



# St. George's Anglican Church

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## The Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023



John the Baptist in Prison. 17<sup>th</sup> c. Cornelis Galle the Younger (1615-1678) after Jan van der Straet (1523-1605).

## 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.

# 10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Father Nicholas Hatt, Rector

*Mass setting:* Missa VII de angelis

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

*Please stand*

## The “O” Antiphons

### *O Oriens (O Root of Jesse)*

O Dayspring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness:  
Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

### *O Rex Gentium (O Key of David)*

O King of the Nations, and their desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one:  
Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

*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.*

## Opening Hymn 63 HARK! a herald voice is sounding

*Merton*

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

### The Introit Psalm 33:1-6

tone VIII.1



RE-JOICE IN the Lord, O ye *righteous*; /  
**for it becometh well the just to be thank-ful.**

**Praise the Lord with *harp*: /**  
**sing praises unto him with the lute, and instru-ment of ten strings.**

Sing unto the Lord a new *song*: / sing praises lustily with a good cou-rage.

**For the word of the Lord is *true*, / and all his works are faith-ful.**

He loveth righteousness and *judge-ment*: /  
the earth is full of the *good-ness* of the<sup>^</sup>Lord.

**By the word of the Lord were the heavens *made*, /**  
**and all the host of them by the *breath* of his mouth.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, / and to the Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;

## 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 (1 Corinthians 4:1)

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*Please stand*



HEAR, O THOU shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; / show thyself also, thou that sittest up-on the che^ru-bim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Ma-nas-seh, / stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

Turn us again, O God; / show the light of thy countenance, and we shall^be whole.

**The Advent Prose (see insert)**

*Rorate Caeli*

The Holy Gospel (St Matthew 11:2)

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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 (see insert)** PREPARE the way, O Zion *Bereden vag for Herran*

*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.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

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).*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. *(repeat).*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

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 61** JESUS came – the heavens adoring

*St Thomas*

## Communion Motet

A Spotless Rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

*A Spotless Rose* – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
Through God's great love and might  
The Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

## 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 293 THERE'S a voice in the wilderness

*Ascension*

Voluntary *Nun komm her Heiden Heiland*, BWV 660 – 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

### Advent Ember Days:

**Wednesday, December 20:** 10am Holy Communion (said)

**Friday, December 22:** 5:45pm Holy Communion (said)

**Saturday, December 23:** 10am Holy Communion (said)

**The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, Thursday, December 21:** Holy Communion (said) at 5:45pm.

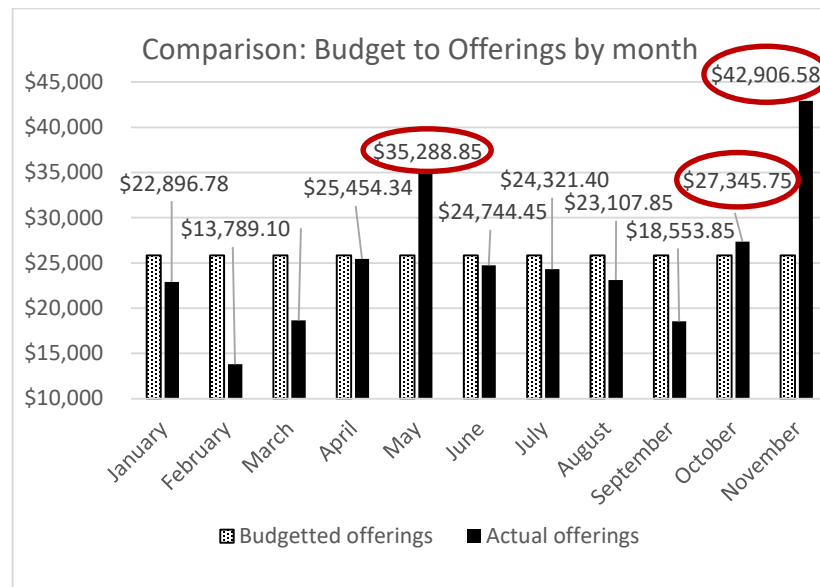
## Today's Offices

**10 am Morning Prayer** begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book. Psalms 11 & 12; Isa. 28:9-22; Rev. 3:7-end

**5 pm Evening Prayer** begins on page Psalms 13 & 14; Isa. 32:1-18; Matt. 3 followed by discussion of the fourth part of "Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill, "Embracing God's Coming (God has Come!)", led by Tracy Lenfesty.

## Financial Update for Advent 3: December 17<sup>th</sup>

We asked, and you responded! Offerings in November were the highest of the year – an amazing \$42,906.58. Thank you for your response to God’s mercy in our parish and our life together.



Parishioners from all kinds of financial means have stretched to support the ministries and fabric of this parish. It has been very moving to witness this response to the deficit reduction campaign. **As of Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, the deficit stands at \$8430.** That said, **we’re not quite done yet as we still have ~\$17,100 in insurance and stipends to pay at the end of the month.** We’re so close! We have two Sundays and three Christmas services before the end of the year. Let’s try to end the year without a deficit.

Going away for Christmas? You can still contribute by e-transfer to [treasurer@roundchurch.ca](mailto:treasurer@roundchurch.ca) or through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parish-of-st-george/>  
**For Envelope holders** – the 2024 envelopes are available at the back of the church.

With gratitude,  
 Sarah Stevenson, Parish Treasurer 2023



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### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

- Sun** - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- Mon** - The Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Tues** - The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)
- Wed** - The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church
- Thurs** - The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United)
- Fri** - The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Sat** - The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chignecto Region

- Maitland, Nova Scotia:** Archdeacon Glenn Eason, *Priest-in-Charge*
- Stewiacke and Shubenacadie:** Archdeacon Glenn Eason, *Priest-in-Charge*



## St. George’s Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements

December 17, 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. 42. 1-17	Mark 7. 1-23	Isa. 42. 18-43. 13	Rev. 18
<b>Tue</b>	43. 14-44. 5	7. 24-8. 10	44. 6-23	19
<b>Wed</b>	44. 24-45. 13	8. 11-9. 1	2 Sam. 15. 17-21	John 11. 1-16
<b>Thu</b>	Job 42. 1-6	John 14. 1-7	Ecclus. 2	1 Pet. 1. 3-9
<b>Fri</b>	Isa. 48	Mark 9. 33-end	Isa. 49. 1-13	Rev. 21. 15-22. 5
<b>Sat</b>	49. 14-end	10. 1-31	50. 4-10	22. 6-end

### 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), Ruth Christine Phillips (’23), Evangeline Mary Giles (’03), Barbara Smith (’19), Lloyd Tilley (’09), Barbara Elizabeth Conrod (’10), Daina Kulnys (’12), and Dewitt Spurgeon Rockwell (’04), Rosemary Mason-Browne (’19), Gordon Smith (’06), and Phyllis Anne Marsman (’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)).

## ADVENT STUDY: Meditating on Advent with Evelyn Underhill

Our Advent Study using Evelyn Underhill's Book "Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent" meets for the final time this Sunday (tonight!) immediately following Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. in the Round Church. This week, Tracy Lenfesty will lead our meditations. Thank you to Marilyn Orr and Amy Bird who have also helped guide our meditations this season.

## 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. We meet for the final time in 2023 on Wednesday, December 20.

## Looking ahead to January 2024...

**We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany** with Choral Holy Communion on Friday, January 5th at 7 p.m.

Guest Preacher: The Rev'd Benjamin von Bredow, Rector of Christ Church, Shelburne  
Followed by an Epiphany Potluck at Trinity House.

**The choir will lead Epiphany Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, January 7th at 5 p.m. The offering will go to the Friends of St George in support of the parish Music program.

**On Sunday, January 14th**, St George's and King's College will host the launch of the publication of a series of works by Fr Robert Crouse. More details to come. Mark your calendar!

## Support for Afghan Family

Neighbouring St Patrick's Church has passed on a request for items required by two newly arrived Afghan refugee families. There are two brothers, with married children, and a total of 9 children aged 2 to 20 years old. The items needed are many. For the Maleka family: 5 single beds, 2 king or queen size beds, 1 coffee table, 1 loveseat. Karima family: 6 single beds, 2 king or queen size beds, 1 dining table and 6 chairs, 1 loveseat, 1 coffee table, plates, cooking dishes, kitchen items. Pickup of furniture at your home can be arranged. The contact is Abdul R. Shekib (email: [ar\\_shekib@hotmail.com](mailto:ar_shekib@hotmail.com)) or Jacquie de Mestral.

## 2024 Prayer Book Calendars still available!

A few church calendars for 2024 following the Church Year according to the *Book of Common Prayer* are still 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.

## Pre-Christmas Crafts and Fundraiser – Thank you!

Grateful thanks to all those who made the Christmas sale last Sunday such a success! To the knitters and weavers and fine wood crafting, the makers of breads and sweets [esp. to The Rev'd Purchase!] and jams and pickles, our convenors at the tables, and you, the congregation whose generosity collectively helped us make over \$850.00! This will take the deficit down a bit!

## Soup Kitchen Update

*Last Week, December 9* Team 4 led by Alex Bickerton. Food and volunteers came from the Parish of Fall River; 170 were served.

*Yesterday, December 16* Team 5 led by Jordan Gracie. Food and volunteers came from Bedford Baptist.

*Next Week, December 23* Team 6 led by Katie Carline. Food will come from St. George's.

## Thank you - Christmas Garland, Outreach and Decorating of the Church

Thank you to everyone who helped yesterday building the Christmas garland which adorns the Round Church, and to all who came to wrap and deliver Christmas gifts to the neighbourhood, and to those who helped clean, polish, and decorate the church. A special thank you to Craig Savoury, Kim Lickers, and Nadine Savoury for their leadership this year with these gatherings.

## Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church. Thank you to Judith Fisher and Jordan Gracie for assembling these together.