



# St. George's Anglican Church

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## The First Sunday in Advent

*being the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day*

**December 3, 2023**



Detail from *Christ Driving the Traders from the Temple*, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, c. 1569

## 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 95-96. The Introit and Gradual are printed in this bulletin.

## 10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Father Nicholas Hatt, Rector

*Mass setting:* Missa XI Orbis factor

*Creed & Gloria:* John Merbecke (1510-1585)

*Please stand*

### The “O” Antiphons

#### *O Sapientia (O Wisdom)*

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

#### *O Adonai (O Lord)*

O Adonai, and Leader of the House of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire and gavest him the Law on Sinai: Come and deliver us, with an outstretched arm.

*The ancient “O Antiphons” have been used by Christians for the last 1300 years. They focus our prayer on Old Testament prophecies of Christ. Traditionally sung before and after the Magnificat at Evening Prayer on the days leading up to Christmas, the choir will sing them over the Sundays in Advent at the 10:30 service of Choral Communion.*

*Please remain standing while the choir and sanctuary party silently enter in procession*

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (see insert)

#### The Litany in Procession

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#### The Kyrie

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*Kyrie eleison,*

Lord have mercy upon us,

*Christe eleison,*

Christ have mercy upon us,

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord have mercy upon us.

#### The Collect

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*Please sit*

#### The Epistle (Romans 13:8)

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*Please stand*

#### The Gradual Psalm 85:8-13

tone I.5



TURN US, O God our Sa-viour, /and let thine an-ger 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 again and quick-en us, / that thy people may re-joyce^in thee~~?

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

**The Advent Prose (see insert)**

*Rorate Cæli*

The Holy Gospel (St Matthew 21:1)

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**The Nicene Creed**

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*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 396 HAIL to the LORD'S Anointed**

*Crüger*

*After the biddings, please kneel*

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

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**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 cæli 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 65 HARK the glad sound! the SAVIOUR comes** *St Stephen*

Communion Motet *Hosanna to the Son of David* – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the King of Israel.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places.

Hosanna in the highest heavens.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**The Gloria in Excelsis**

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The Blessing

**Closing Hymn 548** COME, thou long-expected JESUS

Stuttgart

Voluntary

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659 – 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**

**Saturday, December 9 starting at 9am:** Advent Quiet Day (see news insert for details)

**Sunday, December 10 at 5pm:** Advent Lessons & Carols (see news section for details)

## **Today's Offices**

**10 am Morning Prayer** begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book. Psalm 9; Isa. 1:1-20; Rev. 2:1-17

**5 pm Evening Prayer** begins on page 18 of the Prayer Book. Psalm 50; Isa 2:10-end; John 3:1-21 followed by a discussion of the second part of "Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill," *Advent: Awaiting God's Coming (Christ is Coming)*, led by Any Bird.

## Soup Kitchen Update

*Last Week, November 25* Team 2 led by Mary Hills and Will Hibbits. Food and volunteers came from St. Peter's, Birch Cove. 136 were served.  
*Yesterday, December 2* Team 3 led by Kieva Diamond and Matthew Vanderkwaak. Food and volunteers came from All Saints' Cathedral.  
*Next Week, December 9* Team 4 led by Alex Bickerton. Food and volunteers will come from the Parish of Fall River.

## 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. There will be no session this Wednesday, but we will meet again on Wednesday, December 13th and 20th.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Halifax Explosion Anniversary

This Wednesday, December 6th is the 106th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. At 9.04.35 a.m., the precise time of the explosion, the bell of the Round Church will ring for one minute with other church bells around the city to remember all whose lives and livelihoods were forever changed by this accident of war.

*Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*



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### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

**Sun** - The Church of North India (United)

**Mon** - The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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

**Wed** - The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Thurs** - The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh

**Fri** - The Diocese of Barrackpore – The Church of North India (United)

**Sat** - The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chignecto Region

**Amherst, Nova Scotia:** The Rev'd William Ferrey, *Rector*; The Rev'd Charlotte Ross, *Associate Parish Priest*

**Parrsboro Shore, Nova Scotia:** The Rev'd Dr. Brian Spence, *Rector*



## St. George's Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements

December 3, 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	
<b>Mon</b>	Isa. 3. 1-15	Mark 1. 1-20	Isa. 4. 2-end	Rev. 6
<b>Tue</b>	6	1. 21-end	8. 16-9. 7	7
<b>Wed</b>	9. 8-10. 4	2. 1-22	10. 5-23	8
<b>Thu</b>	10. 24-end	2. 23-3. 12	13. 1-14. 2	9
<b>Fri</b>	14. 3-27	3. 13-end	17	10
<b>Sat</b>	18	4. 1-20	19. 1-17	11

## Prayer List

**Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:** Barbara, Evelyn, Lowell & Gladys, Wendy, Patricia, Daniel, Patricia, Kevin, Kent, Willis, Loren, Wade, Lorayne, Ron and Paulette, Ginny, Greg, Trudy, Daryl and family, Martin, Jack, Ginny, and Gregory.

**For the Faithful Departed:** 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), Dorothy Lirette (10), and Ruth Christine Phillips ('23)

If you have loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, please let Father Hatt know ([rector@roundchurch.ca](mailto:rector@roundchurch.ca)).

## Parish Prayer List 'Refresh'

Father Hatt has 'refreshed' the prayer list. If you have names of loved ones for the list, please pass them along to him ([rector@roundchurch.ca](mailto:rector@roundchurch.ca)).

