



Parish of the Ascension Chimes



Sunday, December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**
Lectons: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38; Canticle 18 (**Refrain: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."**)
Presider: Rev.'d Charlie Green
Homilist: Rev'd John Courage
Readers: Ed Miller, Vicki Larkin
Gift Bearers: Ros & John Gellately
Hymns (CP): 88; 116; 109; 153
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Welsh)**
(Service information on special leaflet)
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)**
(Service information on special leaflet)
- 11:00 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**
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"I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word."
Luke 1.38

Weekly Word

*Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our eternal Father and David's king.
You have made our gladness greater and increased our joy
by sending to dwell among us
the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.
Born of Mary,
proclaimed to the shepherds,
and acknowledged to the ends of the earth,
your unconquered Sun of righteousness
destroys our darkness and establishes us in freedom.
All glory in the highest be of you,
through Christ, the Son of your favour,
in the anointing love of his Spirit,
this night and for ever and ever. Amen.*

This prayer, from the Service of Light in the Book of Alternative Services, pulls our hearts and minds to the reality of the season of Christmas. For twelve short days we celebrate the incarnation in all its glory. For many these days incorporate revelry, gratitude, family, and peace. For many these days are filled with loss, pain, broken dreams and shattered lives.

Wherever we are, however we come to this time, let us feel and know: God loves us, and has crept in beside us this Christmas.

In God's birth
our gladness is greater, our joy is increased
our darkness gets destroyed,
we are established in freedom.

Where this reality does not ring true, we are called to go, as the body of Christ, to once again make new, make real, the gift of the Incarnation.

Happy Christmas,

David

Godly Play will resume on Jan. 14, 2018. We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Thank you: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mary Queen of the World Conference would like to extend our warmest greetings and gratitude for your continuing support of our food bank. We wish you all a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Bob Lovett, President.

Bishop's New Years' Day Levee: Bishop Geoff and Kathy Peddle warmly invite you to attend the Bishop's New Years' Day Levee on January 1, 2018 at the Cathedral Crypt beginning at 2 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Parking is available at the Cathedral Parking lot; and entrance to the Levee is at the lower Parish Office Door to the Cathedral. All are Welcome!

Queen's College Winter Semester 2018 has a wide variety of courses and programs designed to help individuals and groups study theology, develop pastoral skills and grow spiritually. Courses are available on-campus in St. John's, on-line in real-time and by correspondence as part of degree and non-degree programs. For more information, go to www.queenscollegenl.ca or call [1-877-753-0116](tel:1-877-753-0116), or email provostqueenscollege@mun.ca

Donations/Offerings In order to have donations/offerings included on your income tax receipt for 2017, they must be received at The Ascension Business Office by Sunday December 31, 2017.

Office Closure: During the Christmas season the office will be closed from Monday December 25, 2017 to Monday January 1, 2018 and will reopen on Tuesday January 2, 2017.

Duty Teams Dec. 31: Counting, Team # 1; Sidespersons, Team # 5.

Parish Finances – An Update: Here is the income and expenses of the parish up to November 30, 2017 with a comparison to 2016.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income to Nov. 30 -	\$314,841	\$314,003
Expenses to Nov. 30 -	<u>\$343,595</u>	<u>\$341,291</u>
Leaving a Deficit of -	(\$ 28,754)	(\$27,288)

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Gwen, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jeff, Jennifer, Jerome, Jessie, Jill, Josephine, Junior, Karl, Kevin, Lester, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Pam, Randell, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Stan, Stephen, Todd, Terry and Violet.

Also, please remember the families of those who have died, especially Harold Rees. Rest eternal grant him, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter. Amen.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Monday, Wednesday & Saturday)	
Monday December 25, 2017	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Wednesday December 27, 2017	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Sunday Dec. 31, 2017	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)

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