

**What Time is it? An Advent Quiet Time  
with Bishop Geoff Peddle at the  
Parish of St Mark's on Saturday, Dec 3, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

You are invited to join the people of the Parish of St Mark's in a time of reflection on the Season of Advent called, "What Time is it?" As we move into Advent and draw closer to Christmas with all of its "busy-ness," this quiet space is offered as a time to slow down and think about the opportunity Advent gives us to transform our lives. Inspired by St. Paul's Letter to the Romans ("The day is at hand") and Paul's counsel to not lose sight of God in our daily responsibilities, Bishop Geoff Peddle will examine the Church's Season of Advent in a series of three talks, reflecting upon the practice of Advent in the modern world and what it means to live in God's time. To quote the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Father Robert Cooke: "I find most of my conversations with people revolve around busyness and time, or the lack thereof. This gets exaggerated in Advent, which is a real shame. Advent really is about the dawning of a new time, a new way of keeping time and a reprioritizing of how we use time." During the afternoon there will be time for quiet prayer and reflection between Bishop Geoff's talks. Prayer and music will enhance the afternoon and refreshments will be available throughout. It will conclude with St. Mark's regular Saturday Eucharist at 5 p.m. and a "Dialogue Sermon" with the Bishop. There is no cost for the afternoon.

To register please call the Parish of St Mark's at 726-3213 or contact the parish by email at [st.marks@nf.aibn.com](mailto:st.marks@nf.aibn.com)

**Memoriams / Thank Offerings**

**Memorials - Renovation Fund**

- **Levi Eason** (remembering his death, November 2009) by Mary & Family
- **Edward & Phyllis Bussey** (remembering their anniversary November 29<sup>th</sup>) by Elizabeth, Jim, Jim Jr, & Justin Tilley.
- **Florence Petten & Lena Dawe** by Enid & Rodger.
- **Florence Petten** by: G.G.C - Kelligrews & Foxtrap District, Lily & Doug Rideout, Barb & Robert Tilley, & George & Linda McDonald
- **Helena Dawe** by Lily & Doug Rideout
- **Joan Searle** by Barb & Robert Tilley
- **Joan Searle** by The Twilight 50+ Club
- **Helena (Lena)Dawe** In recognition of her many years (May 27, 1952-November 3, 2016) as a member of the Worsley Park 50+ Club, we thank her. She will be greatly missed.

**Worship Schedule for the Week of December 4-December 10**

<b>08:30am</b> - Holy Eucharist, BCP, <b>10:00am</b> - Holy Eucharist	<b>Eucharistic Assistant:</b> Charles Taylor <b>Eucharistic Assistant:</b> Barb P., Bill H., Graham G.
<b>Liturgical Planner:</b> Enid	<b>Warden:</b> Sandra Taylor <b>Servers:</b> Jillian G. & Sara W. <b>Prayers of the People:</b> Rev'd Everett
<b>Greeters:</b> Davis & JoseyIn Fagan	<b>Sides Persons:</b> Team 4 <b>Counting Team:</b> Team 8 <b>Sound Technician:</b> Doug Rideout

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**All Saints Candle**

Sunday, November 27, 2016

*Shining a Light on What's Happening in Our Parish*

**Rector's Remarks**

Years ago I went on a life changing sabbatical journey to the Holy Land. As we enter the season of Advent, I offer a reflection on my time in Bethlehem, and the holy haunting that continues to this day by what I continue to reflect on.

The Church of the Holy Nativity is one of the oldest Churches in the world. It is a massive building, approximately 1,600 years old, and it is situated directly over the site of the stable, (Luke 2:1 – 20), in Bethlehem. My image of the stable, a wooden structure much like what decorates my living room at Christmas, was incorrect. The original stable was a series of caves and in one part of these caves is a manger (feeding trough, carved out of rock. The Church has one very small door by which to enter - approximately 40 inches high. All who come in must bow as they enter. The door is called the Door of Humble Access.

The inside of the church is furnished with all sorts of lamps, huge frescos (murals), and no pews. The frescos tell the story of the shepherds and magi coming to visit and worship the baby Jesus - our Lord. It is of note, these ancient frescos, depict the magi as Arab and Persian; after all, the magi came from the east. In 620 AD, when the first Muslim invaders came into this church and saw pictures of their ancestors in worship - they made great efforts to protect this church,- not allowing their armies to destroy it. It is one of the few churches in that region not destroyed by the original invading Muslim armies. To this day, a very special relationship still exists today between the custodians of this church and the Muslim followers, in Bethlehem. I continue to find this heartening, that as we tell the story of Christ, other cultures see themselves being positively affected by the Prince of Peace.

