

Easter Memorials – If you would like to place an Easter Memorial in the bulletin, could you please call the Church Office at 855-5209 no later than **March 31st**. Please mark your donation clearly whether it is for the Memorial Fund, Community Meals, or for Flowers. Thank you!

Maundy Thursday Watch -It is our custom to keep vigil in the Chapel from 9:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday until 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday, remembering how Jesus asked His disciples, “*Could you not watch with Me one hour?*” If you can help, please sign the sheet in the vestibule to indicate the time you can keep watch.

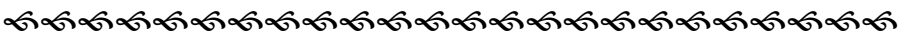
You are invited to watch ‘**The Passion of the Christ**’, the Mel Gibson film, **on Sunday, April 2nd** (Palm Sunday), following the 10am Service in the Ladies’ Parlour. Please bring your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Good Friday – April 7th, 9:15 am Way of the Cross leaving from City Hall and proceeding to St. George’s. (Volunteers needed both adults and children to carry the cross.)

A copy of **A Simple Method of Meditation** is on the table in the Entry for your consideration. This is a way to reflect on God’s Word, just as Gospel-based Discipleship is, of keeping our minds focused on the Lord and desiring His truth and glory in all things. Hope it is helpful.

If you are interested in **singing in the Choir for Good Friday**, please speak to **Toto (at the organ)** or to one of the **Clergy**. We need some help, please!

A continental-style breakfast is being planned on **Easter Sunday**, from **9:10am to 9:50am** - a great opportunity to break our Lenten fast together!



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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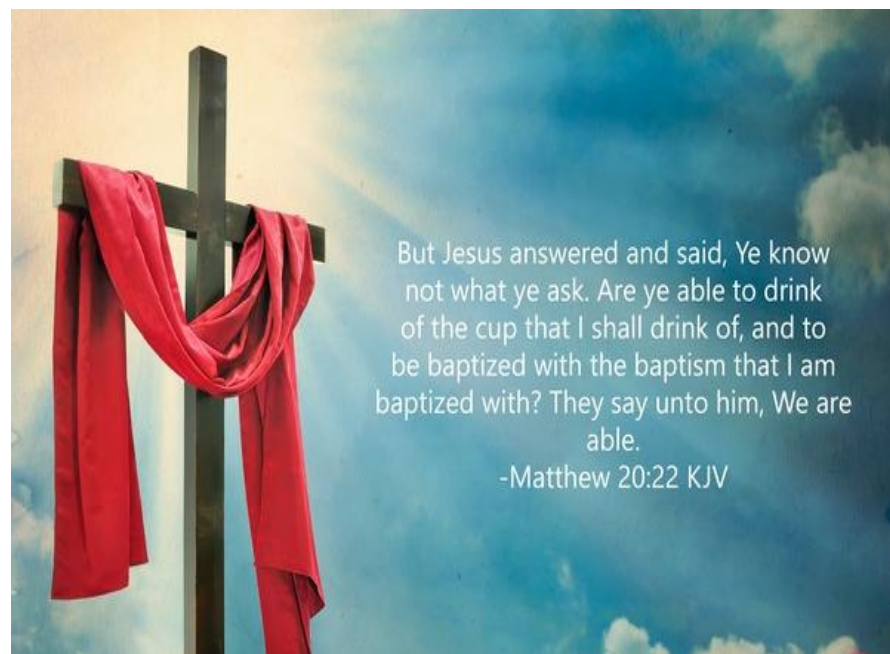
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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Passion Sunday

March 26, 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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Lent 5 – Passion Sunday – March 26, 2023

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 43	p. 384
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collects for the Day	p. 148, p. 138
The Epistle	p. 148
Gradual Psalm: 143. 1-10	p. 513
The Holy Gospel	p. 149

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 77	p. 425
First Lesson: Exodus 2. 23 – 3. 20	(Pew Bible page 53)
Second Lesson: Mark 10. 32-45	(Pew Bible page 812)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *Give sentence with me, O God, and defend the cause of my soul against the ungodly people: deliver me, and rid me from the deceitful and wicked man; for thou, O Lord, art my God, and my strong salvation. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. Give sentence with me. Glory be....*

Children's Talk	
The Litany	p. 30
Collects for the Day	p. 148, p. 138
The Epistle	p. 148
Gradual Psalm: 143. 1-10	p. 513
The Holy Gospel	p. 149
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
Hymn before the Homily: 581 (Eripe Me)	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 766 (There is a Fountain)	
Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion: 240 (Schmucke Dich); 232 (St. Agnes); 468 (Arnsberg)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
The Exhortation	p. 90
Recessional Hymn: 128 (Walton)	

Please join us for lunch in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 73	p. 419
First Lesson: Exodus 6. 2-13	(Pew Bible page 56)
Second Lesson: St. Mark 15. 22-39	(Pew Bible page 819)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Alice and Frank Parker, George Douglas, Pat Crossman, Owen Branscombe, Dr. Don & Tess Williams

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”
Jessie Wilson, Barb Jackson, George Martin, Travis Jordan,
Brett Ryan, Denis Dallaire

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. weekdays**. In addition:

Today	Holy Hour	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion (<i>Grass Home</i>)	10:30 a.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Bible Study (<i>St James'</i>)	6:30 p.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Friday	Stations of the Cross	6:30 p.m.

