



Happy Birthday to John Staples!

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 26th** after the 10am Holy Eucharist Service. The **snow date** will be Monday, **February 27th**. All **reports** are due by **February 6th**.

Coming up... **A Moncton Anglicans' 'Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper'** on February 21st, at the Brix Building on St. George Street. Two seatings: 4:00 to 5:00 pm and 5:00 to 6:00 pm. More details to follow!

A letter from the rectors of the Moncton Anglican parishes is being distributed to Vestries and Congregations. A copy is at the back of the Church as well as on the parish website. It presents a proposal regarding the alignment of the parishes into one, to be discussed at parish Annual Meetings, with responses requested at the end of May. Please feel free to speak to the Rector if you have questions on this letter.

Video Bible Study Exploring the Archeological Digs of the Old Testament: finishes this Wednesday evening **February 1st** at 6:30 pm -- **St. Andrew's Anglican Church (105 Elmwood Drive)**. Another good opportunity for Moncton Anglicans to get together in Christian fellowship.



Once again this year, Riverview Winter Carnival's **Chicken Luncheon** is sponsored by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Ladies Society! **Please mark your calendar for Saturday, February 11th and plan to be at the Dan Bohan Centre (5 Fatima Dr, Riverview) between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** Cost is 10.00. Call Pam Coughlan at 386-5451 for tickets!



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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany January 29, 2023



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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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany – January 29, 2023

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 98. 1-7	p. 455
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 128
The Epistle	p. 128
Gradual Psalm: 98. 8-10	p. 456
The Holy Gospel	p. 129

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalms: 119, parts 3 & 4	p. 486
First Lesson: Isaiah 48. 12 – end	(Pew Bible page 599)
Second Lesson: Ephesians 3	(Pew Bible page 946)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – (sung) *All ye angels of God, fall down, and worship before him: Syon heard, and was exceeding joyful. And the daughters of Juda were glad. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad there-of: yea the multitude of the isles may be glad there-of: Glory be...*

Hymn: **1** (Nicea)

Children's Talk

Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 126
The Epistle	p. 128
Gradual Psalm: 98. 8-10	p. 456
The Holy Gospel	p. 129
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **785** (Pilot)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **284** (Moscow - 283)

Intercession

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving p. 78

Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **576** (Mozart); **238** (St. Flavian)

236 (D. Chant)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

Gloria In Excelsis p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **426** (Kingsfold)

Please join us coffee and tea in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 107, part 1	p. 471
First Lesson: Isaiah 54. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 602)
Second Lesson: Luke 13. 1-17	(Pew Bible page 838)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Myrtle Stirling, Norma Kelly, Maynard Stewart, Donald & Bonnie Jones

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Doug Keirstead, Rev. Canon Brent Stiller, Marilyn Tiller*

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Monday	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Study (<i>St. Andrew's</i>)	6:30 p.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Hosea 8	Matthew 22:1-33
Monday	Hosea 9	Matthew 22:34-23:12
Tuesday	Hosea 10	Matthew 23:13-end
Wednesday	Hosea 11	Matthew 24:1-28
Thursday	Hosea 12	Matthew 24:29-end
Friday	Hosea 13:1-14	Matthew 25:1-30
Saturday	Hosea 14	Matthew 25: 31-end

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3:2,3,4

The Rector's Corner

It has been a little over five weeks since we finished with the Emergency Overnight Warming Shelter (EOWS), and the following update may be of interest to you.

The morning outreach program continues from 8:00 am until 1130 am. Through January, the average attendance at breakfast (8:30 am to 9:30 am) has decreased from more than 100 in December to approximately 35 people. This is to be expected because all four of the shelters offer breakfast. The number of showers each morning has also decreased from a high of 12 in December to an average of five in January. That is also understandable since all four shelters now have a shower facility.

Who is coming to St. George's now? Our thoughts are that some who come live in a room or apartment in the church's neighbourhood. Those folks are in their 40's and 50's and are not in the throes of addiction. Many of them have physical challenges or mental illness, and they come for breakfast as a social outing. Others attending the morning program come from one of the shelters for a break from the crowd and the intensity of a night in the shelter. It may be easier for them to get a shower, or use the washroom at St. George's. They may also come for some clothing. These folks, often described as being high acuity in terms of their needs, represent a wide range of ages and many of them wrestle with addictions, personal trauma and mental illness.

We continue to open the morning with a reading from the Bible and a thought from the Daily Bread Devotional booklet, followed by prayer. A five-minute 'warning' is given before the devotion, in case people do not want to be present; but very rarely does anyone go outside.

Recently we began to use four walkie talkies to enhance communications between the Office, Kitchen, Stage and Clergy. These have proven to be helpful, and they add another layer of safety and security.

This past week a huge victory was marked in our recovery period. After the EOWS, we had a lot of clothing left behind. Some of it was destined for the garbage, but most of it just needed to be washed and sorted. We also had many bags of donations that needed sorting. So,

little by little a group of volunteers tackled the Ladies' Parlour, the Ladies' Choir Room, the Men's Choir Room and the dungeon. Eight experienced and determined women, including two from St. George's, took shifts, and faithfully worked through the mountain of bags: washing, drying, folding and sorting. What really struck me was their concern that our building be restored to its proper state.

If you count the breakfast and stage volunteers together, there are approximately 35. This is significant! These folks come on their scheduled day(s) to offer their time and talents, and in doing so they have made new friends amongst themselves and, in some cases, with our community friends. A friend recently referred to what is happening as being important for 'community building'.

The contracts for management of the Mark Avenue and St. George Street shelters run until April 30th; after that, we are not sure what is to happen. In an attempt to learn more of the provincial government's plan we have invited representatives from the Department of Social Development and the Human Development Council to the next Greater Moncton Churches' meeting scheduled for February 13th at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come.

Theology Glossary

Prayer of Humble Access: This prayer is found on pages 83-84 of the Book of Common Prayer. It begins with the words "We do not presume to come to this thy table, O most merciful Lord..." and originates from Mark 7:24 -30 and Matthew 15: 21-28. This prayer was first used in 1548 in the Order of Communion, later appearing in the BCP. Jesus redefined the meaning of who God's people were. This prayer reminds us that we as His people must humbly repent of our sins and recognize within ourselves that Jesus Christ is our only hope of redemption. (Partially referenced from the "The Oxford Guide to The Book of Common Prayer".)