



St. George's Anglican Church

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The Sunday Next Before Advent

November 26, 2023



Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (detail from the Ghent Altarpiece). (1432). Jan van Eyck (1390-1441). Oil on wood.

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 259-260. The Introit and Gradual are printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Nicholas Hatt, *Rector*

Mass setting: Service in F – Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Opening Hymn 73 'THY kingdom come' – on bended knee

Irish

The Introit Psalm 85:1-7

tone IV.8



LORD, THOU ART become gracious un-to thy land: /

thou hast restored the fortunes of Ja~cob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy peo-ple, / and covered all~ their^sin.

Thou hast taken away all *thy* dis-plea-sure, /
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indig-na~tion.

Turn us, O God our Sa-viour, / and let thine anger cease~ from^us.

Wilt thou be displeased at *us* for e-ver? /
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to a-no~ther?

**Wilt thou not turn a-gain and quick-en^us, /
that thy people may re-joice~ in^thee?**

O Lord, show thy mer-cy up-on us, / and grant us thy sal-va~tion.

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 without end. A~men.

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity

p. 67

The Summary of the Law

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The Kyrie

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*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect

p. 259

Please sit

The Epistle (Jeremiah 23:5)

p. 259

Please stand

The Gradual Psalm 85:8-13

tone IV.8



I WILL HEAR-ken what the Lord *God* will say: /

**for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints,
and unto them that turn their heart~ to^him.**

Surely his salvation is nigh *them* that fear him, / that glory may dwell in *our~* land.

Mercy and truth are *met* to-ge-ther: / righteousness and peace have kissed each *o~*ther.

**Truth springeth out of the earth; /
and righteousness hath looked down from *hea~*ven.**

Yea, the Lord shall give *what* is good; / and our land shall yield her *in~*crease.

Righteousness shall go be-fore him, / and shall direct his going *in~* the^way.

The Holy Gospel (St John 1:35)

p. 259

The Nicene Creed

p. 71

Anthems

sung by the Youth Choir

O Praise the Lord – William Boyce

And God shall wipe away all tears – Eleanor Daley

Chatter with the angels – trad. Spiritual

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 371 THE GOD of Abraham praise

Leoni

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

p. 75

The Confession

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The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus & Benedictus

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Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of

the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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The Agnus Dei

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

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

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

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 229 LET all mortal flesh keep silence Picardy

Communion Motet *Great and marvellous* – Thomas Tomkins (c. 1572-1656)

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name, for thou only art holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before thee, for thy judgements are made manifest.

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 85

The Gloria in Excelsis p. 86

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 388 JESUS shall reign where'er the sun Duke Street

Voluntary *Pièce d'orgue* – 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

Thursday, November 30, The Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle: Holy Communion (said) at 5:45pm immediately following 5:30pm shortened 6 Evening Prayer.

Saturday, December 9: Advent Quiet Day (see news insert for details)

Sunday, December 10 at 5pm: Advent Lessons & Carols (details coming soon!)

Today's Offices

10 am Morning Prayer begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book. Psalm 80; Eccles. 11 & 12; Heb. 11:1-16.

5 pm Evening Prayer begins on page 18 of the Prayer Book. Psalms 81 & 82; Mal. 3:13-4 end; Heb. 11:17-12:2 followed by a discussion of the first part of "Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill," *Prevenience: Welcoming God's Coming (God IS)*, led by Marilyn Orr.



St. George's Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements

November 26, 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	Wisd. 1	Matt. 5. 1-16	Wisd. 2	Rev. 1
Tue	3. 1-9	5. 17-end	4. 7-end	2. 1-17
Wed	5. 1-16	6. 1-18	6. 1-21	2. 18-3. 6
Thu	7. 15-8. 4	6. 19-end	8. 5-18	3. 7-end
Fri	8. 21-9 end	7. 1-14	10. 15-11. 10	4
Sat	11. 21-12. 2	7. 15-end	12. 12-21	5

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 & Gladys, Wendy, Patricia, Noah, Daniel, Patricia, Kevin, Sandy, Johana and family, Grace, Chris, Denise, Kent, Verena, Willis, Keith, Anne, Loren, Joyce, Jack, Mary, Wade, Lorayne, Ron and Paulette, Ginny, Greg, Trudy, Daryl and family, Martin, Jack, Ginny, and Greg.

For the Faithful Departed: Robert "Bobby" Chisholm Douglas ('08), Sy Stewart ('11), Fr. Wilfred Wagner ('14), Eric Headley Smith ('01), Anne West ('15), Richard Gallagher ('18), Charles "Chuck" William Richardson ('09), John Hammond ('13), Petronella Neish ('11), Karen (Dowding) Zinck ('23), Alan Wilkie ('23), The Rev'd Canon Eric Ingraham ('17), and Dorothy Lirette (10).

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 will be 'refreshing' the names on the prayer list next Sunday. If you have loved ones you would like on the list please let him know (rector@roundchurch.ca).

2024 Prayer Book Calendars still available!

Church calendars for 2024 following the Church Year according to the *Book of Common Prayer* are now available. You may call the parish office (902-423-1059 ext. 1) or send an email to office@roundchurch.ca to reserve your calendar or, on Sundays, see Maxine Miles after the 8am Holy Communion service or Susan Harris after the 10:30am Choral Holy Communion service. On Wednesdays, see Susan Harris after the 10am Holy Communion service. The cost this year is \$9.00, which is an increase over last year's price, due to an increase in the cost of printing.

Weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays

Father Hatt leads a weekly Bible study on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We meet Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. in the Round Church, following the 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, November 18 Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and volunteers came from St. Paul's Youth Group; 109 were served.

Yesterday, November 25 Team 2 led by Mary Hills. Food and volunteers came from St. Peter's, Birch Cove

Next Week, December 2 Team 3 led by Kieva Diamond and Matthew Vanderkwaak. Food and volunteers will come from All Saints' Cathedral.

Bach's Christmas Cantatas,

for choir, soloists, and a small orchestra. A concert by the Dalhousie Collegium Cantorum, Directed by Gary Ewer

Tuesday November 28, 7:30 pm

St Andrew's United Church, Halifax. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Pre-Christmas Crafts and Pantry Sale

To be held on Sunday, December 3rd (Advent I) in the church hall during fellowship after the 10:30 am service. All donations of Christmas related items, books and crafts, holiday baking, jams, preserves, etc. will be gratefully received on Saturday, December 2nd from 12 noon to 2 pm and on the morning of December 3rd after 9:30 am. Please come and help us prepare to enjoy the Spirit of Christmas with your church family and go away with gifts for loved ones.

Advent Quiet Day

An Advent Quiet Day will be held on Saturday, December 9th led by Father David Curry, Rector of Christ Church, Windsor and Chaplain and Senior School English and Theory of Knowledge Teacher at King's Edgehill School. More details to come!

Advent Lessons and Carols will be sung by the Parish Choir on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10th at 5 p.m. The offering collected will go to support St George's Christmas Family Outreach which supports families and individuals in our parish and neighbourhood at Christmastime.

Christmas Outreach Wrap, Pack, & Deliver Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 16th at 10 a.m. when we will gather in the parish hall to prepare and wrap and deliver our Christmas Outreach care packages to local families in need in our neighbourhood.

ADVENT STUDY: Meditating on Advent with Evelyn Underhill

This year we are offering a four-week study meant to prepare our hearts for Advent, using a book designed for just this purpose, "Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill." We will meet for a brief discussion time on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, immediately following our usual 5pm Evening Prayer (and after Advent Lessons and Carols on December 10th), **starting TODAY, the Sunday Next Before Advent, November 26th.**

The book is divided into four Parts, with each Part subdivided into smaller sections for daily reading. We will read the designated Part on our own through the week and then meet on Sunday evenings for a discussion, with each week led by a different parishioner.

PART 1 Nov. 20-26 *Prevenience: Welcoming God's Coming (God IS)* Pages 7-39

Discussion Nov. 26, led by Marilyn Orr

PART 2 Nov. 27-Dec. 3 *Advent: Awaiting God's Coming (Christ is Coming)* Pages 41-72

Discussion Dec. 3, led by Amy Bird

PART 3 Dec. 4-10 *Emmanuel: Recognizing God's Coming (Christ Comes)* Pages 73-122

Discussion Dec. 10, led by Peter Bullerwell

(*Meets after Advent Lessons and Carols, 6:15 p.m.*)

PART 4 Dec. 11-17 *Holy Living: Embracing God's Coming (God has Come!)* Pages 123-165

Discussion Dec. 17, led by Tracy Lenfesty

We have three copies of the book available for \$25.00. You can also purchase the book through Thriftbooks or Amazon. We will also have photocopies of the material scheduled for the upcoming week available on the table at the back of the church or from Marilyn.

For more information and to purchase the book or receive a photocopy, contact Marilyn.



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Mon - The Diocese of Ayod – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tues - The Diocese of Badagry – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed - The Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands –
The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Thurs - The Diocese of Ballarat – The Anglican Church of Australia

Fri - The Diocese of Bangor – The Church in Wales

Sat - The Diocese of Banks and Torres – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

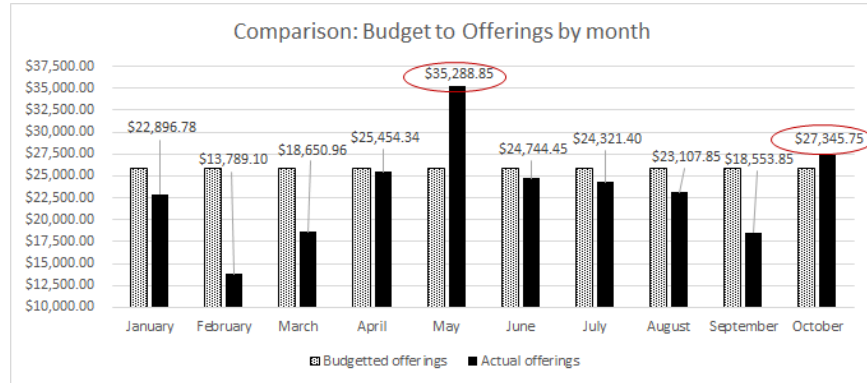
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: South Shore Region

St John's, Lunenburg: The Rev'd Tory Byrne, *Priest-in-Charge*

Yarmouth and Tusket: The Rev'd Gordon Hamilton, *Priest-in-Charge*; The Rev'd
Ross Hammond, *Retired*.

Financial Update for the Sunday Next Before Advent

At last February's AGM, the parish took on a challenging budget in support of the parish ministries. Offerings have varied over the course of the year, with some months (May and October) being above the monthly budget target and most months being below.



We had some unexpected expenses in the Round Church and parishioners responded with largesse, exceeding the amount we needed for the immediate repairs. Thank you all.

However (you knew there was a however) at the end of October, 83% through the year, offerings were at 75% of budget. As of November 23, we still have a deficit of just over \$38,000.

We ask you all to reflect and pray about this challenge, and consider how you can help.

As you do this, we encourage you to make your contributions to “undesignated offerings”. It might help to think of undesignated offerings as operational offerings, which go toward the care and upkeep of the church properties, the salaries of our Rector, Music Director, and Parish Administrator, electricity, heat and all the things that allow *all* of our activities as a congregation, as well as our outreach ministries, to happen. While offerings designated to individual ministries, such as Soup Kitchen, YouthNet, Christmas outreach and the Music Program, 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, may 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.

We know that many parishioners are already giving sacrificially to our parish. Some of you have already responded to our announcement about the deficit and we are very grateful to have your support.

When churches speak about stewardship, we often use the story of the widow's mite, and talk about “time, talents, and treasure”. We have heard these stories so often that they can sound like clichés; yet the truth is that we cannot continue to function as a parish unless each of us consider how we might serve God here in this place by participating in ministries as we are able - which could be volunteering, or simply praying. Every person counts; every offering, however small, helps us eliminate the deficit. Prayer can accomplish more than we can imagine. There is a very handy prayer for the parish on page 44 of the prayer book.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful; Sanctify this parish by thine abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of thy people more and more with the lights of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour: and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and renew them in body and soul. Guard from forgetfulness of thee those who are strong and prosperous. Increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace, and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end.

Let us together, and individually pray with purpose, about what we can do to nurture and support the work of the church.

We will provide updates each week until the 2023 books are closed.

With prayers for a blessed Advent.

Sarah Stevenson, *Treasurer*

Kieva Diamond, Matthew Vanderkwaak, and Tracy Lenfesty, *Wardens*

To contribute financially:

- Use the offering plate at a Sunday service
- Send an e-transfer to Treasurer@roundchurch.ca
- Contribute through our Canada Helps page

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parish-of-st-george/>