

PEACE



December 9, 2018

Welcome to St. John's – If you are new or visiting with us this morning, welcome! We are delighted that you are here. Please introduce yourself by signing our guest book, or by completing one of the Visitor's Cards and Envelopes available in the pews. One of our Sidespeople will be happy to answer any of your questions about St. John's or today's worship.

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:00 am Contemporary Eucharist (BAS)
11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

 *Hearing assistive receivers (stethoscope/earphones) are available from the sidespersons.
Large print hymn and prayer books available at the back of the church.*

Introit Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Distler*

Litany in Procession (30) *Cozens*

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle (see insert)
(Children are invited to go downstairs to Sunday School after the lighting of the Advent candle)

First Lesson Malachi 3.1-4

Psalm 96 (453) *Atkin*
(Congregation may remain seated during the Psalm)

Second Lesson Luke 3.1-6

Benedictus (9) *Walmisley*

Apostles' Creed, Responses, and Collects (10-12, 97, 95)

Anthem How Lovely are the Messengers *Mendelssohn*
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Hymn 370 My God How Wonderful Thou Art *Westminster*

Sermon Rector

Offertory Hymn 61 Jesus Came – the Heavens Adoring *Tantum Ergo*

Prayers and Grace

Recessional Hymn 59 The Advent of our King

St. Thomas

Final Responory God be in my head

W. Davies

Organ Voluntary These are the Holy Ten Commandments

Bach

Please join us for coffee hour after the service downstairs in Thompson Hall. This is a great opportunity to greet newcomers and old friends.

The flowers at the Altar today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett, the gift of her husband, Gerald.

<i>Sidespeople</i>	<i>Gordon Bristowe, Bruce Hurst</i>
<i>Readers</i>	<i>Dinah Bristowe, Zoe Hodgson</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Mardy Langford</i>
<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<i>Nancy Knudstrup, Sharon Barrett</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Susan Taylor, Suzanne Kienapple</i>

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*Wardens: Doris M'Timkulu
Charlotte Logan
Marcus Kramer
Peter Barr*

*Choir Director (Interim): Joel Vanderzee
Organist and Volunteer Choir: Jurgen Petrenko
Choir Manager: Lisa Jones
Youth Choir: Emily Petrenko*



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Announcements for Sunday, December 9, 2018

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Monday-Friday</i>	8:45-9:15 am	Mattins (in Church)
<i>Tuesday</i>	12:00 pm	Deanery Clergy (St. Mark's, Orangeville)
	6:00 pm	Volunteer Choir Christmas Pot Luck (Litch's)
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
<i>Thursday</i>	12:30 pm	Gather for Senior Christmas Lunch 1 pm (Thompson Hall and Parish Centre)
	3:00 pm	Advent Education Series #3 (Parish Centre)
	5:15-5:45 pm	Youth Choir (in Church)
<i>Friday</i>	10:00 am	Eucharist at Heritage River

NEXT SUNDAY

<i>Advent III</i>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 am	Contemporary Eucharist
	11:00 am	Choral Eucharist

I CARE

a joint initiative of PWRDF and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We care about the many good strategies and projects of the Federal Government in international development; we care about Canada's leadership and commitment. But currently contributing one third of the which is 0.7% of GNP, well below the nations. Will you urge the Prime better in the next budget? Please sign in church or at the Parish Centre. Yes, **we care about 815 million people** who one poor meal a day.



things could be better. Canada is internationally agreed upon target level of most industrialized Minister and his Government to do the postcard and mail it, or leave it every voice / signature counts **because** count themselves blessed if they have

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in Thompson Hall.

As 2018 is drawing to a close, it is important that all **donations** are received by December 31st, to be included in your year-end statements. If you are planning to enroll in the "Pre-Authorized Payments", please ensure that I receive a copy of your form for my records, as it is important that your donation is designated to the proper account.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Come Out to BLACKBERRY BOG FARM, 5 km south of town, cut down your own real tree for \$35. Enjoy a walk in the woods. All proceeds are distributed amongst the three St. John's choirs. Weekends preferable. Telephone 519-843-5915 if you need directions.

ADVENT EDUCATION SERIES

Fr. John Lockyer's series, "Living in Advent Time" will conclude this Thursday afternoon. Because of the Senior's Christmas Lunch, we will meet at 3:00pm in the Parish Centre this week. Prompted by a brief video clip, Fr. John guides us through some conversation on an Advent theme. The themes this week are: Why do we do the things we do? and, Does God believe in us? All are welcome to participate as we conclude this Advent series.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

*Our annual service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** is Sunday, December 23 at 5:00 pm.*

PORTAGE EPIPHANY PARTY

*Mark the date in your calendar! St. John's will bring our annual Epiphany party to the residents and staff at Portage at 7:30 pm on Friday, January 4th. Watch this space for more information!
Peter Scott, Dave Tinker*

WOMEN'S DINNER GROUP

We are thrilled to welcome Michael Chong as our guest speaker for our first gathering of 2019! For this month only, our New Year Spaghetti Dinner and Sundae Buffet will be held on Thursday, January 17th. Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm, dinner served at 6:30 pm - cost is \$15/person. Gluten free pasta option available. New friends and parishioners are all welcome. To confirm your attendance, please contact Suzanne Kienapple at 519-846-5029 or suzannekienapple@hotmail.com.

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Please pick up your copy of the Christmas Letter available at the back of the church. Thank you for helping to keep our postage costs down.

2019 CALENDARS

We have a limited supply of church calendars, Canadian Church Calendar and Anglican Church Calendar. Cost is \$5. Available at the church office.

Also available at coffee hour following the 9 and 11 am services.

Browse a selection of CDs and cards available for a donation.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Come have fun with us and we chatter, laugh and get our church all spruced up for Advent and for the Christmas season. At 09h30, Monday, December 17 and again on Friday the 21, we will be decorating our church, inside and out, with greenery and blooms befitting for the Season. Many hands make light work. And, many hands make for fun and friendship. We'd love to welcome you to our decorating parties. Call Dawn, (519.831.8816), for further information or, just come along and join us. All are welcome.

QUILTERS, KNITTERS, and anyone who enjoys a social gathering are invited to meet in the Parish Centre every Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to noon. Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who would appreciate their wrap-around comfort. Please let us know by contacting the church office (519.846.5911).

TREASURER'S UPDATE

When considering your weekly offerings, please keep in mind general parish expenses. These include (among other things) payroll, utilities, telephone, caretaking and maintenance, office expenses and insurance. Actual general offerings trail budgeted general offerings by \$46,833 as of December 2, 2018. At this point in 2017, actual general offerings trailed budget by \$55,918. Pre-Authorized Giving plans help to ensure a consistent offering stream throughout the year to help us meet Parish expenses and also present an opportunity for the Parish to avoid significant bank fees. If you are considering enrolling for a Pre-Authorized Giving plan or if you would like to update an existing plan, there are forms available at the back of the church or please ask at the Parish Centre. Thank you.