



St. George's Anglican Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023



The Witness of John the Baptist, by the Master of San Torpè, 1310-20

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

8 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Nicholas Hatt, *Rector*

The Holy Communion service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are found on pages 102-103. The Introit and Gradual are printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Nicholas Hatt, *Rector*

Mass setting: Missa Adventus et Quadragesime

Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Please stand

The “O” Antiphons

O Emmanuel (O God with us)

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

O Virgo virginum (O Virgin of virgins)

O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be? For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

The ancient “O Antiphons” have been used by Christians for the last 1300 years. They focus our prayer on Old Testament prophecies of Christ. Traditionally sung before and after the Magnificat at Evening Prayer on the days leading up to Christmas, the choir will sing them over the Sundays in Advent at the 10:30 service of Choral Communion.

Opening Hymn (see insert) Wake! O Wake

Wachet auf

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (see insert)

The Introit Psalm 19:1-6

tone III.6



THE HEAVENS DE-clare the *glo-ry* of God; /
and the firmament show-*eth* his han-dy-work.

One day tell-*eth* a-no-ther; / and one night certi-*fi-eth* a-no-ther.

There is neither *speech* nor lan-guage; / their *voice* can-not be heard;

**Yet their sound is gone out *in-to* all lands; /
and their words into *the* ends of the world.**

In them hath he set a *tab-er-na-cle* for the sun; / which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a *gi-ant* to run his course.

**It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the *end* of *it* a-gain; /
and there is nothing hid *from* the heat there-of.**

Glory be to the Father, *and* to the Son, / and *to* the Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, / world *with-out* end. A-men.

The Kyrie p. 70
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy upon us,
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy upon us,
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect pp. 102, 95
Please sit

The Epistle (Philippians 4:4) p. 102
Please stand

The Gradual Psalm 145:18-22 tone I.5



THE LORD IS righteous in all *his* ways, / **and gracious in all his^works~~.**

**The Lord is nigh unto all them that call up-on him, /
 yea, all such as call up-on him faith^ful^ly~~.**

He will fulfill the desire of them that *fear* him: /
 and he will hear their cry, *and* will help^them~~.

**The Lord preserveth all them that love him; /
 but scattereth abroad all the un-god^ly~~.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of *the* Lord: /
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for e-ver and e^ver~~.

The Advent Prose (see insert) *Rorate Cæli*

The Holy Gospel (St John 1:19) p. 103

The Nicene Creed p. 71

The children of the Sunday School depart for their lesson, returning to the service at the time of Communion.

The Sermon The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Rector

Offertory Hymn 62 O COME, O come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession p. 75

The Confession p. 77

The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving p. 77

The Sanctus & Benedictus p. 81

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
<i>Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.</i>	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
<i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.</i>	Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax p. 82

The Prayer of Humble Access

p. 83

The Agnus Dei

p. 84

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. (bis).*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. (*repeat*).

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you come to the altar rail.

Communion Hymn 67 ON Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry Winchester New

Communion Motet

Ave Maria – Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 85

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 85

The Gloria in Excelsis

p. 86

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 60 LO! he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft and die Stimme, BWV 647 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for tea and coffee in the parish hall after the 10:30 service. The parish hall is just out the door to the right of the pulpit and up the concrete walk. There is a wheelchair ramp off the Maitland Street side of the hall.

Upcoming Special Services and Events

Christmas Eve, TODAY, December 24:

4pm Christmas Crèche service and pageant for families

11pm Choral Midnight Mass. Special music begins at 10:30pm.

Christmas Day, TOMORROW, December 25:

