

Easter Memorials – If you would like to place an Easter Memorial in the bulletin, could you please call the Church Office at 855-5209 no later than **March 26th**. Please mark your donation clearly whether it is for the Memorial Fund, Community Meals, or for Flowers. Thank you!

The **literature rack** in the main entry has been **re-stocked** with some reading for Lent. We have also recently received a number **of puzzles** – ideal for this pandemic time. Please help yourself on a ‘**borrow and return**’ basis!

The Province of New Brunswick is engaged in a major review and consultation about health care. There will be a series **of regional Zoom open meetings** during March and April open for public comment. The meeting for Moncton is scheduled for **March 30, 2021** (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Go to the website to register:
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/health/healthcare_review.html In order to receive a **ZOOM link** for the meeting, you must register by clicking on the meeting and completing the required fields. Want to share your thoughts about the future of health care? Write to:
healthplansante@gnb.ca

Give the Gift of Health!

The project to provide a **mobile medical clinic in the Diocese of Ho** has come to the **final push**. The plan is to have the clinic operating Ghana by the end of the year. The aim is to provide medical care for people in the rural areas of the Volta Region. The vehicle will be staffed by medical students and doctors from the regional hospital. In addition, specialists will travel when necessary. It has also been agreed that a member of clergy will accompany the clinic to provide counsel as needed. If you would like to **contribute**, please mark your envelope **Diocese of Ho**. Thank you!

Maundy Thursday Watch – Help please!

It is our custom to keep vigil in the Chapel from 9:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday until 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday, remembering how Jesus asked His disciples, “*Could you not watch with Me one hour?*” If you can help, please sign the sheet in the vestibule to indicate the time you can keep watch.



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

Lent 4 - March 14, 2021



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

Introit Psalm: 122	p. 498
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects for the Day	p. 147, p 138
The Epistle	p. 147
Gradual Psalm: 125	p. 499
The Holy Gospel	p. 146

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 86, 87	p. 439
First Lesson: Exodus 1. 8-14 22- 2.10	(Pew Bible page 52)
Second Lesson: St. Luke 18. 35 – 19. 10	(Pew Bible page 844)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. I was glad when they said unto me: We will go in to the house of the Lord. Glory be....*

Hymn: **720** (Warfare)

Children's Talk

Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects for the Day	p. 147, p 138
The Epistle	p. 147
Gradual Psalm: 125	p. 439
The Holy Gospel	p. 147
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **775** (Jesus Saves)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **609** (Kingsfold - 426)

Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **236** (Dolomite Chant);
247 (Eisenach); **219** (Bread of Heaven)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

Recessional Hymn: **627** (Ewing)

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 75, 76	p. 423
First Lesson: Genesis 24. 29 - end	(Pew Bible page 24)
Second Lesson: St. Mark 15. 1-21	(Pew Bible page 818)

The carnations given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ceressa Huntington by her husband Gary, and their girls Shae Lynn, Megan and Amy.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Rocky & Judith Rockwell

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

Phillip Farrell, Joan Robinson, Ruth Degan, Agnès Nancy Gradon, Canon Jim Golding, Ralph Black

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. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Today	Community Dinner	4:00 p.m.
Monday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	"Imitation of Christ"	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Friday	Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m.

Today is called **Mothering Sunday**. It takes its name from today's Epistle in which St. Paul says, "Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the mother of us all". On this day, it has long been the custom to give the women of the parish a flower. It was also the day on which congregations visited the mother Church of the parish. Sometimes this day is called 'Refreshment Sunday', named after the feeding of the 5000 in today's Gospel. **Carnations** will be presented to the ladies of our Congregation on today. We are in **need of volunteers to deliver carnations** to our shut-ins.

"The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good."
Ecclesiastes 9. 17, 18

Holy Week and Eastertide

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 A.M.** and **5:00 P.M.** Monday – Thursday, respectively. For Good Friday see below. In addition:

Holy Monday, March 29

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Holy Tuesday, March 30

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, March 31

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Removal of Sacrament to Altar of
Repose and Stripping of Altar,

9:00 p.m. The Watch begins in the Chapel

Good Friday April 2

9:15 a.m. Way of the Cross leaving from City Hall and proceeding
to Saint George's (Volunteers needed both adults and
children to carry the cross.)

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday, April 3

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

Easter Day, April 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Procession and Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Easter Monday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

The Rector's Corner

At various times during the Holy Communion, the Minister stands with his back to the people. At first, that may seem to be a strange thing – even a rude thing. However, it's not meant to be – here's why:

Take, for example, when we say the Nicene Creed. We stand, and we all face East, anticipating the second coming of Christ. "For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the return of the Son of Man." (St. Matthew 24.27). The fact that everyone, including the Minister, faces in the same direction at once is meant to emphasize our unity in faith. We are united in believing that Jesus will come again as our Judge and King.

