

Upcoming Services & Events in the Round Church

December 26, The Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr: Holy Communion (said) at 10am.

December 27, The Feast of St. John the Evangelist: Holy Communion (said) at 10am.

December 28, Holy Innocents' Day: Holy Communion (said) at 10am.

January 1, the Octave Day of Christmas: Holy Communion (said) at 8am and Sung Holy Communion (no choir) at 10:30am

January 6, the Epiphany of our Lord: Choral Holy Communion at 7pm

January 8 following the 10:30am service of Choral Holy Communion: The annual parish Epiphany Potluck, hosted by the members of Trinity House.

January 8 at 5pm - Lessons and Carols: 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 on Sunday, January 8 at 5:00pm** in support of the Friends of Saint George's Society for our parish music programme.

To learn more about worship, outreach, Sunday School, music, and events at St George's, visit our website: www.roundchurch.ca



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The Nativity of our LORD

or **The Birth-Day of CHRIST**

commonly called Christmas Day

8am, December 25th, 2022



Seeing Shepherds. (2011). Daniel Bonnell (c. 1956). Oil on canvas.

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: the Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Rector

The Introit Psalm 98:1-4

O SING unto the LORD a new song; / **for he hath done marvelous things.**

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, / hath he gotten himself the victory.

**The LORD hath declared his salvation: / his righteousness hath he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.**

He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; / and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / And to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
World with-out end. Amen.**

The Kyrie p. 70

The Collects pp. 104, 107

The Epistle (Titus 2:11) p. 107

The Gradual Psalm 98:5-7

SHOW yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: /
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

**Praise the Lord upon the harp: / Sing to the harp with a psalm of
thanksgiving.**

**With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, / O show yourselves joyful
before the Lord, the King.**

The Holy Gospel (St Luke 2:1) pp. 107-108

The Nicene Creed p. 71

The Sermon The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, *Rector*

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession pp. 75-76

The Confession p. 77

The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving pp. 77-78

The Sanctus and Benedictus p. 81

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax pp. 82-83

The Prayer of Humble Access pp. 83-84

The Agnus Dei p. 84

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.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 85

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

pp. 85-86

The Gloria in Excelsis

p. 86

The Blessing

Financial Update

Total Budgeted Undesignated Offering for 2022:	\$288,676.61
Budgeted undesignated offering as of the end of November:	\$262,631.98
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Total received as of the end of November:	\$229,563.51

Update on the Deficit

I would like to thank all of you who have responded to the appeal for donations towards Saint George's operational costs (a.k.a undesignated offerings). **As of today, the deficit stands at \$5,584.86 (down from the \$14,500 of last week).**

I very much hope that we can continue in this encouraging vein, and bring that number down to zero!

To recap, for those who were not in church last Sunday, undesignated offerings are what cover our operational costs (things like heat, lights, salaries) and what you put on the plate each Sunday goes towards those basic costs. **Currently, we need to raise an additional \$5,584.86 beyond what we are already giving to make up the shortfall (and avoid making significant cuts to our programs when we make up the budget in January).**

While offerings donated to specific ministries, (such as Soup Kitchen, Christmas Outreach and the Music Program— to name a few) are encouraged and very much appreciated, we hope that these will be given in addition to, rather than instead of offerings towards the general operation of the church. Please keep in mind that offerings designated to a specific ministry, must only be used for that purpose and do not help to make up the deficit, whereas, if any of these ministries are short on funds, the difference is made up out of the undesignated (or operational) offerings.

To be clear, to help make up for our shortfall in operational funds, your donation (whether cash, cheque or e-transfer) can be labeled either "undesignated," "operational cost" OR not labeled at all, and simply made out to "Parish of Saint George"; any of these will go towards bringing down the deficit.

Let us each reflect prayerfully on how we are able, each within our means, to give sacrificially to the operations of the church which provide a space for and allow all of the fellowship, worship and outreach to happen. You can make an offering:

- at a Sunday worship by placing cash or cheque in the collection plate
- through our Canada Helps page to make a donation.
- e-transfers can be sent to treasurer@roundchurch.ca
- or sign up for a monthly Direct Debit Offering from your bank account. Contact the Treasurer at treasurer@roundchurch.ca for more info.

Thank you!

Kieva Diamond, *Warden*



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun - The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Mon - The Diocese of Oklahoma - The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province)
Tues - The Diocese of Okrika - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)
Wed - The Diocese of Oleh - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)
Thurs - The Diocese of Olo - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)
Fri - The Diocese of Olympia - The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province)
Sat - The Diocese of Omu-Aran - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Prince Edward Island Region

St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown

Holy Trinity Parish, Georgetown: The Rev'd Canon David Garrett, *Rector*;
The Rev'd Ralph Moore, *Priest-Assistant*; The Rev'd Gethin Edward

St. Mary and St. John, Summerside: The Rev'd Colin Nicolle

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour we give thanks for all who proclaim the Gospel and share in the song of the angels: "Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all."



St. George's Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements
December 25, 2022

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

The daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily 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	Gen. 4. 1-10	Acts 6	2 Chron. 24. 15-22	Acts 7. 59-8. 8
Tue	Exod. 33. 9-end	John 13. 21-35	Isa. 6. 1-8	1 John 5. 1-12
Wed	Baruch 4. 21-27	Rev. 6. 9-11	Jer. 31. 1-17	Matt. 18. 1-10
Thu	Ruth 1. 1-18	John 1. 14-18	Ruth 1. 19-2. 13	Matt. 11. 2-6
Fri	2. 14-end	3. 16-21	3	16. 13-20
Sat	4. 1-17	6. 41-58	Mic. 4. 8-5. 4	Luke 22. 24-30

Prayer List

Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially: Barbara, the Almasalma Family, Evelyn, Lowell, Wendy, Patricia, Noah, Daniel, Ginny, Patricia, Kristian, the Robertson Family, Kevin, Austin, Michael, Marilyn, Stuart, Sandy, Armand, Johana and family, Grace, Karen, and David.
For the Faithful Departed: Nan Robertson ('21), 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), Katherine Pye ('12), The Rev'd Bill Fairlie ('19), Brian Start ('10), and Amielie Taylor ('08).

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

Father Hatt will be away from the parish from the afternoon of Christmas Day, returning on Thursday, December 29th. Thank you to Father Harris who will cover services and be available to respond to pastoral emergencies during this time.

The Parish Office will be closed this week while our parish administrator takes a well-deserved break from his duties. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, following the New Year's holiday.

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, December 17: Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and volunteers came from St. Thomas' Fall River.

Yesterday, December 24: an *ad hoc* Christmas Eve team led by Jordan Gracie. Food came from St. George's. Many thanks to Tim Chipman for cooking!

Next Week, December 31: Team 3 led by Jordan Gracie. Food and volunteers will come from St. Francis by the Lakes.

Thank you to our Sunday school children who made the mural of the Holy Family which hangs over the window at the back of the nave while this window is undergoing restoration. The work on the windows should finish in early January. Thank you to Jacquie de Mestral and Jordan Gracie who have led this project.

Nominations for 2023 and Parish Annual General Meeting

Nominations are now open for parish officials to serve during 2023. We are especially looking for nominations for warden, treasurer, and members-at-large on parish council. You can volunteer yourself or pass along a nomination to members of the Nominations Committee which consists of the Rector, wardens, and parishioner Susan Harris. Elections for these positions will be held at the Parish Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 19th following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Parish Annual Report for 2022

The deadline for submissions to the Parish Annual Report for 2022 is January 16th. Heads of committees and groups are asked to start putting their report together as soon as possible so we are not so rushed in preparing the report. Thank you.

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available!

Unless they've been squirreled away under a table to make way for Advent decorations, 2023 Church Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Thank you to our Envelope Secretary, Judith Fisher for her work in preparing the envelopes and tracking donations all through the year.

Parish Hall Renovation Update

The ongoing renovation of the new music room in the parish hall stalled for a number of weeks while we searched for carpenters who could do the work needed to reinforce the ceiling before the finish work in the room could begin. We finally secured a carpenter and additional labourers through Edmonds Landscaping and work resumed two weeks ago. It has involved extensive (and very messy) demolition of an old sound barrier between the ceiling and the floor of upstairs hall, along with the removal of old abandoned gas lines buried under the floor boards from the days when the Halifax Gas, Light and Water Company supplied much of the area from the coal gas plant. The building has a lot of history! Thank you to Terry, Willie, Eric, Justin and other labourers from Edmonds who have been carrying out this work and to Steve Bezanson who has spent many long hours labouring over architectural drawings, coordinating with the engineer, sourcing materials, and supervising the work on a daily basis. Hopefully this work will be completed in early January after which the initial finishing work (e.g. new walls, doors, sound proofing) on the room can begin.

2023 Prayer Book Calendars still available

Church calendars for 2023 are still available. You may call the parish office (902 423 1059) or send an email to office@roundchurch.ca to reserve your calendar.

Why would you want another calendar when you already have so many? The answer is that these are the calendars which show you the round of holy days and Seasons for the Church Year observed here at St. George's.

Return of the Common Chalice

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic the administration of the Chalice at the Holy Communion was restricted by many churches throughout the world. With no evidence that it has ever been a cause for spreading illness, including during the current pandemic, Bishop Sandra Fyfe gave permission for St George's to restore use of the Common Chalice last month. No one wanting to partake in the Holy Communion is required to receive the Chalice. The full grace of the Sacrament is assured in receiving the Bread or the Wine alone. If you do not wish to receive the Chalice at the altar rail, please cross your arms over your chest after you have received the Bread and say "Amen" to acknowledge the Sacrament. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr Hatt.

Christmas - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our Lord's Nativity this Christmastide. Craig Savoury and his family and friends and other volunteers had the Garland up in record time. Tracy Lenfesty and members of the altar guild made the church sparkle. Meghan Jamieson and the Sunday school spent weeks preparing for the children's pageant — a wonderful event after a two year hiatus due to COVID! Anne Tilley spent months collecting items for the Shoeboxes for Seafarers and made sure they were delivered to the Mission. Jordan Gracie and Tim Chipman and others made sure the Soup Kitchen carried on and served a hot meal on the afternoon of December 24th. We are blessed with a multitude of riches.

Christmas Family Outreach Update

This year we delivered gifts and food for Christmas to 26 families and individuals (including 52 children) in need in our neighbourhood and beyond. Thank you to Kim Lickers for her leadership again this year, and to the wonderful team of volunteers who showed up to wrap and deliver. It was also a wonderful opportunity to welcome and enjoy fellowship with many of the new families and individuals who have joined our congregation in the past few months and for others to reconnect after the isolation brought about by COVID. Praise God for these mercies.