

CALENDAR & NOTICES
December 20th - December 27th

- Today:** Evensong - 5:00 p.m. (Chapel)
- Monday: ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
Mass - 5:15 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Matins - 7:15 a.m.; Mass - 7:30 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday: CHRISTMAS EVE**
Lessons and Carols: 4:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols - 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Organ Recital - 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass - 11:30 p.m.
- Friday: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**
Matins - 7:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday: ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: ST JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**
Matins - 7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Church School - 10:15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m. (Chapel)

The Cathedral Church
of
St. Peter

All Souls' Lane & Rochford Street Charlottetown, P. E. I.



*"Prepare ye the way of the
Lord."*

The Fourth Sunday In Advent
December 20, 2020

Rector:

The Rev'd Canon David C. Garrett, B.A., M.Div.

Assistant Priest:

The Rev'd Ralph Moore, L.Th., Dip. Min.

Rector Emeritus:

The Rev'd Canon Peter W. Harris, B.A., M.S. Litt., D.D.

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S 2020

Dear Friends:

As of Friday, December 18, it is now possible for us to worship with 50 people in the nave of the church with a second cohort of 50 people in a separate space. We continue to observe the protocol direction of the Chief Public Health Officer. Stay safe and keep others safe. Sanitize your **HANDS**. Cover your **FACE** with a mask. Keep a **SPACE** of six feet from anyone outside your household. The offering plate will not be circulated. It will be available near the door of the church. The Celebrant will wear a mask when delivering the sacrament in one kind. For the time being, only the celebrant will receive the wine. The Sacrament will be administered at the Chancel step into the hands of each communicant. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. You may join in singing, if you are wearing a mask and standing the required distance of 2m or 6 feet apart.

Please respond to the invitation to register before Christmas, to indicate the service you plan to attend. This year we cannot have the usual pageant at 4:30 p.m. for family worship because of Covid-19 restrictions of the size of the congregation. Instead, we invite you to one of two family services at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., of Lessons and Carols (brief passages from Scripture and sing along Hymns and Carols). The rest of the schedule for worship will follow our regular pattern.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols
 7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
 11:00 p.m. Organ Recital
 11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

 Wishing you a Merry Christmas
 Father David

The Advent Wreath The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Four candles are lit.

ALL: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. -1 John 4.9

God our Heavenly Father, who by the coming of Thy Son Jesus hast given us Thy love: Grant that as we welcome Him into our hearts and homes, His presence may abound in us; and that we may show forth our gratitude for thine unspeakable gift, in the love of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Envelope Receipts Missions, Etc. Not Included			
2019		2020	
<u>General Revenue</u>		<u>General Revenue</u>	
Dec.15th	\$ 2,001.00	Dec. 13th	\$ 1,135.00
Year to date	137,091.45	Year to date	142,730.00
		Weekly Budget	2,827.00
		Budget Yr to date	141,350.00
		Annual Budget	147,000.00
<u>Cathedral 150</u>		<u>Building Fund</u>	
Dec. 15th	4,717.45	Dec. 13th	70.00
Year to date	102,252.05	Year to date	17,337.00
<u>Friends of St Peters</u>		<u>Friends of St Peters</u>	
Dec. 15th	240.00	Dec. 13th	20.00
Year to date	21,180.00	Year to date	26,040.00

Attendance December 13: 10:30 a.m. 11

Automatic Debit Plan

Automatic Debit Plan information Authorization Cards and Offering Cards are available at the back of the Cathedral. If you have any questions on the plan, please call Rory Francis 902-367-2850 or Anne Chisholm in the Cathedral Office 902-566-2102.

Intercessions:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - Pray for the mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - Let us pray for the Parish of Northumberland, Nova Scotia, and for St John's Parish, Truro, Nova Scotia.

DCS Sunday Cycle of Prayer - Pray for St Luke's, O'Leary, Prince Edward Island.

Food Bank Sunday

Today, Sunday, December 20th is Food Bank Sunday. The requested item for December is **tuna**.

For the Hillsborough Hospital

Please contribute toiletries for use of residents, using the basket under the table at the back of the Cathedral.

