

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Smiths Falls 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5. Second Sunday of Advent Lighting of Advent Candle – Peace</p> <p>At your evening meal or at your evening devotions, pray the Collect for Peace on page 677 of the BAS or Prayer 28 on page 50 of the BCP.</p>	<p>6. St. Nicholas, Bishop Journey to Justice Jeremiah 33.14-16</p> <p>As a church and as followers of Jesus, we are called to work towards reconciliation with the Indigenous people of Canada. It can be hard to know where to start. Spend some time on the Anglican Church of Canada's website to learn more. https://www.anglican.ca/healing/</p>	<p>7. St. Ambrose, Bishop Pay it Forward Tuesday</p> <p>What about paying for the next customer's coffee next time you are at the coffee shop; or paying for a coffee and telling the clerk it is for someone who might need it? You are going to make somebody's day better with that small act of kindness!</p>	<p>1. Wednesday Hymn Sing "People Look East" Common Praise #91</p>	<p>2. Angel & Ichthys Chrismon Craft</p> <p>Spend time as a family, or if you are on your own, with someone else, and make a Chrismon or ornament for you Christmas tree at home.</p>	<p>3. Francis Xavier, Mystic Friday Night Story Time Littlest Angel – Part I</p> <p>Consider donating a book to the local library or check with a teacher to see if there is a book they would like for their classroom. The best journeys of all can be in the imagination.</p>	<p>4. Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon Songs of Praise with Beginnings</p> <p>Where have you journeyed in your heart this week? Where would you like to journey next week?</p>
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<p>12. <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Lighting of Advent Candle – Joy</p> <p>At your evening meal discuss what brought you joy the past week; or at your evening devotions, meditate on the word joy and see what comes into heart.</p>	<p>13. Journey to Justice Micah 6.6-8</p> <p>Sometime this week, please consider putting a small gift bag together for one of the residents at Interval House: shampoo; conditioner; soap; deodorant; toothpaste and toothbrush. Bring the bag to church on Sunday or drop it off during the week.</p>	<p>14. Pay it Forward Tuesday</p> <p>Need to do some last-minute gift shopping? How about PWRDF's World of Gifts: https://pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts/ for an ethical gift.</p>	<p>15. <i>Simon Gibbons, Priest</i> <i>Advent Ember Day</i></p> <p>Wednesday Hymn Sing</p> <p>"Do You Hear What I Hear?" St. John's Sings #38</p>	<p>16. Candy cane reindeer ornaments</p> <p>Connect with a friend you haven't seen or heard from in awhile.</p>	<p>17. <i>Advent Ember Day</i> <i>O Antiphon: O Sapientia – O Wisdom</i></p> <p>Friday Night Story Time</p> <p>The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey</p> <p>Do you know someone who is grieving the death of a loved one? Consider dropping off a container of homemade soup, some bread or rolls and some tea.</p>	<p>18. <i>Advent Ember Day</i> <i>O Antiphon: O Adonai – O Lord</i></p> <p>Songs of Praise with Beginnings</p> <p>Where have you journeyed in your heart this week? Where would you like to journey next week?</p>
<p>19. <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>O Antiphon: O Radix Jesse – O Root of Jesse</i> Lighting of Advent Candle – Love</p> <p>At your evening meal, share one thing you love about another member of the family; or at your evening devotions, give thanks for someone you love, and afterwards, write them a card telling them what you love about them.</p>	<p>20. <i>O Antiphon: O Clavis David – O Key of David</i></p> <p>Journey to Justice Isaiah 55.1-13</p> <p>American Civil Rights Lawyer and Activist Bryan Stevenson wrote: The opposite of poverty isn't wealth; it's justice.</p> <p>Consider reviewing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action. Is there one you feel particularly moved to engage?</p>	<p>21. <i>O Antiphon: O Oriens – O Morning Star</i></p> <p>Pay it Forward Tuesday</p> <p>Drop off a few extra things in the Foodbank box at the grocery store today.</p>	<p>22. <i>O Antiphon: O Rex Gentium – O King of the nations</i></p> <p>Wednesday Hymn Sing "A Candle is Burning" St. John's Sings #1</p>	<p>23. <i>O Antiphon: O Emmanuel</i></p> <p>Milk carton bird feeder craft</p> <p>It's a busy time of year. Try to get out into nature today – make the time! Be silent as you hear creation around you and give thanks to God for the beauty and diversity he created.</p>	<p>24. <i>Eve of Christmas</i></p> <p>Lighting of Christmas Candle; Children's Story Room for A Little One</p>	<p>25. <i>Feast of the Incarnation: Christmas Day</i></p> <p>Take a risk and call a family member from whom you are estranged and wish them a Merry Christmas.</p> <p>Today is the first day of Christmas. The twelve days go through to January 6 – The Feast of the Epiphany. Try to observe each day of Christmas this year.</p>