



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**Parish of Sussex**

Trinity Anglican Church  
St. John's Church, Highfield

**December 11, 2016**

Mission Statement

Seeking to Serve Christ and to Make Him Known to Others

Vision Statement

Trinity Anglican Church is a vibrant spiritual focal point where people feel they belong and have become engaged to actively share God's love, impacting the community.

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, BCP**

**Processional Hymn:** “People, Look East! The Time Is Near” (INSERT)

Announcements

Children’s Time: Lighting of the Advent Wreath Litany (Ann Leland)

**Children’s Hymn:** “A Candle Is Burning” [verses 1-3] (INSERT)

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**Collect of the Day:** God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Proclamation of the Word:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Barb Durling) ..... Pew Bible Page 663

Psalm 146:4-9 (Layreader) ..... Page 517

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:7-10 (Ivi Turner) ..... Pew Bible Page 231

**Hymn: RB 112 “Once In Royal David’s City” [verses 1-3]**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 (Clergy) ..... Pew Bible Page 11

**Hymn: RB 112 “Once In Royal David’s City” [verse 4]**

Sermon: “What Do You Expect In Faith?”

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**Offertory Hymn: RB 274 “Let There Be Light”**

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Sharing of Communion

**Communion Hymns:** HFG 169 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

HFG 166 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

HFG 172 “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”

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**“Go Now In Peace”** (Back cover of Red Hymn Book)

**Dismissal:** Our service is over, our work now begins. Let us go in peace and to love and serve the Lord.

**Recessional Hymn: RB 154 “Hail To The Lord’s Anointed”**

**Refreshments** will be served in the upper hall following service.

All are welcome to join us.

**Cycle of Prayer:** Levi & Ann McLean, Leona McLong, David & Wendy McLong

**The Sick:** Elmer MacKay, Arielle Hunter, Candace Carhart, Jen, Jennifer Caines, Erma Macaulay, Monia, Ken Coone, Joyce Baird, Barb Hicks, Dianne Fanjoy, Gamil Khalil, Ruth Hazen, Keith Fletcher, Shawney Merrill

**Trinity Prayer List**

**Almighty God, you are the giver of all health, and the helper of those who ask for your help: we call on you for your help and goodness to be shown on these your servants, that they may be healed of their weaknesses and may give thanks to you in your holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Roley Ricketts, Connie Bustin, Gordon Bickerton, Margo Ripley, John Shephard, Ernie Cunningham, Joan Kunze, Verna Pearson, Diana MacKay, Eleanor Lavoie, Jeanette, Audrey Oulton, Amy Freeze, Clare Burrow, Georgie Crawford, Peggy Doyle, Kathleen Berry, Otis Foster, Mary, Theresa Chessie, Jimmy Coughlan, Andrea, Larry Voutour

**Thank You** from the A.C.W. to members of the congregation for their support in donating items for Coverdale. They were greatly appreciated.

**Would anyone like their walkway or driveway shoveled this winter** by Hussein AlHamoud, who is the father of one of the Syrian refugee families living in Sussex. This could be an hourly wage or an agreed-upon price for the job you have. Hussein lives on Albert Street, so any jobs would need to be walking distance for him. You can contact Jill Beaulieu at 944-3943 or Daryl Caines at 433-1496 and they will help Hussein respond to your offer.

**2017 Church Calendars** are for sale by the ACW on the table outside the office. \$6.00 each, envelope provided.

**Christmas labels and stickers** are available on the table outside the office free of charge for anyone who would like to have them.

**Fundscrip gift card orders** are due today. Order forms are available on the table at the back of the church or outside the church office. Please give your order form to Georgie Keith. Our next order will be at the end of January 2017.

**Anglican Journal/N.B. Anglican** (Dec. 2016) at back of church.

**Vestry members without e-mail** may pick up their copy of the financial statement in the mail slots at the back of the church.

**Christmas Letter** – Please pick up your copy and one for a friend at the back of the church.

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## **PARISH EVENTS**

**Dec. 19** – Property Committee (6:15 p.m.) Vestry (7:00 p.m.)

**Dec. 20** – Deadline for Christmas Memorials

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve

(4:00 p.m.) Journey to the Manger Family Service [BAS],

(8:00 p.m.) Traditional Christmas Eve Service [BCP]

**Dec. 25** – Christmas Day - Quiet Christmas Service [BCP] (10:00 a.m.)

**Jan. 1** – Regular Sunday Services

(8:00 a.m.) Holy Communion [BCP] & (11:00 a.m.) Holy Communion [BCP]

**Jan. 6** – Feast of the Epiphany “Little Christmas” service [BAS]

(11:00 a.m.) followed by a potluck meal

**Open House at the Rectory** – Saturday, December 17, 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Birthday Party for Jesus

**Decorating of Church** by the Men’s Brotherhood will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday Afternoon Social Time** will resume on January 19.

**The Living Manger** will be held outdoors at St. Mark’s Church, Sussex Corner on Sunday, December 18, 2016. There will be two performances at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Following the second performance everyone is invited inside for refreshments and fellowship and at 8:00 p.m. “After the Manger” – a time of worship celebration in Word and Song. An offering will be taken at each performance for the Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre. (Storm date is Monday, December 19 – one performance at 7:00 p.m.)

**Carols at Kingswood** will be held today, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Saunders Irving Chapel. This is a free event for the community. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. Reception to follow.

**Christmas Memorials** – If you wish to place either a monetary donation or flowers in memory of a loved one to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, please contact the office by Tuesday, December 20.

**Cakes 2017** – Birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month during Coffee Time. Please sign the sheet on the table at the back of the church if you would like to take your turn providing a cake.

**Seafarer’s Mission** - Again this year Seafarer’s Mission in Saint John is collecting gift filled toques to be distributed to visiting sailors. A box is provided at the back of the church for your donations. Contact Daryl Caines for further information.



# **Sermon: “What do you expect in faith?”**

**Sermon personal reflection for the week –**

1. Why did you come today?

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2. What do you expect to leave with?

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## **People Look East**

People, look east! The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, thou you long have ceased to build.  
Guard the nest that must be filled;  
even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch: when the night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as the sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley  
humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## **A Candle Is Burning**

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
A candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way,  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