10:30am Choral Holy Communion

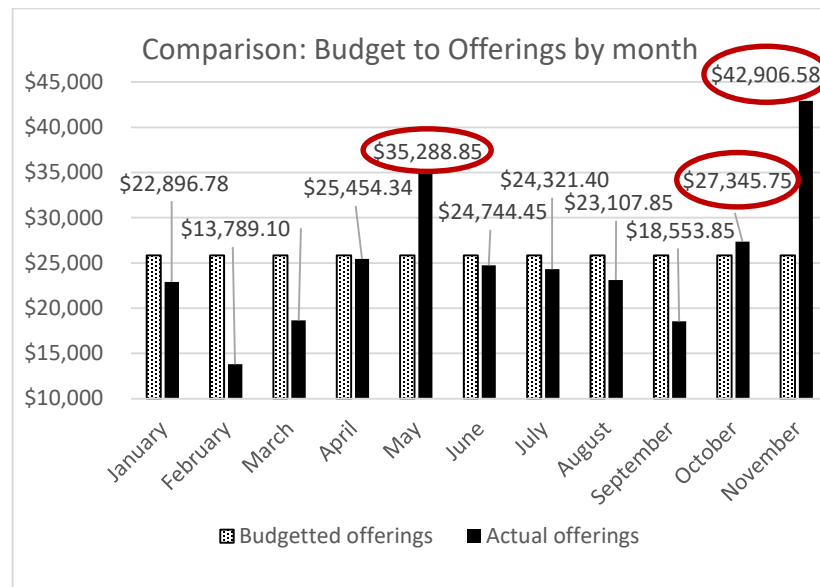
Save the date and invite your friends: The Parish Choir, under the direction of Garth MacPhee, will offer a **Service of 9 Lessons and Carols for Epiphany on Sunday, January 7 at 5:00pm** in support of the Friends of Saint George's Society for our parish music programme.

Today's Offices

10 am Morning Prayer begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book. Psalms 11 & 12; Isa. 30:8-21; Rev. 14:13-15:4

Financial Update for Advent 3: December 17th

We asked, and you responded! Offerings in November were the highest of the year – an amazing \$42,906.58. Thank you for your response to God's mercy in our parish and our life together.



Parishioners from all kinds of financial means have stretched to support the ministries and fabric of this parish. It has been very moving to witness this response to the deficit reduction campaign.

As of Thursday December 14th, the deficit stands at \$8430. That said, **we're not quite done yet as we still have ~\$17,100 in insurance and stipends to pay at the end of the month.** We're so close! We have two Sundays and three Christmas services before the end of the year. Let's try to end the year without a deficit.

Going away for Christmas? You can still contribute by e-transfer to treasurer@roundchurch.ca or through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parish-of-st-george/>
For Envelope holders – the 2024 envelopes are available at the back of the church.

With gratitude,
 Sarah Stevenson, Parish Treasurer 2023



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Mon - The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England
Tues - The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England
Wed - The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa
Thurs - The Diocese of Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Fri - The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America
Sat - The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chignecto Region

Northumberland: The Rev'd John Morrell, *Priest-in-Charge*; The Rev'd Kathryn Cook, *Deacon*
St. John's, Truro: The Rev'd Lori Ramsay, *Rector*; The Rev'd Dorothy Tay, *Associate Parish Priest*



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Notices & Announcements

December 24, 2023

Worship schedule

Holy Communion (said): Wed, 10 am; Sun, 8 am

Choral Holy Communion: Sun, 10:30 am

Daily Offices

✠ **Morning Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 9 am; Sun, 10 am

✠ **Evening Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 5:30 pm; Sun, 5 pm

Until the end of May, all of the Daily Offices are said in the Round Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

The Scripture readings below can be read on their own, or with the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer (see pp. 1-24 in the Book of Common Prayer), or the shortened Family Prayers in the back of the Book of Common Prayer (see pages 728-736).

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Mon	Isa. 9. 2-7	Matt. 1. 18-25	Isa. 7. 10-14	1. John 4. 7-end
Tue	Gen. 4. 1-10	Acts 6	2 Chron. 24. 15-22	Acts 7. 59-8. 8
Wed	Exod. 33. 9-end	John 13. 21-35	Isa. 6. 1-8	1 John 5. 1-12
Thu	Baruch 4. 21-27	Rev. 6. 9-11	Jer. 31. 1-17	Matt. 18. 1-10
Fri	Ruth 1. 1-18	John 1. 14-18	Ruth 1. 19-2. 13	Matt. 11. 2-6
Sat	2. 14-end	3. 16-21	3	16. 13-20

Prayer List

Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially: Barbara, Evelyn, Lowell & Gladys, Wendy, Patricia, Daniel, Patricia, Kevin, Kent, Willis, Loren, Wade, Lorayne, Ron and Paulette, Ginny, Greg, Trudy, Daryl and family, Martin, Jack, Ginny, Gregory, and Dale.
For the Faithful Departed: Evangeline Mary Giles ('03), Barbara Smith ('19), Lloyd Tilley ('09), Barbara Elizabeth Conrod ('10), Daina Kulnys ('12), Dewitt Spurgeon Rockwell ('04), Rosemary Mason-Browne ('19), Gordon Smith ('06), Phyllis Anne Marsman ('23), Katherine Pye ('12), and Gerald Smith ('07).

