

Weekly Reflections

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others.



Sunday December 24th Advent IV Christmas Eve Services

<i>8 am Christ Church</i>	<i>HE BCP</i>	<i>Rev. Darlene</i>
<i>3pm St. Alban's</i>	<i>HE BAS</i>	<i>Rev. Darlene</i>
<i>5pm Christ Church</i>	<i>HE BAS</i>	<i>Rev. Darlene</i>
<i>7pm St. James'</i>	<i>HE BAS</i>	<i>Rev. Darlene</i>
<i>8pm St. Bees'</i>	<i>HE BAS</i>	<i>The Sinclairs</i>

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The Anglican Churches of Pictou County Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 or canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Collect: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen



***Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Wyoming (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie**

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* Northumberland and St. John's Truro, NS**

***Provincial Cycle of Prayer:* Diocese of Western Newfoundland**

Archbishop Percy Coffin Bishop Elect John Meade

Pictou County Council of Churches: Lighthouse Ministries New Glasgow
ACW Prayer Partner Ministry: We pray for St. Andrews', Cole Harbour
Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. James' and Michael & Donna Hasiuk,
 Nikolai Hasiuk, Bruce & Eleanor Heighton, Chris & Susan Higdon, Carrie
 Higgins, Darlene Higgins, Gordon & Patsy Hill, Janet Hilton, Russell & Judy
 Hiltz, Alice Hines, Kaye Hoare, Fred & Andrella Hodder, and John Hoegg

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	Susan Parsons
Davis, Amanda, Robyn	Jan		

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.

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.

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. 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'

St. James' Shiretown Nursing Home Service is today at 2pm

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

Community Announcements

Sharing Christmas: St. George's Anglican Church, Temperance St., NG, offers a **free Community Christmas Dinner** to anyone who might be alone on Christmas Day or who, for whatever reason, might not have the means of enjoying a festive meal. St. Georges welcomes you to a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a delicious dessert. Please share this invitation as widely as you can. The Dinner will be served from noon to 2pm on December 25 in the Lower Hall. Enter through the Forbes St. door. Please come and join us and, if possible, for catering purposes only, please call 902 752-4551 and leave a message requesting a ticket.

Sounds of Joy Concert: Friday, December 22nd 7pm Trinity United Church, NG Featuring Jodie Alcorn, Marcel d'Entrement, Allison Ernst, Nicole Green, Nicholas Higgs, Michelle Johnson, Beth McKenna Band, Laura McLean & Evan Mounce, Jennifer & Melanie Pos, Emery Van de Wiel, Ash Lane Flute Quartet, Ash Lane Vocal Trio. Admission by donation to Tearmann House. Donations will be matched by Scotiabank.



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.