7:30 a.m. Matins Prayer Book Page 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Propers - please read bold print See Below
The Collect for Advent IV Prayer Book page 102
The Advent Collect Prayer Book page 95
The Epistle Prayer Book page 102
The Gospel Prayer Book page 103

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Mass Setting: Merbecke

Introit *standing*
Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: **that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance.** We have sinned with our fathers: **we have done amiss and dealt wickedly.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance.**

Collect for Purity *kneeling* Prayer Book page 67

The Ten Commandments Prayer Book page 68

Collect for Advent IV *kneeling* Prayer Book page 102

The Collect for Advent Prayer Book page 95

Epistle *sitting* William Leuty Prayer Book page 102

Gradual
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: **yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.** My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: **and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.**

Alleluia *standing*
Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: **forgive the misdeeds of thy people. Alleluia.**

Sequence Hymn vs 1& 2 *There's a voice in the wilderness - Ascension*

Holy Gospel Prayer Book page 103

Sequence Hymn vs 3 & 4

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book page 71

Sermon

Offertory Sentence *standing*
Be strong, fear not; behold, our God will come with a recompense; **he will come and save us.**

Offertory Hymn 504 *Thy Kingdom Come! On Bended Knee - Irish*

The Intercessions
V O Lord hear our prayer
R **And let our cry come unto Thee.**
V Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
R **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Invitation Prayer Book page 76
Confession & Absolution *kneeling* Prayer Book page 77
Sursum Corda & Preface *standing* Prayer Book page 78
Sanctus & Benedictus Prayer Book page 81
Prayer of Consecration *kneeling* Prayer Book page 82
Our Father Prayer Book page 85
Prayer of Humble Access Prayer Book page 83
Agnus Dei Prayer Book page 84

Communion Sentence
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: **and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.**

Holy Communion
Every Christian who is baptized and a communicant in his or her own congregation is welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn 1 *Creator of the Stars of Night - Mode iv*

Prayer of Thanksgiving Prayer Book page 85
V. Depart in the peace of Christ.
R. *Thanks be to God.*

The Blessing Prayer Book page 86

Closing Hymn 7 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending - Helmsley*
Please remain seated for the Voluntary

Voluntary: **Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending - Robert Powell**

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2021 Church Envelopes

The 2021 Church Envelopes are on the table at the back of the Church. Please pick up your packet, but do not use these envelopes until 2021. Anyone who did not have envelopes for the year 2020 and would like to have a box of envelopes, please contact the Church Office.

2021 Church Calendar

The 2021 Traditional Anglican Church Calendar is now available. A Binney Fund raiser, they are available from the Bishop Binney Group or purchased through the Cathedral office.

FundScrip 2020

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our FundScrip Fund Raiser this year Our Christmas Gift Card sales, just held, earned us a profit of \$221.00. A cheque for \$1080.00 will be forthcoming to our parish. We look forward to continuing with this project in 2021. Thank you for your support.

**Sequence Hymn
Advent IV**

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low:
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to
the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, the works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

3. But the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to his
breast;
In pastures of peace he'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod;
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low:
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

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DECEMBER 26th, 27th, 28th THE THREE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS, ST. STEPHEN, ST. JOHN, THE INNOCENTS. Easter and Pentecost have two days following each feast to emphasize their meaning and importance. Christmas has three. There is more than one way to understand their significance. Christ has three kinds of witnesses or martyrs, represented by those remembered on these three days: first, St. Stephen, who witnessed by his willing death, both in will and deed; second St. John who witnessed by his willing life of service, in will but not deed; third, the Holy Innocents who witnessed, in innocent lives cruelly taken, in deed but not will. Another way to understand their meaning is their witness of suffering, purity and love.

DECEMBER 26th STEPHEN, first martyr of Christianity, was according to the Acts of the Apostles a deacon in the early church at Jerusalem who aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues by his teachings. Accused of blasphemy, at his trial he made a long speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment on him and was then stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee who would later himself become a follower of Jesus, and become more widely known by his Gentile name, Paul. The Martyrdom of Stephen is depicted above the door into the Sacristy from All Souls' Chapel.

DECEMBER 27th JOHN THE EVANGELIST. Christian tradition says that John the Evangelist was the author of the Gospel of John, in which he is never named but referred to as "the beloved disciple". The three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation are also attributed to him. He is identified as the Apostle John, one of the "pillars" of the Jerusalem church after Jesus' death. He was one of Christ's original Twelve Apostles and is thought to be the only one to have lived into old age and not be killed for his faith. John is associated with the City of Ephesus, where he is said to have lived and been buried. Some believe that he was exiled (around 95AD) to the Aegean Island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation.

DECEMBER 28th THE INNOCENTS. Herod ordered the execution of all young male children in the vicinity of Bethlehem, so as to avoid the loss of his throne to a newborn King of the Jews whose birth had been announced to him by the Magi. In a way that is typical in Matthew's Gospel, it is understood as the fulfilment of an Old Testament prophecy: "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying 'A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.'" The scriptures do not justify or explain such evil, except to acknowledge it and to say that God's goodness exists nevertheless.