In the Church, under the sanctuary, directly under the Altar, is a very narrow staircase that goes down to a cave - the original stable. The cave was just barren rock, though now it is decorated with satins, marble and brass. It is these caves that served as a home to Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus and whatever animals were there at the time of His birth.

For me, the great legacies of my visit to this Holy site are my emotions – a holy haunting by what I felt and saw. For perhaps the first time in my life I understood the importance of having symbols and rituals for our faith – symbols and rituals by which we can express our devotion and our belief. I found myself bowing to enter the church. I crawled to touch the stable floor. I found myself in a profound silence in these caves, in awe of what took place at the stable. It was, and still is, overwhelming to know that seekers from all over the world, from the greatest figures of history to the common tourist, had been in this church and had done the exact same things as myself.

I continue with my ritual of placing my stable in my living room, even though I know the original stable was a cave. When I look at it, when I imagine that night, that holy night, I find myself again entering into that church, crawling on the cave floor, entering into worship as a sense of awe again fills me of what God has done and is doing for you and I

Part of this journey is the Season of Advent. It is a time the church has set aside to help us prepare, with that same sense of holy awe that affected the shepherds and then the Magi, as we seek Jesus. During Advent, though, we also think and celebrate that Jesus has promised to come again. Not as a baby, which we celebrate at Christmas, but as our king and Lord.

May you, as you and your family prepare for Christmas, take time to reflect on that first Christmas when Mary and Joseph sought comfort from the winter weather, and found a home in a series of caves. Reflect on how Mary gave birth to a son, whose name is Jesus, and how His presence has totally changed this world. And as you reflect on this incredible gift remember Christ's promise to us, of how Jesus Christ will come again. May you have a Holy and awe filled Advent.

David

**Welcome to Our Parish!** We pray that you will find our worship inspiring, that you will join us at the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper and that you will be spiritually fed.

**Our Mission** – To be a family of worshipping Christians, dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship.

#### **Ministry opportunity**

Last week I met with a very dedicated group of ladies. They are members of our Altar Guild. For those who do not know, the Altar Guild is the people who prepare the Church for worship. They clean the Sanctuary (the front of the Church around the Altar), they wash the Communion Vessels (they do the dishes) and they make sure that the clothes we use are cleaned. Their work has its origins in the work of the Levites, the group of Israelites who were set aside to prepare the Tabernacle (the original place of worship). It is perhaps the most unrecognized ministry that takes place in the church, for seldom are there more than two of them doing this work at any one time and almost always there is no one else in the church when they work.

When I met with them, after expressing my thanksgiving for all of their work over the years, I asked, 'How can I help you in your ministry?' They immediately said, they would love to have more people helping. While this could easily be seen as a common cry from all organizations, this is a foundational ministry that affects all of us in our worship life.

If God is nudging you to offer your time and talents, and you wish more information, please speak either to me or to Hazel Jefford ([partridgeberrymuffin@nl.rogers.ca](mailto:partridgeberrymuffin@nl.rogers.ca)), and consider this as a new ministry. This ministry usually involves about 2 hours every few months of your time.

David

#### **Advent at All Saints**

**Come join us for some of our Advent services and Christmas activities during this Holy time of the year.**

**Christmas Back Home with Kevin Collins**, 7:30 pm Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at All Saints Anglican Church. To purchase tickets (\$20.00 single), call Dana at 834-2601 or Aura - 834-9384

**ACW** are hosting "Breakfast with Santa" in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, December 10th. from 8:30 - 11am. Cost: \$8 (adults) \$4 (children under 12 years) There will be children's entertainment. For more information, call Barb 834-4795. All are welcome

**Blue Christmas service** is on December 11th. at 7pm. Please join with us as a church in special recognition of the struggles that many people face during this season. Candles will be lit as a memorial to those we love but see no longer. All are welcome! More info: Parish Office 834-4501.

**Christmas Communion:** All Saints Clergy will be offering Home Communion starting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know would like to receive Christmas Communion, please contact Elizabeth at the Church Office.

**Remember a Loved One with a Christmas Bulb:** On December 18th at the 10:00am service we will light our Christmas tree in the Church. To donate a bulb in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the back of the Church, and return it to the office by December 12<sup>th</sup>, along with a donation of \$3.00.

**Candlelight Christmas Carol Service** is being held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. A service filled with beautiful music.

#### **Special Notes**

**On-Call Clergy:** Archdeacon David and Rev Sam will be alternating as Clergy on call. At the bottom of the Candle each week will be the contact information for both clergy, and the assignment of who is handling all emergencies that week. Hickey's Funeral Home will also be notified each week of who is on call.

