

PEACE



December 10, 2017

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.*

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)

Venite, Exultemus Domino (6)

Barnby

First Lesson Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalm 96 (453)

Atkin

(Congregation may remain seated during the Psalm)

Second Lesson Matthew 24.29-end

Benedictus (9)

Walmisley

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

Anthem Out of your sleep

J. Nelson

*Out of your sleep arise and wake,
for God mankind now now hath y take...*

*And through a maidé fair and wise,
now man is made of full great price;
now angels knelen to man's service,
and at this time all this befell.*

*Now man is brighter than the sun;
now man in heav'n on high shall won...*

*That ever was thrall now is he free;
that ever was small now great is she,
now shall God deem both thee and me,
unto his bliss if we do well.*

*Now man he may to heaven wend;
now heav'n and earth to him they bend.
He that was foe now is our friend,
this is no nay that I you tell.*

*Now blessed brother grant us grace,
at doomés day to see thy face,
and in thy court to have a place,
that we may sing thee nowell.*

Hymn 396 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Crüger

Sermon Rev'd Dr. Barbara Sykes

Offertory Hymn 71 Rejoice, all ye believers

Lancashire

Prayers and Grace

Recessional Hymn 62 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Final Responsory 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 Dianne Rees, the gift of her sister, Linda Coultres.

Sidespeople

John and Barbara Hamilton

Readers

Richard Hobson, Zoe Hodgson

Altar Guild

Dinah Bristowe

Altar Flowers

Anne Tinker, Betty Knight

Coffee Hour Hosts

Barr/Donohue Family

Announcements for Sunday, December 10, 2017

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Monday-Friday</i>	8:45-9:15 am	<i>Mattins (in Church)</i>
<i>Monday</i>	10:00 am	<i>Holy Communion at Heritage River</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30-6:30 pm	<i>Volunteer Choir (in Church)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 am	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	4:45-5:15 pm	<i>Youth Choir (in Church)</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

<i>Advent III</i>	8:00 am	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
	9:00 am	<i>Contemporary Eucharist</i>
	11:00 am	<i>Choral Eucharist</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>Nine Lessons and Carols (parish choir)</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

- ***Bible Study for Advent*** November 27th - December 18th, Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Theme: The Gospel Nativity account and the doctrine of the Incarnation. All welcome!
- ***Portage Epiphany Fest:*** Following an enduring tradition established by F.J. (Father John) we will be holding our nth annual Epiphany Party at Portage on Friday, January 5th. The program includes lustily singing some of the old favourites, listening to a storyteller, welcoming the 3 (or more?) Wise (for real) Persons, who bring small gifts for the residents, and finally, sharing snacks and conversation. 7:00 pm for 7:30 start. For more information contact one of the Portage 'team'; eg Dave Tinker, Sharon Barrett, Peter Scott.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

- ***Senior Christmas Luncheon and Carol Sing,*** Thursday, December 14, 12 noon in Thompson Hall. A freewill offering will be taken to cover costs. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing the church office stjohns@sentex.net or telephone, 519-846-5911. A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of church on Sunday.
- ***Parish Volunteer Potluck:*** As we wind down our celebration of Canada 150 and begin our Advent Season, it's a fitting time for fellowship for all who have given their time and talents to St. John's Church this year. In whatever capacity you have been called to serve and contribute to the vitality of our parish, let's gather together in celebration of the many blessings we enjoy as a parish community. Our Potluck Lunch will be held in Thompson Hall on **Monday, December 18th from noon until 2:00 pm**. Whatever you choose to contribute to the buffet table will be gratefully received, and please prepare your offering for 6-8 people. An RSVP would be much appreciated. Please email or call Charlotte Logan – charlotteloganis@yahoo.com/519-846-2763 or Suzanne Kienappply – suzannekienappply@hotmail.com/519.846.5029.