## **Pre-Christmas Crafts and Fundraiser - TODAY**

Please join us for Fellowship in the Hall today after the 10:30 service and support our Pre-Christmas sale of pantry items, gifts, books and more.

## **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 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 10<sup>th</sup>).

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.

## **Advent Quiet Day: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **9am-1:30pm in the Round Church**

*"Waiting in the Wilderness: Poets and Isaiah the Prophet of Advent"*

Led by Father David Curry, *Rector of Christ Church, Windsor and Chaplain, King's Edgehill School*

Using passages from the Book of Isaiah and complementary poetry, Father Curry will guide us through a series of meditations to help us embrace the discipline of waiting in the wilderness for God's coming to us. The day will be structured around the daily offices and the Holy Communion.

**RSVP to the parish office ([office@roundchurch.ca](mailto:office@roundchurch.ca)) so we know how many to expect for the soup luncheon which will conclude our time together.**

## **St Nicholas' Day**

Next Sunday, December 10th the Sunday School will observe the Feast of St Nicholas with appropriate readings and teachings and crafts. At the end of the 10:30 a.m. service there may even be a special visitor from Asia Minor joining us!

## **Advent Lessons and Carols – Sunday, December 10 at 5pm**

The Service of Advent Lessons & Carols will be sung by the Parish Choir on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10th at 5 p.m. Music for this service will include William Byrd's *Rorate caeli, A spotless rose* by Herbert Howells, *Corpus Christi Carol* by Benjamin Britten and John Byrt's *All and some*, in addition to lovely seasonal hymns and featuring the O Antiphons.

**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.

## **Christmas Garland**

On Saturday, December 16th at 10 a.m. please gather in the hall to help build the Christmas garland which will adorn the Round Church through the Christmas Season. A huge thank you to Craig Savoury who is leading this project again this year. Please let Craig know if you can help.

## **The Journey to Jul - A Scandinavian Christmas Concert Saturday, December 16th at 7 :30 p.m. at St George's Round Church**

Local musicians Kirsty Money (nyckelhapra) and Jennifer Publicvoer (flute) will present a concert for the Christmas season, journeying from the carefree Scandinavian summer (midsummer) through to fall and Juletide. They will be joined by Jennifer's son Alistair Maksym on keyboards and welcoming special guest vocalist Kyla Neville, who also happens to be Kirsty's daughter. Tickets can be purchased online at Kirsty's website: [kirstymoney.ca](http://kirstymoney.ca) or at the door Tickets are \$25 dollars reg., \$15 students and seniors, \$50 for a family of four or more, and Children under 12 are free.



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Last week we spoke of the story of the widow's mite and the different opportunities to give to the work of our parish: contributing financially, or with our time and talents. Today we would like to put in a word for Time and Talent, by highlighting these three ministries that are especially in need of fresh volunteer support: Greeters, Altar Guild and Fellowship. As simple as these outreaches may seem, they are the very activities that nourish us as a community, strengthen the bonds of friendship within the congregation, welcome new people into our parish and ultimately, grow the church. We are so very grateful for those who have been supporting us all in carrying on this good work. We could not have kept going without them. Now, they need our help. Please have a look at the descriptions below and consider whether you could give sacrificially of your time to one of these essential ministries.

Ministry:	What they do:	Time commitment:	Who to contact:
Greeters	Greet people as they arrive for service, hand out books and bulletin, take up collection, and put books away after service.	2hrs once a month, (from 10am to 12 on Sundays).	Palma Hemming
Altar Guild	Team of 2 prepares the altar for worship service (new volunteers will be teamed up with experienced to learn the ropes)	2hrs every 5-6 weeks (each team can pick the day or time that works for them from Thurs to Sat.	Nadine Savoury
Fellowship	As part of a team, bring food and set up ( and clean up) coffee and tea for fellowship after the 10:30 service.	Once every 6 weeks. Set up 30 mins before service and stay for fellowship time and clean up.	Mary Hills

While we call it sacrificial, because we know that the gift of our time is precious, it is also not actually our own, but rather a gift we receive from God, and it is indeed a joyful thing to spend some of it working together to nourish and uphold the church that feeds us spiritually.

We are confident that we can build these ministry teams up, because this is what has recently happened with Soup Kitchen. From our brave, skeleton crews who were scrambling to keep this program running throughout COVID, we have regrouped and refreshed Soup Kitchen into a vibrant and improved dine-in and take-out service, with enthusiastic new volunteers. In addition to the three mentioned above, there are many other ministries; please do not hesitate to talk to a warden or the rector about how you could best use your time and talents to support our church.

We also promised weekly updates on the deficit. **As of Thursday, the deficit stands at just over \$32,225.** In addition, a parishioner has pledged a very generous amount to undesignated offerings that will

be reflected in the coming weeks. We were also delighted to hear from another parishioner looking to volunteer their time and talents to parish ministries.

While we give, let us also remember to be fed. Among other things on offer, there are study groups, evensong services, a quiet day, Lessons and Carols and all of the upcoming Advent services. See your bulletin for information about opportunities to worship and study together.

Finally, please continue to pray for our parish and the work of the church (page 44 of the prayer book is helpful for this).

*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.*

With prayers for a blessed Advent.

Kieva Diamond, Matthew Vanderkwaak, and Tracy Lenfesty, *Wardens*  
Sarah Stevenson, *Treasurer*

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- Send an e-transfer to [Treasurer@roundchurch.ca](mailto:Treasurer@roundchurch.ca)
- Contribute through our Canada Helps page <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parish-of-st-george/>