

# THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

November 25, 2018

*Our King and Saviour draws near;  
O come, let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 80 | Ecclesiasticus 11 & 12 | Hebrews 11:1-16

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 81:1-10:	page 434
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 259
The Old Testament Reading:	page 259
Psalm 85:1-7:	page 438
The Epistle:	Colossians 1.13-20
Gradual Psalm 85:8-13:	page 439
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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:	1 (Nicaea)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 259
The Old Testament Reading:	page 259
♪ PSALM:	please see the bulletin insert
The Epistle:	Colossians 1.13-20
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>Let all the world in every corner Sing</b> please see the bulletin insert
The Holy Gospel:	page 259
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	<b>Alleluia</b>
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>284</b> (Moscow)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	<b>803</b> (Gwalchmai)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>335</b> (Battle Hymn RB 156)

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

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## From the Rector

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Each year the Church remembers and celebrates St. Andrew the Apostle on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Most references to Andrew in the New Testament simply include him as part of the list of the Twelve Apostles. On some occasions he is simply grouped with his brother, Simon Peter. But he acts as an individual on three times in the Gospel of John. When a number of Greeks (likely simply Greek-speaking Jews) wish to speak with Jesus they approach Philip, who tells Andrew, and the two of them tell Jesus (John 12:20-22). It may be relevant here that both "Philip" and "Andrew" are Greek names. Before Jesus feeds the Five Thousand, it is Andrew who says, "Here is a lad with five barley loaves and two fish." (John 6:8f). And the first two disciples whom John reports as attaching themselves to Jesus, as we hear in this morning's Gospel, are Andrew and another disciple (whom John does not name, but who is commonly supposed to be John himself). Having met Jesus, Andrew then immediately finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Therefore, on each occasion when Andrew is mentioned as an individual it is because he is instrumental in bringing others to meet the Saviour.

Just as Andrew was the first of the apostles to follow Jesus, so his feast day is taken in the western Church to be the beginning of the Church Year. The First Sunday of Advent can be defined as the Sunday on or nearest his feast (although it could equivalently be defined as the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day).

Several centuries after the death of Andrew some of his relics were brought by a missionary named Rule to Scotland, to a place then known as Fife, but now known as St. Andrew's (and best known as the site of a world-famous golf course and club). For this reason, Andrew has been the patron of Scotland, even though he never personally travelled to Scotland.

It's said that Andrew was crucified on a Cross Saltire -- an 'X'-shaped cross. Therefore his symbol is a white Cross Saltire on a blue background. This is accordingly the national flag of Scotland; and, since the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, has been part of the flag of Great Britain.

This week we will be anticipating the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, long called the first missionary of the Church, at the Wednesday evening celebration of the Holy Eucharist. As a new Church Year begins, St. Andrew's witness reminds us of the role that we all share with him: the joyful ministry of bringing others to Christ and taking Christ to them. How might we better share the Good News that Andrew shared on the day that he first met the Christ?



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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK

Behold  
the  
Lamb of  
God, which  
taketh away  
the sin of the  
world.

John 1: 29



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The cross for the first time revealed God in terms of weakness and lowliness and suffering; even, humanly speaking, of absurdity. He was seen thenceforth in the image of the most timid, most gentle and most vulnerable of all living creatures—a lamb. *Agnus Dei!*

Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-1990), *Jesus Rediscovered*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2019 ARE NOW AVAILABLE** on the table in the Narthex for a very reasonable \$7.00. These lovely calendars are an ideal way of keeping track of the Church Year and are excellent small gifts for friends at Christmas. Please speak to the Rector if you can't locate them.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held every *Friday, at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We've resumed our study of 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 when you can.

**PLEASE JOIN NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>,** following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of all three congregations are encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which we have in Jesus Christ.

**ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER,** is preparing the 2019 offering envelopes, which should be available on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Current envelope holders will be 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.

**AS THEY DID LAST YEAR, THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH VESTRY** have designated \$1000 from parish funds to be given to local and international missions; and they are again asking the young people in our Sunday School and their families to decide how those funds will be spent. Last year half was given to Fredericton Homeless Shelters and half was divided between international development projects carried out by Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and World Vision. In early December the Sunday School will do their mission 'Christmas shopping' *but anyone who would like to make a donation to add to the funds available can do so through the collection plate, designating the additional donation as "Sunday School Mission project."* If you have any questions, please speak to Janice.

**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 this coming Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.** For more information, please speak to the Rector.

**WITH THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF WINTER WEATHER,** everyone is reminded that we have a weekly Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. If you're ever concerned that driving conditions may make it difficult to attend one of the two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning, make plans to attend on Saturday. Please speak to the Rector if you have any questions; and plan to join us any Saturday evening if this time is more suitable for your schedule.

**IF YOU LIKE TO KNIT, ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION** invite you to use up some of your surplus yarn and help a number of excellent projects. They have a few different knitting projects including Comfort Bears for children at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital and Knitted Hats for Newborns, and a request from Knitted Knockers of Canada in support of women who have had mastectomy surgery. Instructions have been posted on the Mothers' Union bulletin board in the hall. Feel free to pick up some and get knitting!

**FORGOT TO SAVE LAST SUNDAY'S BULLETIN?** Weren't able to get out to Church and want to know what's going on? Lost your copy of a schedule? Not sure if you're scheduled to help with Coffee and Conversation or read a lesson? Just go to [www.stmarysfredericton.ca/](http://www.stmarysfredericton.ca/) for all the information you'll need. Bookmark us for easy access.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **NOVEMBER 28: ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **NOVEMBER 22: TRINITY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

#### **DECEMBER 1: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **DECEMBER 2: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by a Shared Meal in the Parish Hall*