

THE CELEBRATION OF
HARVEST
THANKSGIVING

October 7, 2018

*O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is
Gracious; for his mercy endures forever!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 65 | Deuteronomy 8 | St. Luke 12:15-34

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 34:1-10:	page 369
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 620
The Old Testament Reading:	page 620
Psalm 67:	page 409
The Epistle:	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
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**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall**

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	307 (St. George)
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Epistle:	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	God whose Farm is all Creation please see the bulletin insert
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	305 (Nun Danket)
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	222 (Rendez a Dieu)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	Sing to the Lord of Harvest please see the bulletin insert

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

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From the Rector _____

I recall a conversation that I had with someone who was a senior priest in the Diocese. We were discussing Church matters and he, with the wisdom of many years in ordained ministry, was offering some advice which, he felt, might aid my

future ministry. We ended up discussing the annual celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving; and he shared his belief that our society had outgrown such a pastoral and agrarian event. 'After all', he offered, 'we live in a world where most of our urban people have never worked a garden or grown anything edible; never given much thought to the cyclical process of planting and harvesting.' In his opinion it was a festival entirely unconnected to the lives of his people: a relic of a quaint Victorian past and best abandoned in favour of modernity.

You may find this difficult to believe, but I was not always as charming as I am now, and in my youth I could be a little opinionated; so perhaps you will understand that my response to this man's collected wisdom was a tad disrespectful. I replied that, even though modern city folk had largely given up growing their own food, I hadn't yet noticed that they'd given up eating.

In spite of my disagreement with him then, I now have to admit that a certain part of what he was saying rings true. Even if, as some of you do, we grow *some* of the food we eat, we're hardly in the same place as those for whom the words of this well-known harvest hymn certainly once rang true:

All is safely gathered in; ere the winter storms begin.

I dare say that none of us have actually filled our basements, or our barns, with enough food to last the winter. The traditional place of the harvest festival as part of the vital process of ensuring that enough food had been set aside to last all the way through what could be a long and harsh winter is very much removed from our experience. We all know that, as long as we have enough money, more food than we could ever need is just a few minutes away; and, in the worst case scenario, if a winter storm happens to shut things down, we know that within a day or two we'll be able to get just about anything we want. So, there is some truth to the point that the traditional celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving is lost on modern society. But to my mind, that fact makes it all the more important that we set aside this time. Like so much of what we have, we can so easily take the everyday stuff of our lives, even our food, for granted.

Now I'm sure that we've all had an experience when we've done something for someone and been surprised or even hurt when they failed to be grateful. No doubt we told ourselves that we never did the thing in the first place because we expected to be thanked; but something inside us knows that even if we didn't need to be thanked, the person that we helped needed to be thankful. That's because the ingratitude which comes when we take things for granted traps us in a cycle of dissatisfaction. It robs us of enjoying what we do have, even of enjoying life, because we never take time to remember where it's come from. We assume that we'll always have it and we never really learn to appreciate any of it. Thanksgiving, even our Victorian-tinted Harvest Thanksgiving, is one small part of finding real happiness in our lives. It's a step in a process that needs to be lived out every day; one step in a series of daily steps, which, when added one upon another, brings real peace to our lives. So on this Thanksgiving weekend, let us reflect on all that God has given us - the goodness of the world which surrounds us; the joy of new life as members of His Kingdom; love which makes sense of life even in its darkest moments. Let us reflect and let us give thanks.

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Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which Thou hast given us; for all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly; For Thine own sake.

St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

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Parish Notices and Updates

THE RECTOR, ORGANIST AND PARISH CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S are scheduled to conduct Evening Prayer at St. Mark's Chapel at Kings Landing on this afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. Members of St. Mary's are invited to join us that day as we gather to worship God and engage the visitor community. There is no cost to enter Kings Landing for Evening Prayer as long as you use one of the Visitor Passes which will be made available at the main Admission Building. Those attending the service will need to enter via the main entrance. Please speak to the Rector if you'd like to attend or if you have any questions: transportation can be arranged. *And a small reminder to choir and congregation:* give yourself a little extra time to make the walk, or use the wagon, from the entrance to the Chapel!

THE FREDERICTON YORK ACW ANNUAL MEETING DEANERY will be held on *Wednesday, October 10th*, at Christ Church Cathedral. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. At 10:00 there will be a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral followed by a short business meeting. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Speakers for the afternoon will be Kathleen Snow, talking about her work on the committee that prepared the new Mothers Union prayer book, and Bishop Hockin, who will provide insights into the Lord's Prayer.

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.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO MAKE APPLE PIES here at St. Mary's on *Monday, October 15th*. If you'll willing to help with this fun project speak to Jean Vanstone. Please speak to her as well if you'll like to purchase some. They are available at very reasonable prices: \$7 each or 3 for \$20!

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on *Monday, October 15th*, beginning with lunch in the Parish Hall at 12:00 noon followed by a business meeting. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Doreen Lawrence at 458-5402 or the Rector.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be meeting on *Tuesday, October 16th*, at 7:45 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox.

THE RECTOR IS CALLING A MEETING next *Sunday, October 14th* following Coffee and Conversation for all those who are interested in helping to organise our Annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday,

November 24th. Both new and experienced volunteers are warmly invited to share in the planning.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST on *Wednesday, October 17th*, at our weekly 7:00 p.m. Service. St. Luke is spoken of in Holy Scripture as a physician and, as a result, he has long been associated with Christian healing ministries. To celebrate that, we will be offering Anointing with Holy Oil for anyone who wishes to be anointed for the healing of any physical, spiritual or emotional distress. Anointing is one of the seven sacraments by which divine grace is offered for our strengthening and encouragement. It is one of the tools which the Church has to assist us. Anyone who would like to be anointed is warmly encouraged to join us on the 17th in celebration of the witness and ministry of St. Luke.

THE ANNUAL FARRALINE PLACE FUNDRAISER DINNER will be held on *Saturday, October 20th*, at the Fredericton Legion, 199 Queen Street. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with a Roast Beef Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45.00, with a \$20.00 tax receipt issued. A "Your Choice Auction" will be held. For tickets or more information, contact Judy O'Donnell at 455-6443, or visit: farralineplace.com. This event is hosted by the board members of Farraline Place and the ACW. All proceeds will be used to support Farraline Place.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

OCTOBER 10: TRINITY FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

OCTOBER 11: ST. PHILIP OF CAESAREA, Apostolic Man

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

OCTOBER 13: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

OCTOBER 14: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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