

Weekly Reflections

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.”
- Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

That we don't take our time on Earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from God.



Sunday December 10 Advent 11 Services

8 am Christ Church	HE BCP	Rev. Darlene
11am Christ Church	HE BAS	Rev. Darlene
9am St. Alban's	Morning Prayer	Deborah Beck
9:15am St. Bees'	HE BAS	Rev. Darlene
11:15am St. James'	Morning Prayer	Lay Readers

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The Anglican Churches of Pictou County First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: West Buganda (Uganda) The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Springhill & Lantz, Nova Scotia

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Bishop Geoffrey Peddle

Pictou County Council of Churches: Trenton United Church, Trenton

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

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. Bees' and David Geldart, Amelia Gennoe, Joseph & Phyllis Gennoe, Todd & Frey Gibbons, Pamela Grant-Ponnikau, Raymond Gillis, David Glenen, Ralph & Faye Glenen, Lois Goodwin, David & Debbie Grant, Maggie Grant, Kaye Gratto, Pat Haddad, Edmund & Deborah Haley, Beverley Hall, Charles & Margaret Halliday

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. James'

In Loving Memory of *Art Alexander* given by Jane MacMillan & Family
In Loving Memory of *family & friends* given by Tiye Doughty
In Loving Memory of *Kenny MacDonald* given by Margaret MacDonald

ACPC Announcements

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

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.

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.

Lay Readers Meeting 7pm Monday, December 4 at St. Bees'
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.
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.
Thank you to all for your contribution in making *Carols at The Kirk 2017* such a huge success. Financially it was the best year with a grand total of \$1,096.95 ... warmth for those in need ... impacting our community with the love of Christ.

Christ Church

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

Christ Church Financials

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Oct. 2017	\$ 7507.73	\$2777.67	\$4730.06
Year to Date	\$65457.01	\$63497.78	\$1959.23