

We are in dire need of men's small and medium underwear, sweatpants, and t-shirts. Also our supply of deodorant and razors is very low. Thank you for all your support!

The next **St. George's Outbound** is scheduled for next Sunday **August 29th**. We will be exploring **the Sackville Waterfowl Park** and then head to **St. Anne's Westcock**.

The **Fall Sunday School program** is scheduled to begin on Sunday, **September 12th** at 10am. We will focus on 'People of the Bible', reinforcing the Bible Story with a craft and song. Invitations will be sent to children who have been baptized in the last six years. Many thanks to our teachers for their willingness to continue with this vital ministry.

Archbishop Edwards is scheduled to be with us for the 10am Service on **September 12th**. God willing, **a shared meal** will follow the Service. He plans to be present at the Community Meal that afternoon. At that meal, 'The **House Band**' (featuring our very own Annette Fougere) will provide music as we (hopefully) mark our return to 'sit-down' community meals.

Memories on the Bounty by Janet Sanford tells the 1960 story of our beloved **Roy Boutilier and 24 other Nova Scotians** at sea on the Bounty. Roy's photo is on the book cover. Nimbus is the publisher. As we move toward the first anniversary of Roy's death, this is a wonderful testimony and memorial.

A humble request: would you please consider a bequest to St. George's in your will?



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

Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

August 22, 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: 70 p. 415
Collect for Purity: p. 67
Collect & Epistle p. 236
Gradual Psalm: 34. 1-5 p. 369
The Holy Gospel p. 237

9:15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 69 p. 413
First Lesson: Hosea 11. 1-9 (Pew Bible page 729)
Second Lesson: Romans 5. 1-11 (Pew Bible page 911)

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm (sung) *Haste thee, O God, unto my rescue, and save me; O Lord, make hast to my deliverance: **let mine enemies be ashamed and confounded, that seek after my soul. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that wish me evil. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost...***

Children's Talk

Litany p. 30
Collect for Purity p. 67
Summary of the Law p. 69
Kyrie p. 70
Collect & Epistle p. 236
Gradual Psalm: 34. 1-5 p. 369
The Holy Gospel p. 237
The Nicene Creed p. 71

Hymn: **792** (I Need Thee)

The Homily

Offertory Hymn: **751** (Londonderry Air)

The Intercession p. 75

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving p. 78

Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **478** (Eisenach); **522** (Olivet);

219 (Bread of Heaven)

The Gloria & The Blessing p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **377** (Richmond)

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 71 p. 416
First Lesson: Jeremiah 7. 1-16 (Pew Bible page 617)
Second Lesson: Matthew 5. 21 - end (Pew Bible page 774)

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

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Bill Leahy*

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:

Tuesday	Holy Communion (<i>Camden</i>)	10:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion (<i>St Bartholomew</i>)	10:00 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

Due to overwhelming success and need, we **require more volunteers** for our **morning breakfast**. If you can help, please call Esther in the Office. We require people from **8am-10am** and someone **from 8am - 12noon**.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	2 Chronicles 16	Luke 20:27-21:4
Monday	2 Kings 17:1-23	Luke 21:5-end
Tuesday	2 Kings 17:24-end	Luke 22:1-38
Wednesday	2 Kings 18:1-8	Luke 22:39-53
Thursday	2 Chronicles 30	Luke 22:54-end
Friday	2 Kings 18:13-end	Luke 23:1-25
Saturday	2 Kings 19	Luke 23:26-49

"There is none greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife; how then can I do this wickedness, and sin against God." Genesis 38. 9

The Rector's Corner

A tea bag must be placed in boiling water in order us to get 'the good' out of it. We cannot make a cup of tea in cold water. Likewise, a steel rod must be super-heated until it is red-hot, then pounded and shaped in order to be a useful tool – for example, a screw-driver.

As much as we don't relish the idea, adversity can shape us; sharpen us; and even strengthen us. St. Peter wrote to the early Church about this. He said, *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of the sufferings of Christ; that when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad with exceeding joy."* (1 St. Peter 4.12)

The English Standard Version translates it this way:

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."

In that brief word, St. Peter told the Christians three things:

- Do not be surprised when trials come;
- Instead, rejoice, because trials can be a way for us to enter into the sufferings of Christ;
- In the end, you will be glad you did so, when Jesus returns and reveals His power and glory.

Peter's message is not what we are used to hearing. It is counter-cultural. We are usually surprised when things don't go our way, and we ask, "Why me?" And, rather than rejoicing at hardship, we complain about it and try to avoid it at all costs. The idea that suffering can have a good purpose is becoming less and less acceptable to North Americans. In fact, 'inconvenience' has begun to be included in the same category as suffering, even though it is not the same thing. Nowadays, anything that hinders my freedom – my will – has the potential to be named as 'suffering'. For example, consider how the majority of our society has embraced life-style abortion (pro-choice) and the legislation around Medical Assistance In Dying.

I realize that these involve uncomfortable conversations, especially for Canadians! Nevertheless, the bare facts remain: legalization of life-style abortion and M.A.I.D. are indicators of our culture's unwillingness to accept suffering and inconvenience. And yet, given St. Peter's word, that unwillingness could actually be a rejection of God's will.

The thing is, whether it be the inconvenience of a pandemic or the dreadful suffering caused by cancer, Christians are called to believe – to believe that God is present; that He knows and understands; that this permitted hardship is not a random thing; and that He can and will redeem (give value to) all of our sufferings through Christ. That is all possible by Jesus' Resurrection.

As the world moves further into the fourth wave, we are all beginning to come to grips with a new, unpredictable 'normal'. The life we have been accustomed to living has changed. It will not be what it was. ... There is grieving to be done, but there is also the need for acceptance and adjustment. We must adjust to a new reality. St. Peter says, "Do not be surprised when trials come. Instead, rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings". The Gospel calls us to look beyond ourselves to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He knows suffering – real humiliation and suffering -- the physical torture of crucifixion and the spiritual suffering and isolation as our Sin-bearer. And yet, on the third day after His burial, He rose victorious!

The antidote for our inconveniences and sufferings is faith. Faith is God's gift, but we must nurture it. In some ways, faith is like a garden: if not watered and left untended it will not produce a good yield of fruit. The pandemic has challenged us to examine our relationship with the Lord. How important is He to me? How am I dealing with the inconveniences and sufferings of this old life? Am I just living on earth, or do I set my mind on things above? With Christ, and in Him all things - even life's adversities- can work for good.

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**"Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift.
That's why it's called the present."**