



Advent II Sunday December 9, 2018 Services

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

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Community Events

Eat, Drink & Share: An Advent Bible Study for the Hungry Heart For the next four (4) Wednesdays (Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 & 19) you are invited to gather at The Thistle Bar and Grill, New Glasgow for a time to socialize and share your thoughts on the gospel readings for the four Sundays of Advent. Come for Food at 6pm with Bible Study at 7pm. Come for just the Bible Study at 7 pm.

♪ **'Songs For the Season of Love' - A CD Release Concert** ♪ Sunday, Dec. 9th at 3pm Pictou United Church Join Rose Johnston and Friends for an afternoon of uplifting music. Tickets \$15 at the door or pay as you are able.

CAiRN -Communities Assisting Refugees Now and Pictou United Church Welcome our Newest Syrian Families. All are invited to join together in a Vegetarian Potluck as we celebrate the recent arrival of the Aldnaefat & Abu Kharoub Families. Sunday, Dec. 2nd @ 4pm Pictou United Church Hall 47 James St- Pictou Let us extend our welcome and our friendship. If you are able please bring a vegetarian food item to share.



The Anglican Churches of Pictou County Advent I Sunday, December 2, 2018

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - (Spain) The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Amherst, Parrsboro Shore, Nova Scotia

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon, Archbishop Melissa Skelton and the Provincial Council

Pictou County Council of Churches: Second United Baptist N.G.

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

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. James' and Deborah Parker, Jolene Parsons, Janice Pass, Olive Pastor, Don & Doris Patterson, Reginald & Ruth Payton, Ron Peel, Betty Perry, Karen Peterson, Kevin Peterson, Robert & Catherine Pickhard, Mike & Norma Pierce, Amanda Pittman & William Aslin, Nathan & Wendy Pittman, Jason Pittman, Vernon & Jo-Ann Pittman, Nathan & Wendy Pittman, Pamela Ponikau, Doris Price

Parish Prayer List

Bob Austin	Karen Jeffery	Muriel Jackson	Kerstin
Ruth Myles	Dagmar Hubley	Gordon Clarke	Erma Chenell
Laura Kelly	Rev Bill White	Bill Colbourne	John MacLean
Carvell Riley	Lisa	Dianne Hardy	Wayne Burry
Cheryl Lynds	Evan Crowe	Mary MacKeigan	Brian Kelly
Nancy Marcott	Jerry Austin	Bruce Heighton	Donnie MacDonald
Amanda, Davis,	Robyn	Neil MacDonald	Betty MacLeod

Memorials

St. James' Ladies Group

In Loving Memory of beloved Mother *Marie Crowe* given by Susan & Dorianne

St. Bees'

In Loving Memory of Leonard Marcipont given by Art & Janet Storey

Announcements

The first in the series of *ACPC Lunch & Listen Events* is Thursday December 5 at 12:15pm at Christ Church. The guest speaker for this session will be Pamela Ponikau, who will speak about the war years from a child's perspective and her experiences near London, England during the London Blitz.

Happy Birthday Jesus!! Celebration on Saturday December 15th at Christ Church Hall 11am with food, cake, & refreshments. Please RSVP acpc@pictouanglicans.ca or call 902-752-6422 by December 12th Please invite any and all families you know to join this fun event.

St. Bees'

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

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

St. Bees' Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the church hall at 10am. Everyone Welcome.

St. James'

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

Coffee Hour after the 11:15am service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

St. James' Service at Oddfellows Home today at 2pm

Christ Church

Notice: On the 1st Sunday each month please bring in items for donation to the Food Bank.

Christ Church will be holding a *Fundraising Ideas Session* following the 11:15 am service on December 2, 2018. Anyone with *Fundraising Ideas* are asked to attend to present their ideas. If you are unable to attend, please pass along your ideas to someone on Council.

Christ Church Fundraising Raffle Win A 6month Family Membership to the Pictou County YMCA. Tickets are \$5/each. Draw Date Saturday December 15, 2018. Tickets can be purchased at the Christ Church Tea and Sale November 24th 2-4pm or by calling Adele at 902-755-1610
The ideal Christmas Gift for that special family on your list!!

Christ Church Financials

	Income	Expenses	Difference
October 2018	\$4,071.20	\$4,687.42	(\$616.22)
Year to Date	\$64,929.76	\$60,722.16	\$4,207.60*
*Funds held in the balance ie. Sunday School etc.			(\$2,447.83)
Balance			\$ 1,759.77

4.5 months (\$13,374.00) of ACPC apportionment paid by Transfer from Investments

Weekly Reflections

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

That we strengthen our relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation.



An Advent Message

We are about to enter a new year in our church calendar. Advent is a gift of time, God's time - allowing us to reflect and focus on God's presence among us, God's gifts around us, God's strength within us, and God's message about what's really important in life.

Advent is a time of waiting, waiting for the One who has come and is coming and will come again. That means Advent is rich with the expectation and hope that God will meet us in our daily living, and that our waiting is not in vain.

This is such a busy time of the year, both inside and outside of the church, often filled with conflicts and anxieties that stress us out. God knows the toll they take on our peace of mind and ability to receive God's grace. So in order for us to truly perceive the awe-inspiring peace and grace of Christmas, we need to calm the frenzy of those tensions.

Advent is a time of calming and comforting. Advent helps us refocus our faith, our strength and hope. Advent also challenges us to become more intentional about God's mission and ministry, where we are called to be God's servants in the world. Working for God means loving for God.

And so as we enter the gift of Advent lets focus on God's grace, power, and light, only then will we begin to see that God is the one who shines through the gloom and anxiety. And, as we look

towards Christmas, to the miracle of the Christ child, God incarnate, coming down to us as a vulnerable infant at the mercy of the world, we are reminded of our work for God, also as vulnerable people at the mercy of the world too.

In Advent, one of the best-known hymns begins, "O come, o come, Emmanuel, to ransom captive Israel." As we sing this hymn, let us also acknowledge that God ransoms us too - guiding us away from the frenzy of the world and back to God's light and life, back to confidence and faith, back to hope and love.

The God who came to us in Jesus continues to come to us in the midst of the changes and uncertainties that we face. I believe there is a shared hope for the life of the church and a shared sense that God is actively doing something new in our midst; that we are part of something important and exciting. The prophet Isaiah writes: "Thus says the Lord: 'I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.'" (Isaiah 43:19)

As Advent unfolds, may you know the presence of this God who is still doing new things in our midst, the One who makes a way for us, the One who came as light and love to share our humanity in Jesus Christ. As we prepare once again to celebrate the birth of Christ, may we also celebrate his abiding presence as "Emmanuel" or "God-with-us."

Wishing everyone a peaceful Advent Season
and a very Merry Christmas!

Rev. Darlene