Please pick up your Easter Letter, with a complete listing of our Holy Week and Easter Services. They are in the Church entry.

Please join us for lunch following the 10am Service today. **Many thanks** to all who have brought food.

The **Willing Workers** would like to **thank everyone for the donations** for the recent funerals. Your support is very much appreciated!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12.1

"I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." John 14.3

The Rector's Corner

Today's Offertory hymn was written in 1771 by William Cowper. It may assist us in reading this morning's Epistle from Hebrews, which emphasizes the saving power of the precious Blood of Jesus, shed for us on the Cross: *"For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling those who are unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the Blood of Christ...purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"*

Cowper was born on November 15, 1731 in England. His father was an English clergyman and his mother was from a well-known family of royalty. However, the Cowpers were no strangers to sorrow. William was the fourth child, but his three older siblings died; then, when he was six years old, his mother died giving birth to a fifth child. Consequently, William was sent to a boarding school where, for two years, he was terrorized for two years by a bully. From this awful experience, in addition to the grief of the loss of his mother, he began to have serious issues with anxiety.

To matters worse – if that was possible -- his father pushed him to study law, even though William preferred literature and poetry. During the final preparations for his bar exam, William suffered a complete mental breakdown. Thinking that his life was over, he threw away his Bible and attempted suicide. Thankfully, in God's Providence, his friends recommended an asylum run by Dr. Nathaniel Cotton, a Christian who loved poetry. William went there for eighteen months and, by God's grace, he recovered. During that time, in 1764, at the age of thirty-three, he read Romans 3.25 that Jesus Christ is *"set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His Blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God"*.

By the light of the Holy Spirit, William, began to receive this Word into his heart, accepting the love of God and the Sacrifice of His Son. At some point after that, William Cowper met the Rev. Morley Unwin and his wife. They were a great support to him, and after

Morley died, the Rev. John Newton – the converted slave ship Captain, and author of Amazing Grace – persuaded Mrs. Unwin and

her family, including Cowper, to move to his parish at Olney. For almost twenty years, Newton and Cowper were close friends, combining their musical gifts to write hymns, including 'There is a Fountain'.

William Cowper continued to be plagued by bouts of depression for the rest of his life. He struggled to believe that the Lord would not turn His back on him. On his death bed, however, it is said that his face lit up as he spoke these last words: "I am not shut out of heaven at all." Despite all of the sadness and sorrow in his life, the Lord has used William Cowper to enrich the lives of thousands – if not millions – of people. As we sing his famous hymn today, let us also give thanks for the eternal hope we have in Christ. (adapted from 101 Hymn Stories by Kenneth Osbeck and Then Sings My Soul by Robert Morgan)

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Jeremiah 37	Hebrews 11:1-16
Monday	Jeremiah 38:1-13	Hebrews 11:17-end
Tuesday	Jeremiah 38:14-end	Hebrews 12:1-13
Wednesday	Jeremiah 39	Hebrews 12:14-end
Thursday	Jeremiah 40	Hebrews 13
Friday	Jeremiah 41	I Timothy 1:1-17
Saturday	Jeremiah 42	I Timothy 1:18-2:end

Anglicans of Greater Moncton are invited to gather on **Sunday, April 16th** to further discuss/clarify the proposal of forming one parish; share what is unique about each of our Congregations; and discuss ideas on community partnerships that could support our church building costs. The meeting will begin with a **pot-luck lunch at 12:30pm** at the Moncton Garrison.

Confirmation: Youth and adults interested in Confirmation are asked to please **speak to the clergy**. Classes are being planned to begin at the beginning of May.

March 2023 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to February 28, 2023, was \$33,571 with expenses totalling \$35,615.
- A generous donation towards Community Meals/Outreach was received from the Anglican Parish of Shediac and the Sunnybrae Legion.
- The Group Committee reported that there are 5 scouts, 4 cubs and 9 beavers enrolled as of January 1st.
- The Rectory roof is to be replaced by Richard Evers as soon as the weather improves.
- A new hall floor and back stairwell is being planned with full provincial government funding.
- Vestry was briefed by the Rector on what is happening at the municipal and provincial government levels to help with the homelessness situation. Several initiatives are being considered.
- Vestry was also briefed by the Rector on follow-up meetings held or to be held concerning the Future Ministry of Moncton Anglican Parishes.
- A discussion was held on St. Georges' identity: characteristics of its personality, what makes St. Georges special and what is important about its worship and ministry.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday April 17, 2023.

A **Benefit Concert for St. George's Breakfast Program** and Community Meals is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 25th at 7:30pm**. A 30-voice choir from Oxford County, Ontario, has graciously offered to present the concert at St. George's. If you would be available to assist in providing **supper on April 25th** or offer someone a **bed for the night**, please contact the Church Office. More details to follow – let's spread the word!

MONCTON ANGLICANS TOGETHER

The following dates are offered to Moncton Anglicans for combined worship (please see your Easter Letter for the complete schedule of Services at St. George's):

Tuesday in Holy Week

7 PM Choral Evensong at St. Philip's

Good Friday

9:15 AM 'Way of the Cross' from City Hall

10:00 AM Good Friday Liturgy at St. George's

Holy Saturday

10:30 AM The Easter Garden Craft and Devotion
for all ages at St. James

8:00 PM The Easter Vigil at St. Andrew's

The First Sunday After Easter

12:30 PM Moncton Anglicans Pot-luck at the
Moncton Garrison

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best grown corn. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn." So it is with our lives... Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.