

Weekly Reflections

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

That we are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same.



Sunday December 17 Advent 111 Services

8 am Christ Church	HE BCP	Rev. Darlene
11am Christ Church	Angel Tree	Lay Readers
9:15am St. Bees'	HE BAS	Rev. Darlene
11:15am St. James'	HE BAS	Rev. Darlene

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*The Anglican Churches of
Pictou County
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017*

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen



Prayer Requests

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Western North Carolina (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Maitland, Stewiacke, & Shubenacadie, NS

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton

Pictou County Council of Churches: Bethel Presbyterian, Pictou Landing

ACW Prayer Partner Ministry: We pray for St. Andrews', Cole Harbour

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for Christ Church and Jennifer Halliday, Alastair Hamilton, Dianne Hardy, Sharon Hardy, Howard & Thelma Harris, Kevin & Lora Harris, David & Inna Harrison, and Barry & Brenda Hartling

Parish Prayer List

Bob Austin	Karen Jeffrey	Muriel Jackson	Debbie Haley
Kerstin	Erma Chenell	Laura Kelly	Dianne Hardy
Brian Kelly	Bill Colbourne	Mary MacKeigan	Mary Patterson
Ruth Myles	Dagmar Hubley	Neil MacDonald	Rev. Bill White
Carvell Riley	Gordon Clarke	Shannon Brundage	Nancy Marcott
Carla Bate	Evan Crowe	Bruce Heighton	Marion Dort
Lisa	Cheryl Lynds	Doug	Jan
Davis, Amanda, Robyn	Susan Parsons		

Memorials

St. Bees'

In Loving Memory of **William Henry "Sonny" Cyr** given by St. Bees'

Helping Hands

Christ Church

In Loving Memory of **Bill Hennigar** given by John Hogg

A donation was received from the Donald R. Sobey Family Foundation

A donation was received from Norman Hunter

ACPC Announcements

Please leave the orange Advent Service Sheet in your seat as you leave.

Please note there will be an ACPC combined service at St. James' on Sunday December 31st at 11am.

With ACPC being such a large church family, Rev. Darlene is unable to be at every church every Sunday. If you know of anyone who is in need of pastoral care please let Rev. Darlene know. You can always call 902-921-1100 and leave a message.

Longest Night of the Year Service will be held at Christ Church Thursday December 21st at 7pm.

A celebration of New Minister service with signing of the covenant will take place on Tuesday Dec. 12th at 7pm at St George's for Rev. Falen McNulty. All are welcome.

At the last Spiritual Development meeting, it was decided to hold an **Advent Fund Raiser** for the local food banks. Monetary donations would be collected on each of the four Sundays in Advent. We believe that it is important for everyone to be able to enjoy the Christmas season without being hungry. Donating money to the Foodbanks enables them to purchase the groceries that they know are most needed.

Christ Church Angel Tree Service will be held 11am Sunday, Dec. 17. All are welcome. If you are making a memorial donation to the angel tree please put your name, envelope #, or address along with the donation.

Glasgow New Horizons Bands Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 19th at 7:30pm at Christ Church. Admission \$10 All proceeds go to Pictou County Fuel Fund and Christ Anglican Church.

Advent Bible Study will take place at St. James hall beginning Thursday, November 30 @ 7pm. The title is "Unwrapping the Wonder" and is open to everyone. What are the key first steps to enter into Advent? We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come Lord Jesus." We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give." Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now." And before a single decoration goes up we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

ACPC Meeting 1:30pm Tuesday, December 19 at St. Alban's

St. Bees'

Starting Sunday, Dec. 3rd St. Bees' service time will change to 9:15am.

Please note Christmas Eve Service time change to 8pm for St. Bees'.

Card Socials: Every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30pm

Food Bank donations will be collected every 3rd Sunday of the month.

St. James'

Starting Sunday, Dec. 3rd St. James' service time will change to 11:15am.

Food Bank Donations collected the 1st Sunday of every month.

Coffee Hour will take place after the 11am Service on the first Sunday of the month.

Christ Church

Food Bank Donations are accepted every 1st Sunday of the month.

There will not be an 8am service on Sunday December 31st.

Please note the service time change for the 11am service starting on January 7th, 2018 to 11:15am.

Christ Church Financials

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Nov. 2017	\$ 12614.80	\$5067.47	\$7547.33
Year to Date	\$73367.81	\$66251.31	\$7116.50



Advent 1: 2 Kings 22: 1-10, 23: 1-3: *Listen*

In the beginning was the Word – spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.

Listen and hear – God’s promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning,
and through him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet,

God’s promise is the foundation of all life.

Listen!

Hear the covenant anew, giving voice to a future with hope.

Candle is lit.

Advent 2: Isaiah 40: 1- 11: *Speak*

In the beginning was the Word – spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.

Speak it loud and clear – God’s promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning,
and through him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet,

God’s promise is the foundation of all life.

Do not hold back!

Speak out, giving voice to God’s peace that passes all
understanding.

Candle is lit.

Advent 3: Ezra 1:1-4, 3:1-4, 10 - 13: *Persevere*

In the beginning was the Word – spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.

Persevere in hope, keep the faith – God’s promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning,
and through him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet,

God’s promise is the foundation of all life.

Keep going!

Persevere in joy, giving voice to God’s presence yet again.

Candle is lit.

Advent 4: Luke 1:5-24, 57- 80: *Trust*

In the beginning was the Word – spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.

Trust the good news – God’s promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning,
and through him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet,

God’s promise is the foundation of all life.

Trust in God!

Wait with faith, giving voice to Christ’s love for all.

Candle is lit.

Christmas Eve: *Glorify*

In the beginning was the Word – spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.

Glorify the Lord with me – God’s promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning,
and through him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet,

God’s promise is the foundation of all life.

Glory to God!

The Word is made flesh, giving voice to God’s promise yet again.

Candle is lit.

