



*Happy Birthday to Tom Reid.*

*2023 Church calendars are now available in the Entry. Cost is \$8.00*

**The Order for Compline** will be prayed by candlelight throughout the Sundays of Advent at 8:00pm in the Chapel.

**Today**, we will light the **first candle** on the Advent Wreath. To that end, the **Advent Devotion booklet** is available in the Main Entry. It has instructions for making an **Advent Wreath**, just in case you need them.

**1<sup>st</sup> Moncton-St. George's Scouting** will be hosting their **Annual Dessert Party** on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from **12:00-4:00pm**, come have a bowl of chicken fricot or corn chowder and all the sweets you can eat. Cost \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 10 and under.

After a long hiatus – we **need peelers for the Community Dinner!** On **Saturday**, December 10<sup>th</sup> at **8:30am** we will meet in the Church Hall to peel potatoes and carrots for the Community Dinner.

If anyone is **available to volunteer from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>** to help serve the Community Breakfast (Monday to Friday), please call the Office to give availability. This is to **give our regular volunteers a bit of a break** over the holidays.

**Maranatha!** An Aramaic word used by St. Paul in his first letter to the Church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 16.22). Translated, it means “*Our Lord, come!*” or “*Come, Lord Jesus, come soon!*”

The **Bishop's Charge** to Diocesan Synod is definitely worth reading. Some **paper copies** are available at the back of the Church; or you can read it on-line. Just go to our parish website [www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca](http://www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca) – you will find it there.



**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*

## Advent 1 – November 27, 2022



**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](mailto:cdingwell@gmail.com).

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

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

Introit Psalm: 25. 1-7	p. 67
The Collect and The Epistle	p. 358
Gradual Psalm: 85. 4-7	p. 95
The Holy Gospel	p. 438
	p. 96

### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 9	p. 338
First Lesson: Isaiah 1. 1-20	(Pew Bible page 565)
Second Lesson: Matthew 24. 1-28	(Pew Bible page 794)

### 10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

Hymn: **724** (Jewels)

Introit Psalm: *Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: **neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.** Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be....*

#### The Blessing of the Wreath

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who has made heaven and earth.

*Let us pray.*

O God by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Let us pray.*

O Lord, Stir up thy power, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and be saved by Thy deliverance. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer, Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law	pgs 67-69
The Collect and The Lesson	p. 95
Gradual Psalm: 85. 4-7	p. 438
The Holy Gospel	p. 96
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
Hymn Before Homily <b>65</b> (St. Stephen)	

The Homily:

Offertory Hymn: **66** (Eisenach)

The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving and Consecration	p. 78
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85

Recessional Hymn: **62** (Veni Emmanuel)

*Please join us for Coffee and Tea in the Hall*

*This evening due to Advent Lessons and Carols at 4pm, there will be no 5pm Evensong. Compline will be prayed at 8pm.*

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

*Dale Aiken*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Lorraine Arbeau, Theresa MacKinnon*

#### 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>	Lessons & Carols	4:00 p.m.
	Compline	8:00 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	GriefShare	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bible Study ( <i>Church</i> )	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
	Bible Study ( <i>St. James</i> )	6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Scouting Dessert Tea	12:00 p.m.

" Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long:  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved Name. **Hymn 65**

## The Rector's Corner

Today, we begin a deliberate season of watching and preparing for the return of our King and Saviour. Although He is always with us invisibly by His Spirit, physically, He has been gone from us for quite some time. But He has promised to return and, so He will, for He is forever faithful in keeping His Word.

What shall we do to prepare for His Second Coming? The first thing He tells us is to owe nothing but love. We may think of this command in this way: whenever we plan to leave our home overnight, we make a checklist. We turn the heat down; we fill the cat's food dish; we lock the doors, and so on. In a similar way, we must make a spiritual checklist and examine ourselves in preparation for Jesus' return.

Many of the early Christians had converted from Judaism. They were born as Jews and had been brought up according to the Jewish religious Law, part of which is the Ten Commandments. And, even after their conversion, they continued to use the Ten Commandments as their moral compass. They did so, however, knowing that the Commandments had a deeper meaning. For example, Jesus taught that "Thou shalt not kill" involved not only refraining from murder, but also from hurling insults and nursing a grudge.

By teaching this spiritual dimension of the Commandments, the Lord shortened the checklist we are making, as we prepare for His return. Through His servant St. Paul, we read this morning that half of the commandments may be summed up in one word – 'love'. "Owe no many any thing, but to love one another: for he that loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. For this, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not bear false witness; thou shalt not covet; and, if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself'".

Actually, if the last six commandments may be summed up by love – love for our neighbour; the first four may also be summed up by love – love for God. We remember this at every celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Summary of the Law on page 69 of the Prayer Book.

As we consider what the Lord says in these familiar words, let's not miss the last statement: "On these two commandments – love God and love your neighbour – hang all of the Jewish Law and all that the Prophets have said." That being the case, it would seem logical that when the Lord returns He will ask us how much we loved. After all, Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love..." (St. John 15.10)

Without a doubt, it would be so much easier if we could quickly tick off the boxes – 'I have not killed; I have not stolen; I have not lied'. Bringing love into all of this, creates another dimension altogether. It causes me to examine my motives and intentions, my thoughts and my words, and my whole life.... What is in my heart? How does my daily life reflect the infinite Mercy and Love that God has lavished upon me through His Son? Is my body, the temple in which the Holy Spirit lives, a holy place where Christ is worshipped and honoured?

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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

Sunday	Jeremiah 32:16-35	Acts 11:2-18
Monday	Jeremiah 32:36-end	Acts 11:19-end
Tuesday	Jeremiah 33:1-13	Acts 12 :1-24
Wednesday	Jeremiah 33:14-end	Acts 12:25-13:12
Thursday	Jeremiah 34:8-end	Acts 13:13-43
Friday	Jeremiah 37	Acts 13:44-14:7
Saturday	Jeremiah 38:1-13	Acts 14:8-end

## The Theology Dictionary

**What is meant by the word Sacrament?** It is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given to us by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive this grace. Ex: the bread and wine in communion, Holy Baptism. BCP p. 708 Holy communion. Understanding the Prayer Book by the Association for Common Prayer p. 10.