- **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 \$45,362 as of Dec 3, 2017. At this point in 2016, actual general offerings trailed budget by \$47,798. Pre-Authorized Payment 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 Payment plan or if you would like to update an existing plan, please ask for the forms at the Parish Centre. Thank you.
- **2018 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in Thompson Hall. As 2017 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.
- **Decorating for Christmas in our Church** Let the season begin! What a wonderful way to open the Christmas season. Come join the fun on **Thursday, December 14** beginning at **9 am**. Come along when you can, stay as long as you wish. Bring a smile and perhaps your favourite garden gloves and a pair of clippers. We will be stuffing wreaths with greenery, decorating the doors, the baptismal font, the front of the altar and the Plinth (the white stand which is sometimes placed inside our entrance). Many hands make light work. And it's fun, too! OUR work will be a beautiful tribute to our Lord. (Bonus! The Christmas luncheon and carol sing will be happening at noon in Thompson Hall. Good timing!) Please contact Dawn (phone or text) at 519-831-8816 to let her know that you'll be coming along.
- Copies of the latest edition of our parish newsletter, **Common Supplications**, are available at the back of the church. If you are on our parish mailing list, your copy has been mailed to you. The newsletter is also available on our website www.stjohnselora.ca
- Visitor's envelopes are available at the back of the church and in the pews.

OUTREACH

- **Our contribution to our local Food Bank's Hamper Program is a St. Johns Christmas tradition. This year we are being asked to participate in a different way.....**
Recognizing that clients are often unable to take full advantage of the hamper items provided due to food sensitivities or health restrictions, the Centre Wellington Food bank is adopting a different approach this year. Rather than receiving the traditional Christmas food hamper, their clients will receive a Freshco gift card which will enable them to shop for those food items that best suit the needs of their own family. In addition, clients will not have the indignity of being set apart, standing in a charitable receiving line but can choose their own foods as others do. The Food Bank is asking for a cash donations to help offset the cost of the grocery gift cards. Rather than having to shop for food items for the Christmas hamper, you can make your contribution by indicating the dollar amount designated to go to the Food Bank on your church

envelope or the visitor envelopes found in the pews. The amount will be included on your year-end charitable donation receipt from St. John's. The funds will be collected in an internal trust fund within the Parish bank account and then sent off to Centre Wellington Food Bank to meet their Holiday deadline. The total given by the Parish will be reported on within the year-end financial statements. Our goal as a parish is to reach \$900.00 by December 15th (the equivalent value of our Christmas food contribution last year) to support this important community outreach.

Please keep in mind that the need for donations of food items continues throughout the year and your contributions can be left in the donation box located in the church entrance. Thank you for opening your hearts to this worthwhile cause in support of our community.

- **Advent Reflections form PWRDF:** You can subscribe to get daily reflections into your inbox at <http://pwrdf.org/resources/seasonal/>, or you may download the full booklet here: <http://pwrdf.org/uploads/555/advent2017.pdf>.
- **Update from St. John's Refugee Support Group:** The committee has been in contact with local sponsors to assess the needs of Centre Wellington refugees, and has decided on the disbursement of the current balance (approx. \$800) of the Refugee Support Fund. These funds will be donated to the sponsored families of St. Andrew's Fergus for Driver Training expenses, and Elora United's Project Welcome to assist with their fundraising to bring additional family members to Canada. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing generosity of the congregation of St. John's, and we encourage your continuing support for these new "Canadians". Your donations should be marked "St John's Refugee Support Fund", and tax receipts are available.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Did you know the **Quilters and Knitters** meet on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am to noon for a social and creative time in the Parish Centre? We work on prayer shawls as well as quilts and other items made for sale. Check out the cabinet in Thompson Hall to see items for sale. All monies raised through sale of crafts are returned to the church. Come and join us!
- Join us in **Prayers for the Parish** at 10:30 am every Sunday in the Church office.

OUT AND ABOUT

- **Blackberry Bog Christmas Trees** Come out to our farm to harvest your own tree, \$35.00. Proceeds to all three church choirs. Open weekends. South on Elora Rd. (#7) several Km, turn left at bottom of first big hill at 2nd Line. Next right on to 6th Sideroad, then 2 km to sign on road. (519) 843-5915