If you have loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, please let Father Hatt know (rector@roundchurch.ca).

Parish Prayer List 'Refresh'

Father Hatt has 'refreshed' the prayer list. If you have names of loved ones for the list, please pass them along to him (rector@roundchurch.ca).

Looking ahead to January 2024...

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with Choral Holy Communion on Friday, January 5th at 7 p.m.

Guest Preacher: The Rev'd Benjamin von Bredow, Rector of Christ Church, Shelburne

Followed by an Epiphany Potluck at Trinity House.

The choir will lead Epiphany Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 7th at 5 p.m. The offering will go to the Friends of St George in support of the parish Music program.

On Sunday, January 14th, St George's and King's College will host the launch of the publication of a series of works by Fr Robert Crouse. More details to come. Mark your calendar!

Support for Afghan Family

Neighbouring St Patrick's Church has passed on a request for items required by two newly arrived Afghan refugee families. There are two brothers, with married children, and a total of 9 children aged 2 to 20 years old. The items needed are many. For the Maleka family: 5 single beds, 2 king or queen size beds, 1 coffee table, 1 loveseat. Karima family: 6 single beds, 2 king or queen size beds, 1 dining table and 6 chairs, 1 loveseat, 1 coffee table, plates, cooking dishes, kitchen items. Pickup of furniture at your home can be arranged. The contact is Abdul R. Shekib (email: ar_shekib@hotmail.com) or Jacque de Mestral.

A few 2024 Prayer Book Calendars still available!

Please contact Jordan in the parish office (902 423 1059 ext. 1 or office@roundchurch.ca) if you would like to purchase one of the few remaining copies

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, December 16 Team 5 led by Jordan Gracie. Food and volunteers came from Bedford Baptist; 130 were served.

Yesterday, December 23 Team 6 led by Katie Carline. Food came from St. George's.

Next Week, December 30 Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and volunteers will come from St. Francis by the Lakes

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church. Thank you to Judith Fisher and Jordan Gracie for assembling these together.

Works of Robert Crouse Book Launch - January 14th

On Sunday, January 14th St George's will host (with King's College) the launch of the publication of a series of works by the late Father Robert Crouse, a Canadian theologian, priest, and professor whose teaching legacy continues to be a source of inspiration and renewal for many Anglican parishes such as ours.

The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews, former Bishop of Toronto, Edmonton, and Christchurch in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia will be our guest preacher that morning. Bishop Matthews was chair of the Primate's Theological Commission for the Anglican Church of Canada when Father Crouse was a member of the Commission.

There are many events planned for the day and into the following days which are listed below. For more information, visit <https://www.worksofrobertcrouse.com>

SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY

At Saint George's Church, Brunswick Street, Halifax.

10:30 AM

Holy Communion. Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews.

2 PM

Paige Hochschild: 'Memory and Pilgrimage in Saint Augustine'.

Response: Christopher Snook.

3:15 – 3:30PM

Chamber music.

3:30 PM

Fr Gavin Dunbar: '*Pilgrimage and Friendship in the Eucharistic Lectionary*'.

Response: Daniel Watson.

4:45PM – 6:30 PM

Light meals available at Morris East on Vernon Street, or Prince Hall at King's.

At King's College Chapel, Coburg Road, Halifax.

6:30 PM

Choral Evensong with choirs of Saint George's and King's College.

7:30 PM

The Robert Crouse Memorial Lecture. Dr. Thom Curran.

'Bologna • Paris • Pisa • Wittenberg • Berlin: The Legacy of the Medieval European University'.

8:45 PM

Wine and Cheese Reception in the President's Lodge.

MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

At Dalhousie Scotiabank Auditorium, Marion McCain Building

3 PM

Bruce Gordon: '*Semper Reformanda: Robert Crouse and the Receptions of Augustine in the Reformation*'.

At Trinity Church, 321 Main Avenue, Halifax.

7 PM

Evensong. Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Ross Hebb.

8 PM

Banquet in honour of the speakers.

(please RSVP for meal planning)

Toasts to be given by Michelle Wilband & Roberta Barker.

Everyone is invited to all the events and we hope all participants and attendees will attend the closing banquet at which the speakers will be honoured.

It would be appreciated that you email your intent to attend the banquet on Monday evening for purposes of meal planning. A recommended donation of twenty dollars on Monday evening toward the cost of the meal would assist the organizers.