

Vestry meets at 7pm on **Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

The **Willing Workers** are once again planning **Christmas gifts** for St. George's shut-ins. If you would be able to help with deliveries, please contact the Church Office.

**The Advent Ember Days** (the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after the Third Sunday in Advent), are designated by the Church as Days of Solemn Prayer for the Ministry of the Church. To this end, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday at 5pm. Also, sermons on the Magnificat will be read on Wednesday and Friday at 5pm Service.

The **Greening of the Church** will be on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm.

**2022 Offering Envelopes are in the Main Entry.** If you would like envelopes or find out more about **PAR** (pre-authorized remittance) please contact the Office.

**Christmas Memorials** – If you would like to have **flowers** placed in the Church for Christmas, or wish to make a donation to the **Memorial Fund**, or **other funds** in memory of a loved one, please call the Church Office 855-5209. If you wish to place your donation on the plate, **please specify which fund the donation is for. In order to have the memorials in the bulletin, the office must be notified by Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Order for Compline** will be prayed by candlelight throughout the **Sundays of Advent at 8:00pm.** Join by live-stream or come in person. Compline will also be prayed on **Wednesdays at 8:00 PM** on ZOOM. Please contact the Office to receive the link.

2022 **Calendars** are available in the Entry for \$8.00.

**St. George's Tour Books and Lapel Pins** are available for purchase -\$15 for the book and \$5 for the pins. Please speak to one of the Wardens: or they are also available at the Office. **What a great Christmas gift!!**

**St. George's Outbound:** if you are interested in going **cross-country skiing** with a small group of 'St. George's Outbounders' (when a little more snow arrives) please leave your name and contact info at the Church Office.

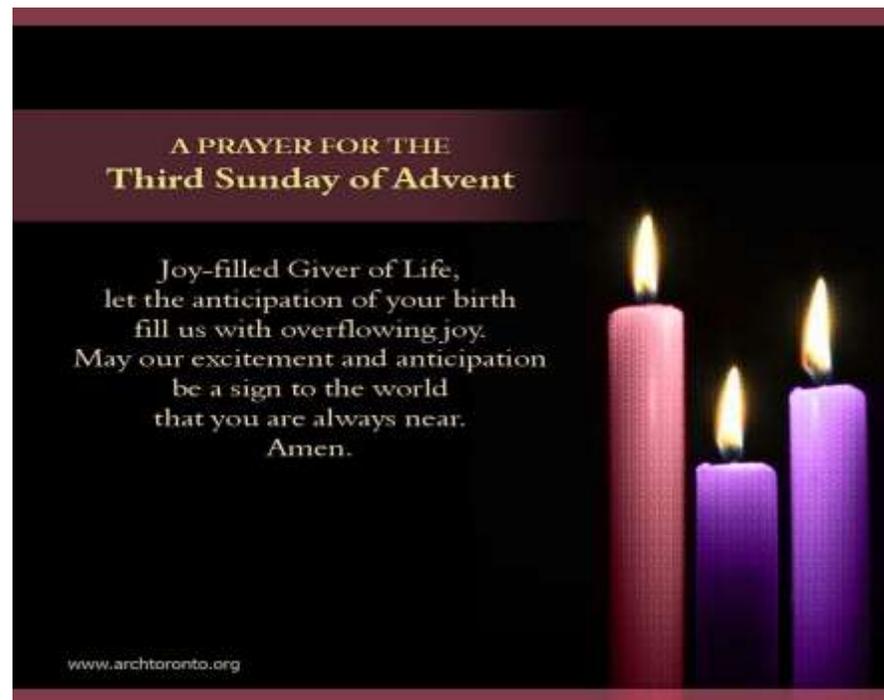
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 **St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.**

# St. George's Anglican Church

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*Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever*

## Third Sunday in Advent - December 12, 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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|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wardens:         | Sheila Searle        | 856-9419                        |
|                  | Kelly VanBuskirk     |                                 |
| Associate Priest | Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin | (danielcorey.goodwin@gmail.com) |
| Deacon           | Rev. Norm Dupuis     | 386-1324                        |

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*The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Hayward Dunnett, Liam Robert Baird, Pat Crossman, Dorothy Branscombe, J.A Godfrey, Hon G.F.G. Brydges*

*The Gloria in Excelsis is not used during the Season of Advent*

### 8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
|                        | p. 67      |
| Introit Psalm: 33. 1-6 | p. 367     |
| Ten Commandments       | p. 68      |
| Collects for the Day   | pp. 99, 95 |
| The Epistle            | p. 99      |
| Gradual Psalm: 80. 1-3 | p. 433     |
| The Holy Gospel        | p. 99      |

### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Psalms: 11, 12                      | p. 341               |
| First Lesson: Isaiah 28. 9-22       | (Pew Bible page 583) |
| Second Lesson: Revelations 3. 7-end | (Pew Bible page 995) |

### 10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST

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| Introit Psalm: 33:1-6 | p. 367 |
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#### The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Collect: O Lord, we beseech Thee, incline Thine ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of thy visitation.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Collect for Purity             | p. 67      |
| The Ten Commandments           | p. 68      |
| Collects for the Day           | pp. 99, 95 |
| The Epistle                    | p. 99      |
| The Holy Gospel                | p. 99      |
| Nicene Creed                   | p. 71      |
| Homily                         |            |
| Confession, Absolution         | p. 77      |
| Thanksgiving and Consecration  | p. 78      |
| Music during Communion:        |            |
| The Lord's Prayer and Blessing | p. 85      |

### 5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

|                               |                      |
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| Psalms: 13, 14                | p. 343               |
| First Lesson: Isaiah 32. 1-18 | (Pew Bible page 586) |
| Second Lesson: Matthew 3.     | (Pew Bible page 772) |

*The Nursery is back in operation – sorry for the inconvenience!*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”  
Ron leBlanc, Evelyn Krutko, Carl Manderville*

#### 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.

|                  |                        |            |
|------------------|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | Compline               | 8:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Bible Study            | 7:00 p.m.  |
|                  | Vestry                 | 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Scouts                 | 7:00 p.m.  |
|                  | Grief-Share            | 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Bible Study            | 10:30 a.m. |
|                  | <b>Holy Communion</b>  | 5:00 p.m.  |
|                  | Cubs & Beavers         | 6:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b>  | 10:00 a.m. |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Greening of the Church | 3:00 p.m.  |

We need to **restock** our items for our Community Friends. On each Sunday of Advent we would like to have **donated for both men and women**

**December 19th** -Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

**Christmas Cards** - the major fund-raiser for the **Karing Kitchen** - are available in the office. These cards allow donors to share their blessings with the less fortunate in our downtown community. Each dollar donated represents a full single meal serving at the Kitchen. Christmas donations may be made in the names of family or friends and income tax receipts will be issued, upon request, for donations of \$10 or more.

The **Parish Advent/Christmas Letter is now posted on the parish website** with Service timings for Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> through Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for details on the ‘Procession of Light’, **following the 4 PM on Christmas Eve**, that will go from St. George’s to the **Nativity Set at City Hall**. We walk with candles and sing Christmas carols. Everyone is welcome but no one is obliged!

*"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts."  
Malachi 2. 7*

## The Rector's Corner

Last week's Gospel presented the signs that will immediately precede our Lord's Second Coming: "signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear...for the powers of heaven shall be shaken". But when, exactly, will this happen?

The short answer is that nobody knows. As the Scripture says, "The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess 5.2); and "Of that Day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (St. Matt. 24.6).

That said, there are some events for us to watch for:

1. In two of the Gospels, we are told that the Good News of Christ must be made available throughout the whole world before Jesus returns:

St. Mark 13.10: "The Gospel must first be preached to all nations".

St. Matthew 24.14: "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come".

According to Got Questions.org, "If the verse means the end times will not come until the gospel spreads to every people group on earth, we are almost there. According to the Bible translation ministry Wycliffe, the Bible has been at least partially translated into 3312 out of the 7099 languages currently known to be in use. The complete Bible has been translated in 670 languages and the New Testament in 1521. As of this writing, BibleRef.com's parent ministry, GotQuestions.org, has gospel presentation pages translated into 167 languages. Over eighty percent of the world has internet access, and that number is quickly rising with the spread of smartphones. Statisticians suggest that ninety percent of online users can be reached using only twenty-one languages."

2. In his second letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul says that the Lord's return would not happen until after the great falling away (sometimes called 'the rebellion' and 'the apostasy), characterized by a false Church lead by an impostor – the Anti-Christ – the lawless one:

"Let no one deceive you in any way; for that Day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God". (2.23-4)

The meaning of Paul's words here, and their timing, cannot be fully understood. Similarly with "the abomination of desolation in the holy place" which is to precede the "great tribulation" as mentioned in Matthew 24. 15 and 21 – we simply cannot know their meaning for certain.

What we can say with certainty is that God's heart is full of love: "God is Love"; and "His mercy endures forever". By saying that, we do not believe that anything goes; we do, however, trust that His way will be perfect, holy and just. Everyone will receive an opportunity, either outwardly with their ears or inwardly in their heart by the operation and influence of the Holy Spirit to hear the Good News of Christ. Always, then, we should be looking and praying and hoping for His return: "The night is far spent; the day is at hand!"

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

|           |                    |                |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|
| Sunday    | Isaiah 30:19-end   | Mark 7:1-23    |
| Monday    | Isaiah 31          | Mark 7:24-8:10 |
| Tuesday   | Isaiah 38:1-20     | Mark 8:11-9:1  |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 40          | Mark 9:2-32    |
| Thursday  | Isaiah 41          | Mark 9:33-end  |
| Friday    | Isaiah 42:1-17     | Mark 10:1-31   |
| Saturday  | Isaiah 42:18-43:13 | Mark 10:32-end |

We are **six months into the daily breakfast outreach program** (which includes showers, clothing, etc.) and are getting a better understanding of the number of **volunteers required each day**, with the necessary 'jobs':  
-3 people to pack the breakfast bags; then, 2 to hand them out and in to pour coffee  
-1-2 people to sort and re-hang clothing, and to do laundry;  
-1-2 people to make muffins using the muffin mix we have at the Church  
-1 person to answer the telephone and the door bell during the Christmas Season. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Esther at the Church Office.

**Staples Drugs announces that they are closing shop** after more than 87 years in business on December 23, 2021. The pharmacy part of the business, however, will close on December 20, 2021, after which time no prescriptions will be able to be filled. **Please remember John and Helen, and Heidi in your prayers** as they begin this huge transition. Staples Drugs will be missed as a light for Christ in the community. Thanks be to God for all the good that has been done there for His glory!