain a father? Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?"
(Job 38.25-28)

I must admit my frustration in the morning listening to the early morning radio hosts whine when rain is in the forecast. As city dwellers, we may not think much about it, but a lot of water is required to keep things going. A walk through the hospital provides a quick reminder: every room has at least one sink, and a toilet.

Interestingly, the National Indigenous Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, Mark MacDonald, has been speaking about God's sacred gift of water. He adapted a form of 'Blessing of the Waters' from the traditional Eastern Orthodox Service for the Great Blessing of Water. "The blessing of the water," said Bishop MacDonald, "is a way of saying that the land is sacred and what happens in it is a sacred matter."

We believe that water is sacred, for it is an essential part of God's creation. In the ninth verse of the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, we read: "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." Of this, St. Basil wrote in his Hexaemeron, "Survey creation; you will see the power of heat reigning

over all that is born and perishes. On account of it comes all the water spread over the earth, as well as that which is beyond our sight and is dispersed in the depths of the earth. On account of it are abundance of fountains, springs, or wells, courses of rivers, both mountain torrents and ever flowing streams, for the storing of moisture in many and various reservoirs."

We trust that God, Who has given us the gift of water, in all of its forms, will send rain to sustain us. He has made such a promise in Genesis 8.22 saying that "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest...shall not cease." If you wish some guidance in prayer on this subject, there is a prayer on page 53 of the Prayer Book for times of dearth (scarcity) and famine.

"O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise Him and magnify Him forever!"

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News about the Church Universal

Has called for the return of Iraqi Christians who had fled their homeland. He made this appeal especially because of the defeat of ISIS.. In a remarkable statement the Prime Minister described Christians as "the original children of the country". Christians have indeed been in Iraq for nearly 2,000 years, far longer than in the UK for example. Islam only came to the region now known as Iraq some 600 years later.

The Iraqi Prime Minister met with the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Louis Sako and various Bishops in Baghdad. He assured them that "Iraq is the country for everyone" and pledged that "everyone is a partner in building the future of Iraq". Al-Kadhimi is the fourth Prime Minister since 2005 and a former Director of the Iraqi National Intelligence Service. He returned to Iraq himself after years of self-imposed exile, having lived in the USA and UK during part of the Saddam Hussein regime.

Al-Kadhimi said in his statement, "We are serious about providing assistance to our Christian families and solving their problems. We are glad that Christians will return to Iraq and contribute to its reconstruction. Iraqis of all sects are yearning for a new Iraq that believes in peace and rejects violence."