

The **Outbound excursion** to Irishtown Park will depart after a light lunch **following the 10am Service**, Evening Prayer and supper to follow our walk. Everyone is welcome.

Confirmation: Youth and adults interested in Confirmation are asked to please speak to the clergy. **Classes will begin May 14th** at 5pm.

April 2023 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to March 31, 2023, was \$50,245 with expenses totalling \$58,495.
- The Group Committee reported that the Scouts & Cubs will be involved in the Heavenly Greens Garden. The Scouts will build more boxes on June 3rd and the Cubs will plant the seeds. The church also received a 10 week grant to hire a person to oversee the garden.
- The Rectory roof will soon be replaced, (as weather permits) and options are being investigated to solve the flooding problem around the elevator door. There is a new Tankless Hot Water Heater in the kitchen.
- Further discussion was held on the one Moncton Parish proposal. There will be a congregational meeting in May followed by a secret ballot vote.
- The Rector and Rev. Jackson (First Baptist) made a presentation to City Council this past week to provide an update on current activities with regards to the needs of our “community friends” and their future needs in terms of safe places for socialization, an afternoon drop-in location and institutional support.
- The Rector will be on course from April 27th to May 12th but will be home on weekends.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday May 15th.



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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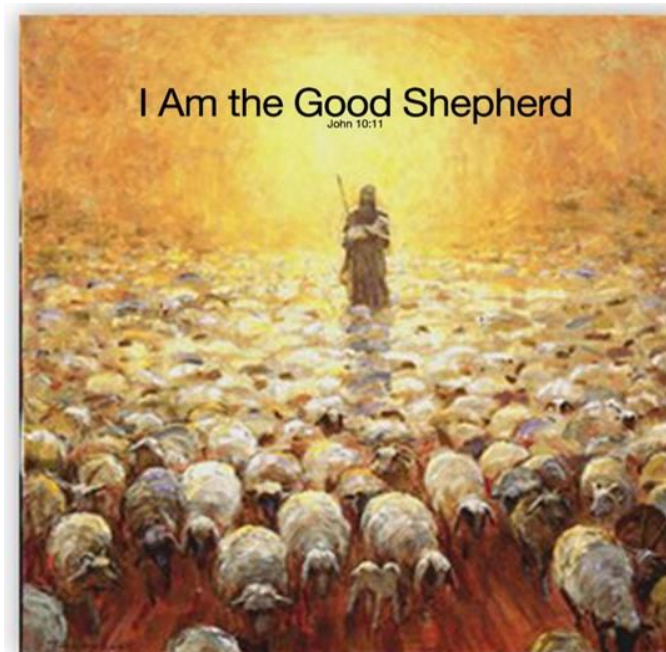
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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Second Sunday After Easter

April 23, 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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Introit Psalm – sung *The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...*

Propers of the Day

The Collect: p. 191
The Epistle: p. 191
Gradual Psalm: 63. 1-4
The Holy Gospel: p. 192

Today's Hymns

1. **698** (Buckland)
2. **as printed** (St. Finbar)
3. **539** (Dominus Regit Me)
4. **165** (Ave Virgo Virginum)

Hymns During Communion

247 (Eisenach)
244 (St. Christopher)
240 (Schumuke Dich)

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 135 p. 505
First Lesson: Exodus 16. 2-15 (Pew Bible page 66)
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15. 1-26 (Pew Bible page 931)

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 23, 115 pgs. 356, 480
First Lesson: Exodus 24 (Pew Bible page 73)
Second Lesson: John 21. 1-14 (Pew Bible page 876)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of Frank Goodwin*

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."

Sean Francis Cyril Laskey, Linda Dupuis, Gloria Boissonault

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. weekdays** as well:

Today	Outbound	
Monday	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Family Prayer (<i>Grass Home</i>)	10:30 a.m.
	Volunteer Training	12:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	East Coast Choir Tour	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Beavers & Cubs	6:30 p.m.
	Bible Study (<i>St. James'</i>)	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Ante-Communion	10:00 a.m.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday May 7th after both the 8am and 10am Services. A secret ballot vote will take place on the Motion of Joining with the Parishes of St. James', St. Philip's, St. Andrew's, St. Albans and St. Mary's Hillsborough.

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 please sign the "dish list" in the Entry – let's spread the word!

Capt. The Rev. Deacon Nicholas Saulnier's Ordination to the Priesthood is scheduled for Sunday, **April 30th at 4pm** at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton.



*Happy Birthday today to Marjorie
Sheehan and Angelique Ross.*

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." St. John 10. 16

The Rector's Corner

At the Vestry Meeting last Monday night we discussed the proposal to form one parish in the Greater Moncton area. What will be the benefits if this happens? That's difficult to say. On the one hand there should be some stream-lining that will result in financial savings. However, that's not the reason for coming together. The biggest benefit will have nothing to do with money; it will be found in the life of the Body of Christ working together, sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

For me this is not about palliative care – not at all. It is, as I have tried to explain, about discerning God's will. Given the latest census statistics, we must ask ourselves: as the Lord led His chosen people, Israel, into exile, is He doing the same with His Church today? If so, we need to prepare accordingly. In response, one of the Vestry members said, "I see this as a strategic retreat". In military language, this could be called a 'tactical withdrawal'.

In a tactical withdrawal, the retreating forces draw back while maintaining contact with the enemy. As Wikipedia explains, "A withdrawal may be undertaken to consolidate forces, to occupy ground that is more easily defended, to force the enemy to overextend in order to secure a decisive victory, or to lead the enemy into an ambush. It is considered a relatively risky operation, requiring discipline to keep from turning into a disorganized rout or at the very least doing severe damage to the military's morale. A withdrawal may be anticipated, as when a defending force is outmatched or on disadvantageous ground." For us, the idea is to consolidate our forces; to regroup and establish our mission as one Body.

A prime example of a tactical withdrawal is the Miracle at Dunkirk. Wikipedia offers this summary: "In May 1940, the German blitzkrieg was tearing through Continental Europe like a plague. Poland, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg. All these countries had been conquered or would be soon by the Nazis. In an effort to stop Germany from taking France, the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) had joined forces with the French army. However, the Nazis' speed and devastating skill soon proved to be

too much and they stormed through the French countryside. By 21 May, German forces had trapped the BEF, the remains of the Belgian forces, and three French field armies along the northern coast of France. BEF commander General Viscount Gort immediately saw evacuation across the Channel as the best course of action, and began planning a withdrawal to Dunkirk, the closest good port.

"Suddenly, 338,000 Allied soldiers were stranded at the port city of Dunkirk, in northern France. In a speech to the House of Commons, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill called this "a colossal military disaster", saying "the whole root and core and brain of the British Army" had been stranded at Dunkirk and seemed about to perish or be captured.

"Strangely and miraculously, on May 24th, Hitler ordered his men to halt. Hermann Goering, the leader of the Luftwaffe, had assured Hitler that the aircraft under his command could finish the job. Though the delay only amounted to a few days, the Allies were able to fortify their defenses enough to allow nearly everyone to escape.

"On the first day, only 7,669 Allied soldiers were evacuated, but by the end of the eighth day, 338,226 had been rescued by a hastily assembled fleet of over 800 vessels. Many troops were able to embark from the harbour by what became known as the Little Ships of Dunkirk, a flotilla of hundreds of merchant marine boats, fishing boats and pleasure craft."

With a good conscience, we can think about the proposal to form one parish as a tactical withdrawal because of what the Lord Jesus said: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We are not alone. The Stronger Man, risen from the dead, is with us in action. And, "He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Acts 9:1-31
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:22-end	Acts 9:32-end
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 6	Acts 10:1-23
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	Acts 10:24-end
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:12-end	Acts 11:1-18
Friday	Deuteronomy 8	Acts 11:19-end
Saturday	Deuteronomy 9:1-10	Acts 12:1-24

For St. George's Day

1. Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand
Dominion rests on sea and land,
Before whose word of life or death
The strength of nations is but breath:
O King, enthroned all thrones above,
Give strength unto this land we love.

2. Thou breath of life since time began,
Breathing upon the lips of man,
Hast taught each kindred race to raise
United word to sound thy praise:
So, in this land, join, we beseech,
All hearts and lips in single speech.

3. To George our saint thou gavest grace
Without one fear all foes to face,
And to confess by faithful death
That word of life which was his breath.
O help us, helper of Saint George,
To fear not bonds that man can forge.

4. Arm us like him, who in thy trust
Beat down the dragon in the dust;
So that we too may tread down sin
And with thy saints a crown may win.
Help us, O God, that we may be
A land acceptable to thee.

Amen

The Willing Workers Spring Tea on Saturday, May 13th from 1pm - 4pm in the Church Hall. Sandwiches, sweets, tea, coffee & prizes. Cost is \$10.

N.B. Right to Life's Focus on Life Summit is scheduled for May 6th (8:30am to 3:00pm) at Faith Baptist Church in New Maryland. To register call 506-459-8990.



Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, May 13th 8am - Noon. Rain or Shine! Please bring your own bags. **Cash Only.** Masks are strongly encouraged! **St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview.** This will be our first fundraising event since the pandemic shut us down. People have been saving their "stuff" for a couple of years so there should be lots for sale - **now we need customers!**