**Food Bank:** Please do not forget your local FOOD BANK. Items needed include: Teabags, Rice, Granola Bars, Tin Tomatoes, Kraft Dinner, Luncheon meats, Tin Soups, Chef Boy Ar Dee, Tin Milk, Side Kicks, Package Dry Soup Mix, Tin Fruit, Crackers, Tin Noodles, Sugar, Jam, Chez Whiz, Peanut Butter, Mr. Noodles & Cream Soups. Financial contributions are also gratefully accepted.

**Gospel Hymn Sing** will take place tonight, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm downstairs in the Parish Hall. Come along and bring a friend for an evening of fellowship and song. Free Will Offering on door.

**Christmas Memorials:** Again this year we will be doing **up** a Christmas Memorial booklet. If you wish to put in a memorial for a loved one, please have it in to the office with your donation on or before December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitation is Important to Us and to You.** Unfortunately, sometimes we are unaware of your situation, and if you would like a home visit from your Clergy, please let us know. Also, if you know of anyone in the hospital, please let us know. Please call the office at 834-4501. Remember, if you don't inform us, we have no way of knowing you or a loved one is in hospital.

**We need your help in locating a missing Banner:** The Godly Play large clock-like banner that was in the Parish Hall is missing. If anyone has seen this banner, please call the office @ 834-4501. Thank you!

#### **Parish & Community Events**

**Did you know?** Habitat for Humanity is building a triplex in Conception Bay South. Habitat for Humanity's mission is:

- To enable families to have the pride of homeownership through affordable housing, delivered through a team of volunteers and partners.
- Housing for all: We believe that access to safe, decent and affordable housing is a basic human right that should be available to all.
- Human Dignity: We believe in the worth and dignity of every human being. We respect the people we serve and those that help us in this effort and recognize them as our greatest resource.
- Partnership: We believe we can best achieve our mission through meaningful and mutually-beneficial partnerships with others.
- Faith in Action: We believe that faith is lived through action. Building on our Christian foundation, we serve and work with people of all faiths and beliefs in a spirit of justice and compassion.
- Diversity and Inclusiveness: We believe there is a role for everyone committed to our vision, mission and values and we seek to enrich our organization through diversity.

If you are interested in applying for such a home, the deadline is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look on Habitat for Humanity's Website or contact the parish office for assistance.

Archdeacon David, with Lt Ryan, has already challenged the CLB to become involved in the build. We will continue to present opportunities for parish to be involved in this new and needed ministry.

#### **New Year's Eve Dance**

Date: December 31, 2016

Place: All Saints Parish Hall

Tickets: \$25.00 single

The doors will open at 8:30pm and the dance will start at 9pm. Music provided by Rodney Taylor. Party favors and snacks will be provided. Tickets will be available at the office or from Aura at 834-9384 or Dana at 834-2601 starting December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Conception Bay South Lions Club will be holding their annual Seniors Luncheon & Card Game on Thursday, December 1st at 12 noon at the CBS Lions Club—10 Minerals Road. Soup & Sandwiches will be served. Free admission. Tickets will be available next week at Villa Nova Parish office. A limited number of tickets available.

**All Saints Tea Room** will be having the last community luncheon for the year on Wednesday, November 30th from noon to 1:30pm, downstairs in our All Saints Parish Hall. All are welcome to come and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. The only cost is your time and company. This lunch will be a Christmas Special. It will start up again in the New Year on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all then. God bless you all & have a Merry Christmas!

**St. John the Evangelist**, Topsail are holding their annual Christmas "Holly Tea" with Chinese Auction on Saturday, December 10, 2016: 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and will be available on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon with food, fellowship, and a fun visit from Santa. For tickets please call: Louise 834-7385: Sandra 834-8834 or Shirley 368-9504



## *CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL*

As Christmas is fast approaching, the CBS/Paradise Food Bank is preparing for their Christmas Hamper Program.

As in the past, we are responsible for 40 hampers. So please help to make this appeal a success. Envelopes will be available at the back of our church. Please feel free to donate whatever amount you wish, no amount is too big or too small.

I sincerely thank all our parish and I hope I can count on your support and generosity to help the food bank feed the less fortunate this Christmas.

The Deadline for donations is December 16, 2016.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER COSTS:**

#### **Hamper Sizes**

**Single Family--\$50.00**

**Medium (2-3 person family)--\$75.00**

**Large (4 person family & up)--\$100.00**

**Turkey--\$20.00**



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