

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2019

*Our King and Saviour Draws Near!
O Come, Let us Worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 96 & 97 | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Revelation 2:17-3:6

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 80:1-7: *page 433*
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *please see the bulletin insert*
The Gloria is omitted during Advent
The Collect: *page 97*
The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 22:8-10; 23:1-3
Psalm 119 part 17: *page 493*
The Epistle: *page 97*
Gradual Psalm 50:1-6: *page 392*
The Holy Gospel: *page 98*
The Creed: *page 71*
The Homily
The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration: *page 82*
Post-Communion Prayer: *page 85*

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **499** (St. Denio)
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *please see the bulletin insert*
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The Collect: *page 97*
The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 22:8-10; 23:1-3
♪ PSALM: *please see the bulletin insert*
The Epistle: *page 97*
♪ GRADUAL HYMN: **73** (Irish)
The Holy Gospel: *page 98*
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Taize)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near;
Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: *page 523*
The Homily
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN: **61** (St. Thomas)
The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration: *page 82*
♪ HYMN DURING THE ABLUTIONS: **Sleepers Wake!**
please see the bulletin insert
Post-Communion Prayer: *page 85*
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN: **60** (Helmsley)

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*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*



We are very pleased to welcome Bethany Baylee-Anne, daughter of Samantha and Richard Stevens and sister to Violet, as a member of the Body of Christ and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God. We pray that the Grace which God has shared with her in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism might strengthen her each and every day of her life.



From the Rector

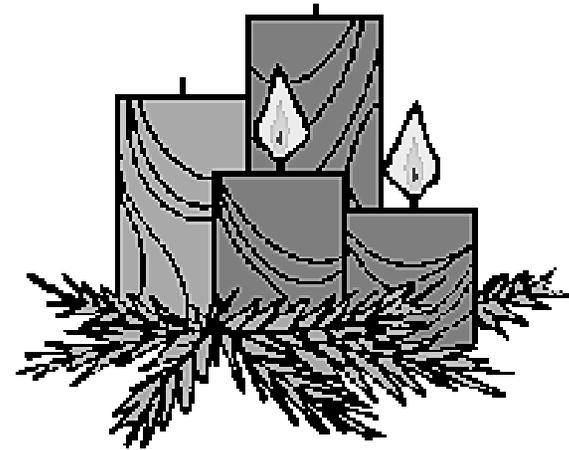
The season of Advent is a season of hope: the hope of salvation; hope for deliverance from all that binds and worries us; hope for a better world and a better life, for us and for all humanity. In Advent we hear again what God has promised to His people throughout the ages and the scriptures. In Advent we hear again the promises of God, and as we prepare to celebrate the gift of the Christ, we are encouraged to believe and trust and hope in those promises.

W. H. Auden, in his work entitled *'For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio'* writes of perhaps our greatest fear: we are afraid Of pain but more afraid of silence; and it is, perhaps, the silence of God that frightens us the most: a silence that seems to sit back and wait when all too often pain envelopes the world; a silence that we feel deeply within us whenever we see the innocent suffer or injustice go unpunished; when we see what seems to be God's silence in the face of the utter horrors in Syria or the increasing violence of ethnic and racial bigotry. It is precisely this kind of silence, and the questions it forces us to ask, that shape our thoughts in Advent. But Advent tells us that we are not forgotten in our captivity; that when we feel abandoned; when we feel that the darkness will overwhelm us; when we begin to think that it's more than we can handle, that we're too tired, Advent tells us that God has not forgotten us:

*Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.*

Because we know, even in the face of all *the signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars* that Christ speaks of in this morning's Gospel, the *distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear* that he warns will come; we know that Christ is here; that we can walk and live and love and hope in that light which all the darkness of this world can never put out. Raise your heads to hear again God's promises, to be reminded, as we need from time to time, that He is firmly in charge; that in time, in His time, all things will be fulfilled and revealed; that, in time, there will be reconciliation and peace. Raise your heads to see how God is working in your life even now to bring happiness and hope, even as so many other things work to bring sorrow and struggle and distress. Advent tells us of God's Promise to come to our rescue - first in the birth of His Son Jesus and second in His return to right all wrongs and to heal all pain. And Advent tells us to slow down that we might hear, that in hearing that we might believe, that in believing we might have hope.

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She struck the angel Gabriel as hardly old enough to have a child at all, let alone this child, but he'd been entrusted with a message to give her, and he gave it. He told her what the child was to be named, and who he was to be, and something about the mystery that was to come upon her. "You mustn't be afraid, Mary," he said. And as he said it, he only hoped she wouldn't notice that beneath the great, golden wings he himself was trembling with fear to think that the whole future of creation hung now on [her] answer....

Frederick Buechner

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Parish Notices and Updates

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of Holy Trinity, Christ Church (Parish Church), St. Peter's, and St. Mary's will be offering a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 2365 Woodstock Rd. This lovely service is a great way to set the right tone for the Season, so plan to join them on the 8th!

THE ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY wishes to offer sincere congratulations to Fr. Lee and Alice Whitney on the official launch of their new book, *Knowing by Heart: A Tribute to a Kennebecasis Valley Homestead Farm*. This lovely volume, published by Chapel Street Editions, is a re-gathering of some of Fr. Lee's weekly columns, written under the pseudonym Jacob Erdman, in the *King's County Record* over more than 30 years; and highlights the gracious wisdom, gentle wit, and spiritual insight which filled those columns, including some of the trials of adjusting to farm life after giving up a career as an academic in the big city. *We're very pleased that the people of St. Mary's will have a chance to hear some excerpts from the book at our very own Launch next Sunday, December 15th, during Coffee and Conversation.* We hope that you'll join us then.

WE ALSO WANT TO OFFER FR. LEE our equally sincere best wishes on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate, which took place on December 16, 1979. The ministry of deacons in the Church goes back to the earliest days of the Church's life; and deacons such as Fr. Whitney remind us of the servant ministry to which we are all called in the Body of Christ. Congratulations, Fr. Lee, on a long and deeply faithful ministry as a Deacon.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held each *Friday* at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory. We're looking at the Gospel according to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be gathering on *Saturday, December 14th*, at 1:00 p.m. for lunch at the Ramada. They invite you to join them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER, has prepared the 2020 offering envelopes, which should be available in the Parish Hall. Current envelope holders have been assigned their current numbers. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like a box for next year, please let Allan know. And if you're not currently using e-offering and would like to join that very convenient programme, please pick up a copy of the application form from the table in the Narthex.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on *Monday, December 16th*, in the Parish Hall, beginning with their annual

Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s); **and to help us to include that information in the Christmas bulletin, we'll need to know by Thursday, December 19th.** For more information, please speak to the Rector.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 11: ADVENT FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 12: ADVENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

DECEMBER 14: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 15: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for All Ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall