

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter

CALENDAR & NOTICES
December 24th - December 31st

All Souls' Lane & Rochford Street

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

- Sunday: THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY**
Procession and Midnight Mass - 11:30 p.m.
- Monday: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**
Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Procession and Sung Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday: ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR**
Matins - 7:15 a.m.; Mass - 7:30 p.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: ST JOHN THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday: THE INNOCENTS DAY**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday: THOMAS BECKET, ARCHBISHOP**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.
Mass 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: JOHN WYCLIFFE, SCHOLAR AND TRANSLATOR**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.
Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**
Matins - 7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Procession and Sung Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.



AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY
December 24, 2023

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.

Organist and Choir Director:

The Rev'd Clement Carelse, BA, ARCT, ARCCO, CHM

11:15 p.m. **Prelude**
Noël in G - Louis-Claude Daquin
Pifa - Handel
O Child Most Holy - George Thalben-Ball
11:30 p.m. **Procession and Sung Eucharist**

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis No 4 (*Corde Natus*) - Healey Willan

Procession:

V. Let us go forth in peace:
R. In the name of the Lord. Amen

Processional Hymn - 21 *Christians Awake* - Yorkshire

V. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
R. God is the Lord who hath showed us light.

Collect

Introit *standing*

The Lord hath said unto me: **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.** Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: **and why do the people imagine a vain thing?** 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. The Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

Collect for Purity *kneeling* Prayer Book page 67

Kyrie Eleison ~ Christe Eleison ~ Kyrie Eleison

Gloria in Excelsis Prayer Book page 86
(Musical setting - Missa De Angelis, booklet p. 3)

The Collect Prayer Book page 104

The Epistle *sitting* Prayer Book page 105

Gradual

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee freewill offerings with an holy worship: **the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.** The Lord said unto my Lord: **Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

Alleluia *standing*

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The Lord said unto me: **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Alleluia.**

Sequence Hymn 15 vs 1-3 *O Little town of Bethlehem* Forest Green

Holy Gospel Prayer Book page 106

Sequence Hymn vs 4 & 5

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book page 71

(Musical setting - Missa De Angelis, booklet p. 4)

The Sermon

Offertory Sentence *standing*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: **before the Lord, for behold, he cometh.**

Offertory Hymn 614 *Adeste Fideles (omit vs 4 & 5)*

The Intercessions *kneeling*

∇ O Lord hear our prayer Ɀ **And let our cry come unto Thee.**

∇ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord Ɀ **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Invitation

Prayer Book page 76

Confession & Absolution *kneeling*

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Sursum Corda *standing*

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Proper Preface of Christmas *standing*

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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

In the beauties of holiness, the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

Holy Communion

Every Christian who is baptized and a communicant in his or own congregation is welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament is now offered in both kinds, bread and wine. If you choose not to receive the wine, please fold your arms and remain at the rail to hear the words of administration. If the rail is full to the middle please go as far to the left as possible before you kneel so that others will not have to walk over your legs.

Communion Hymn - 30 *While shepherds watched* - Winchester Old

Motet - Shepherd's Cradle Song - Charles Macpherson

O sleep thou heaven-born treasure, thou, Sleep sound, thou dearest Child; White angel wings shall fan thy brow With breezes soft and mild. We shepherds poor are here to sing A simple lullaby to our King. Lullaby, Sleep softly, lullaby./ See, Mary has with mother's love, A bed for Thee outspread, While Joseph stoops him from above, And watches at Thy head, The lambkins in the stall so nigh, That Thou may'st sleep, have hush'd their cry. Lullaby, Sleep softly, Lullaby./ And when Thou'rt big and art a man Full woe's in store for Thee; For men Thy death will plan, And hang Thee on a tree. So sleep, my Baby, while Thou may, 'Twill give Thee rest against that day. Lullaby, Sleep softly, Lullaby.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Prayer Book page 85

∇. Depart in the peace of Christ. **R. Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Prayer Book page 86

Closing Hymn - 24 Hark! The herald Angels sing - Mendelssohn
- *Silent Night* - Stille Nacht **Insert**

Please remain seated for the Voluntary

Toccata Sortie on *Von Himmel Hoch* - Clement Carelse

| Envelope Receipts Missions, Etc. Not Included | | | |
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| 2022 | | 2023 | |
| <u>General Revenue</u> | | <u>General Revenue</u> | |
| Dec 18th | \$ 3,885.00 | Dec 17th | \$ |
| Year to date | 120,606.95 | Year to date | 111,689.84 |
| | | Weekly Budget | 2,885.00 |
| | | Budget Yr to Date | 147,135.00 |
| | | Annual Budget | 150,000.00 |
| <u>Building Fund</u> | | <u>Building Fund</u> | |
| Dec 18th | 90.00 | Dec.17th | |
| Year to date | 22,543.94 | Year to date | 53,338.00 |
| <u>Friends of St Peters</u> | | <u>Friends of St Peters</u> | |
| Dec. 18th | 1,000.00 | Dec. 17th | 0 |
| Year to date | 33,199.00 | Year to date | 33,980.00 |

2024 Church Envelopes

2024 Church Envelopes are on the table at the back of the Church. Please pick up your packet, but do not use these envelopes until 2024. Anyone who did not have envelopes for the year 2023 and would like to have a box of Envelopes for 2024, please contact the Church Office.

Intercessions:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - Let us pray for The Diocese of Birmingham - The Church of England.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle - Parish of Northumberland NS and Parish of Truro, NS.

DCS Sunday Cycle of Prayer - St Peter's, Alberton, Prince Edward Island.

Hillsborough Hospital

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

Child Care

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service, our qualified child care provider will be delighted to welcome any infants and younger children downstairs. This service is available throughout the year.

Calling all singers,

Come and join our congenial choir for this new season of music making! Our repertoire includes everything from Gregorian chant to the music of Messiaen and Fauré, and especially the English Cathedral tradition. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening and we sing each Sunday morning as well as monthly Evensongs. Come and have some fun singing some glorious music in a beautiful setting. An audition to see how the voice lies is all that is required. Let me know please.

Rev Clement Carelse

CONFIRMATION is the affirmation by the Church and by each individual of his or her Baptism. It is an opportunity for grace for each person baptized and for their mature response. If you are interested in exploring this or know of someone who is, please contact the Rector.

“We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional land of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation.”

Care of the Kneelers

Please assist our sexton at the end of each service by picking up your kneeling cushion and placing it on the pew.

Christmas Greetings from the Rector

To each and every one of you, a holy, blessed, and joyful Christmas. To those who are visiting with us tonight, I extend a warm word of welcome. May the peace and joy of Christ fill your hearts.

I extend to the members and friends of St. Peter's family best wishes for a peaceful and holy Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS AND VESTRY

There are rumours and worries about the pending departure (December 31st) of Mrs. Anne Chisholm, our long-time secretary. For 28 years, Mrs. Chisholm has been a central figure in the office and involved in many parish activities. (Bulletins for services, rental operations, Food Bank, Fund Scrip, Cemetery, ticket sales, Choir, phone and in-person inquiries, ordering supplies, financial administration, mail management, and a knowledge bank of operations.) We owe her a deep gratitude for the decades of selfless service. Mrs. Chisholm has made many contributions to the health of our parish and fostered many friendships.

We thank Mrs. Chisholm for her service and wish her good health and happiness. She will certainly be missed.

Parishioners should also be aware of the background to the funding of the Cathedral Office Secretary position. For decades St. Peter's Cathedral (SPC) has enjoyed a beneficial relationship with St. Peter Publications (SPP), which includes the Anglican Planet publication. St. Peter Publications is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors independent from St. Peter's Cathedral. St. Peter's Cathedral has provided office space for St. Peter Publications and shared the cost of Secretarial support (65% covered by SPP and 35% by SPC). This resulted in Mrs. Chisholm working four days per week and because she was so willing to help, parishioners were left with the impression that St. Peter's had a full-time secretarial position.

The market for the materials produced by St. Peter Publications has been impacted by technology, changing times, and changing demands. These changes have necessitated St Peter Publications reviewing its operations. Mrs. Chisholm is currently working four half-days per week until the end of the year.

St. Peter's Cathedral faces the task of planning for the future and striving to provide the consistent and numerous office services we have enjoyed because of the dedication of Mrs. Chisholm and our relationship with St. Peter Publications.

Vestry will work with St. Peter Publications to ensure appropriate staffing is in place for next year (2024) and beyond.

Closing Hymn

1. Silent night! Holy night!
Heaven is near, earth is bright,
Angel songs are heard above,
As the Child of peace and love
Sleeps in Mary's arms.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Skies are clear, stars are bright,
Now the shepherds wend their way
Homage to this Child to pay
He is Christ the Lord.
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Christ is here, all is light;
Shadows of the past are gone
With the advent of the Son
Born to save us all.