

DAILY BIBLE READING

A modified table of daily Bible Readings from the Prayer Book:

Sunday	1 Kings 18. 1-16	2 Thessalonians 3
Monday	1 Kings 18. 17-end	1 Timothy 1.1-17
Tuesday	1 Kings 19	1 Timothy 1.18—end of chapter 2
Wednesday	1 Kings 21	1 Timothy 3
Thursday	1 Kings 22. 1-40	1 Timothy 4
Friday	1 Kings 22. 1-40	1 Timothy 5
Saturday	2 Chronicles 20. 1-30	1 Timothy 6

Let us pray for the Bible to be visible and read daily in every home in our community.



This Week in the Parish

Today: 3:00 pm Annual Service – Woodlands Union Church

Tonight: 7:00 pm Evening Prayer (St. Paul's)

With apologies, I will not be available to pray the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer this week at St. Thomas'. Please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at any time: 506-869-0953. Thank you for your patience. CVB +



Donations for the 'Just Friends Foodbank' will be gratefully received.

Please leave non-perishables in the box in the main entry of St. Thomas'.

Especially in demand at this time is macaroni and cheese/Kraft Dinner.

Thank you very much!

The Parish of Stanley The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity September 27th, 2026



“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

(St. Luke 14.11)

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Let us remember before God those of our sisters and brothers who have departed this life and are at rest:

Nathan Tucker

Carole MacDonald

Elaine (Cleveland) Ross



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Sunday bulletins are posted weekly.

Coming up soon...

† **Our Harvest Thanksgiving** celebration begins on Sunday, October 11th with the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am at St. Paul's, Cross Creek, and Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas' Church. Decorating at St. Paul's is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, October 10th. Fruits and vegetables are needed, please. Non-perishables for the Food Bank are also welcome!

† **Used Book Sale** at Holy Trinity Church in Nasonworth: Friday, Oct. 30th, 4-7 pm and Saturday, Oct. 31st, 8 am -1 pm. If you wish to donate books, please email holytrinity@htacnm.ca. Thank you!

In the **Nicene Creed**, we say that we believe in one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. "One" is key. Although there are many denominations, and a diversity of Christian expressions, there is only one Body, with one Head: the Lord Jesus Christ. And within that Body, there is one Holy Spirit. "Catholic" means "universal" – one Church, spanning countless generations, made up of baptized believers around the world, of all nations and cultures. "Apostolic" means "in line with the teaching of the apostles". As we pray for Church during the Autumn Ember Days this week (albeit a week late, see p.245, BCP), let us remember Bishop Sean Semple and the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, with parishes in the Middle East, including Yemen, home of the Houthi Rebels.

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Groaner!... A young couple invited their priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the priest, "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

My mother has a 'thing' for angels – a tasteful collection that includes a couple of 3-D cherub faces; some angel prints and ornaments; and, an angel with a long horn, raised triumphantly to the skies, heralding the Good News of Christ, the Son of God.

On Wednesday, the Church remembers St. Michael the Archangel. (see p. 294, BCP) His title 'archangel' is told us in the 9th verse of the Epistle of Jude. His role as chief angel is also mentioned in the Old Testament Book of Daniel. In the Book of Revelation, we read how "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon", until Satan was defeated. (12.7)

As modern people, conditioned to focus only on what we can see, while ignoring the invisible realms all around us, it is easy to relegate angels to the fantasy world of everything cute and cuddly – like the 'squishies' so popular with kids today. But that's not what the Bible teaches.

The Lord Jesus Himself spoke of guardian angels when He said, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (St. Matthew 18.10) Imagine that: you have a guardian angel – invisible, but real nonetheless.

And these blessed creatures are not free agents. 'Angel' means 'messenger'; so they are sent from God to do His work. In the Epistle to the Hebrews they are called 'ministering spirits'. They minister to us, as God directs them. But foremost they minister to Him in worship. That's why we say at every Eucharist: "With Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name." There is so much we do not know, but there is nothing to keep us from perceiving these realities and truths by faith. And that includes angels.

Christ the Fair Glory

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels; Thou
who hast made us, Thou who o'er us rulest, Grant of
thy mercy unto us thy servants
Steps up to heaven.

Send thy archangel, Michael, to our succour;
Peacemaker blessed, may he banish from us Striving
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Send thy archangel, Gabriel, the mighty; Herald of
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serpent, watching o'er the temples Where Thou art
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Send thy archangel, Raphael, the restorer Of
the misguided ways of men who wander, Who at thy
bidding strengthens soul and body With thine
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May the blest mother of our Lord and Saviour, May the
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celestial companies of angels Ever
assist us.

Father Almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, ever blessed, be Thou our Preserver;
Thine is the glory which the angels worship, Veiling
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