Another example of the Priest talking with his back to the people is at the Intercession. To intercede is to plead on behalf of someone. The Lord Jesus is interceding for us now at the right hand of the Father. He is our only Advocate and Mediator; and as His Body on earth, He commands us to pray. So, in response to the Good News of God's saving grace and truth proclaimed in the Epistle, Gospel, Creed and Sermon, we offer prayer for the whole Church.

The people are kneeling. The Priest faces the Lord's Table with his hands held up in the orans position. In this posture of prayer, the elbows are kept close to the sides of the body and both hands are outstretched, with palms up. The idea is that the Priest is praying on behalf of the Congregation. He is acting as the spiritual leader for the people who are lifting their hearts to the Lord God Almighty. In this formal, corporate, unified act of worship, the focus is vertical, heavenward, and so the Priest faces East and towards the Altar.

Taking this position and direction does not mean the Lord will not hear us otherwise. As the Collect says, He is "always more ready to hear than we to pray" (Trinity 12, p. 236). The point here is emphasizing God's Majesty. He is seated on His Throne, high and lifted up, and we bow humbly before Him. As the Prophet Isaiah wrote: "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple." (Isaiah 6.1)

The actions of the Congregation are not random. They are ancient customs which flow from our Christian beliefs. In Latin this principle is called 'lex orandi, lex credendi'; it means: "the law of prayer is the law of faith," or "the Church believes as she prays."

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Jonah 1&2	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Monday	Jonah 3&4	Hebrews 5:11-6-end
Tuesday	Jeremiah 1:11-end	Hebrews 7
Wednesday	Jeremiah 2:1-13	Hebrews 8
Thursday	Jeremiah 4:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-14
Friday	Jeremiah 5:1-19	Hebrews 9:15-end
Saturday	Jeremiah 5:20-end	Hebrews 10:1-18

1st Moncton -St. George's Scouting has had its **challenges** with COVID like everyone else, all things Scouting came to an **abrupt halt last March** but things **started to slowly resume in September** with exceptions; no overnight camping, mask wearing all the time, only being allowed indoor meetings when the coloured phase was yellow, when it wasn't, we had to be outdoors which proved to be a challenge with winter darkness and the bitter cold, but we "Carried on". The number of youths involved has dropped below half of what it used to be, with only **21 in all three sections**, and **the loss of 3 Leaders** has made us have to combine sections during meetings so we would have enough adults per youth to meet the ratio that Scouts Canada requires, but the dedicated Leaders were adamant that whether 1 or 2 youth showed up we would still carry on the tradition of Scouting at St. George's. ***Please keep this youth ministry at St. George's in your thoughts and prayers.***

Feedback required, please! As the installation of cameras for our live-streaming nears completion, the Vestry discussed the potential for upgrading the Church's sound system – the volume and quality of sound available to the person in the pew. A presentation was made to the Vestry by Bill Millett of Suvatek. An important piece for a sound system upgrade is a desk/cabinet/work station that would house the camera screens and the sound equipment. This would be located at the back of the Church where the Warden's Bench currently sits. The reason for the location being at the back of the Church is to optimize the ability to judge what is being heard. The dimensions of this proposed work station are taped on the floor. Please take some time to consider this project and give feedback to the Rector, Wardens or Vestry members by April 5th.

I publish the banns of marriage between James Whatley and Annette Fougere, both of Moncton. If any of you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the second time of asking.

March 2021 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to February 28, 2021 was \$29,951 with expenses totalling \$37,854. Vestry is thankful to all parishioners who have continued with their weekly donations.
- A parish Advisory Committee was appointed by Vestry. This Committee is responsible in helping choose a new Rector if and when it becomes necessary. The committee consists of the two Wardens (Sheila Searle and Kelly VanBuskirk) a Vestry Member (Marilyn Hare) and two members from the Parish (Cheryl Reid and Bill Ross).
- The Group Committee reported that there are 7 Beavers, 7 Cubs and 4 Scouts. They have participated in many outdoor activities and now will be able to return indoors during the Yellow Phase.
- Quotes are being sought to complete the Bell Tower Repairs on the remaining two sides.
- Bill Millett of SuvaTek made a presentation on Phase 3 of Operation Livestream which would enhance the sound both on the livestream and in the Church. Vestry tabled the report, and it will be voted on at the April Meeting. More information coming on this phase.
- The Eastertide Series will begin on April 19th and run for 5 consecutive Mondays on Zoom. More information will be available in the Bulletin.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday April 5, 2021.

Readers please! **To make Operation Livestream strong, St. George's needs volunteers to assist with the Daily Services of Morning and Evening Prayer.** This would involve reading one of the Lessons or just being present to participate in the prayer responses. An information session will be held after Easter. Please stay tuned for more details.