

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 13, 2019

*The Lord has manifested his glory;  
O come, let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 66 | Isaiah 49:13-23 | St. Matthew 17:1-13

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 100:	page 457
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 123
The Old Testament Lesson:	Zechariah 8:1-8
Surge Illuminare:	page 28
The Epistle:	page 123
Gradual: Psalm 84:1-4:	page 437
The Holy Gospel:	page 123
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.** – *Everyone is invited to join us in the Hall for a Parish Breakfast.*

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	97 (Dix)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 123
The Old Testament Reading:	Zechariah 8:1-8
♪ SURGE ILLUMINARE:	page 28
The Epistle:	page 123
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	93 (Dundee)
The Holy Gospel:	page 123
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>All Poor Men and Humble</b> please see the bulletin insert
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	230 (Song 46)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	396 (Cruger)

*Please note that Coffee & Conversation is cancelled this week.*



## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

In spite of all the snowy days this past week I hope that you've begun to see the tiny way in which our evening sunsets have moved just a little later than they fell in the darkest days just before Christmas. As you know, we are now more than three weeks from the nominal shortest day of the year; and the sun is now setting about twenty minutes later than it did at its very earliest point. And the fact that we're getting just a little more light now than we were then seems appropriate as we start the Season of Epiphany because, at its heart, the Season of Epiphany is all about how God's light was manifested in Christ and of how we manifest that same light as Christ's Body.

Last Sunday we saw that in the mysterious visit of the magi with their equally mysterious gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh; strange gifts for a child, but gifts that spoke of this young child's role as King, as God, and as Saviour. This week we see that process of revelation taken one step further when this same child, now grown older, manifests a wisdom great enough to astound the teachers and doctors of the law. And through the weeks of Epiphany to come we will read of Christ's power to turn water into wine, to heal a man of leprosy with just a touch and a paralysed servant with just a spoken word; and of his great power over nature to calm a storm: each week a new example of how those closest to Christ came to better understand who he was as more and more of his power and nature were revealed.

But the Season of Epiphany is also a time to dig more deeply into what it means for us to be the Body of Christ. Epiphany reminds us that faith can never be just a matter of ideas; it must also be a life of action that flows from those ideas: "*Let your light so shine,*" Christ commanded both his followers and us. So if one part of the Season of Epiphany is about how the light of God's power and compassion and generosity and mercy were all revealed in what Christ did and taught, then the other part is about how we shine as that light into a world that knows all too much darkness; and of how others will only come to know God's power and compassion and generosity and mercy through what we do and say in Christ's Name. *Let your light so shine* needs to be our theme for the weeks of Epiphany as well as for the whole year.

So, at the heart of this Season, and at the heart of the Church's life, is mission, which is our continual effort to look beyond our own needs to see and answer the needs of the world; to never be so focused on what we want that we lose sight of what God's people need. Last Sunday we had a very good conversation about how we might renovate and adapt our facilities to ensure a good and safe and effective environment for years to come. But at the heart of that conversation, as well as at the heart of our lives, must be a commitment to use all our gifts to shine light into the lives of those filled with darkness and fear. So as we talk and think and pray about what we can do with our buildings let's make sure that all our decisions flow from our desire to carry out as best we can this great mission which Christ has given us.

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And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the  
unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be  
to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie L. Haskins (1875-1957), "The Desert" (c.1908)

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING** last Sunday are encouraged to take some time to review the Presentation which was prepared for the meeting by Thomas Geburt. Large versions of some of the design drawings have been posted on a bulletin board in the Parish Hall and a few small photocopies are available on the table in the Narthex. As well, a PDF has been created with the entire presentation, which has been attached to the Parish Website (<http://www.stmarysfredericton.ca/>). If you wish, the Rector would be happy to forward the file to you via email. Please speak to the Rector or one of the Wardens if you have any questions or comments.

**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 to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us whenever you can. For more information please speak to the Rector.

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION** (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting for next **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US** for **PINT of VIEW**, on **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Adele Knox (5 Ruby Court). We're very pleased that Andrew Mathis has agreed to speak about his ongoing greenhouse project and other aspects of ecological sustainability, an excellent introduction to thinking about our God-given responsibility as stewards of his creation. Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, for directions or a drive, please speak to the Rector.

**THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF FREDERICTON** is having its World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church Parish Church. (Please note the change of date.) The 2019 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of Slovenia (part of former Yugoslavia). Women of all denominations of faith are invited to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**THE DIOCESAN MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM** invites you to a presentation by Dr. John Stackhouse entitled "Why Doesn't God Do Something: An Honest Look at the Problem of Evil" on **Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. at Christ Church (Parish) Church. This lecture will pose the question we are tempted to pose and examine what responses are provided by the Christian faith, particularly in terms of providence and the person of Jesus Christ. A question and answer session will follow.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**, will be held on **Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following our weekly Coffee & Conversation. All members of the Parish are encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2018 and make plans for 2019. **In anticipation of the meeting, we are looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year.** The Parish Corporation serves a critical role in developing and supporting our mission as the Church; and we are always looking to add new voices to the conversation. Please give very prayerful consideration to how God may be calling you to share your gifts and talents; and speak to the Rector if you have any questions.

✠ *ON A RELATED NOTE: those responsible for preparing reports for the Annual Meeting are asked to submit those reports by Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

**ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER**, has prepared the 2019 offering envelopes. 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 please have a word with Allan about how that can be set up.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**JANUARY 16: IN THE OCTAVE OF EPIPHANY**

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JANUARY 17: IN THE OCTAVE OF EPIPHANY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**JANUARY 19: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JANUARY 20: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
*Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall*