



The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of **God**,
and the communion
of the **Holy Spirit**
be with all of you.
2 Corinthians 13:13

Parish of Sussex

Trinity Anglican Church
St. John's Church, Highfield

3rd of Advent
December 17, 2017

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.

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11:00 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols

Processional Carol: RB 112 "Once In Royal David's City"

Lighting of Advent Wreath
"A Candle Is Burning" (INSERT)

Responsive Reading:

My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

In his word is my hope.

There is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.

In his word is my hope.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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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 Lord's Prayer

1st Lesson: Genesis 3:1-20 – Ann Leland

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Carol: RB 417 "All Poor Men and Humble"

2nd Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18 – Barb Durling

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Carol: RB 427 "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 – Jean Price

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Carol: RB 423 "Unto Us A Boy Is Born"

4th Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9 – Dot Shephard

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Carol: BB 807 "Sing Of Mary"

Sunday School Presentation

Songs: Children only

“Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer”
“Santa Clause Is Coming To Town”

Songs: Congregation & Choir

(INSERT)

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”
“Away In A Manger”
“The First Noel (Nowell)”
“We Three Kings”
“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

Readings: By Children

Luke 2:1-3

Luke 2:4-7

Luke 2:4-18

Matthew 2:1, 2, 9-11

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Lullaby

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

The Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Offertory Carol: RB 429 “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”
(omit verses 2 & 6)

“Thank You, Lord”

Thank you, Lord, on this day,
For our many fine blessings,
Thank you, Lord, on this day,
For our many close friendships,
Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,
Guide us on forever.

Thank you, Lord, on this day,
For our blessings and friendships.

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Blessing

Recessional Carol: RB 390 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

A Potluck Christmas Dinner will be served in the upper hall following service. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Needing Prayer - Elmer MacKay, Arielle Hunter, Candace Carhart, Jen, Erma Macaulay, Ken Coone, Gamil Khalil, Ruth Hazen, Shawney Merrill, Margaret Cromwell, Blair McEwen, John Dyck, Marlene Miller, Christopher Brown, Jacqueline Keating, Christopher Browne, Colin, Cynthia Taylor.

Trinity Prayer List - **Almighty God, you are the giver of all health, and the helper to 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.**

Connie Bustin, Gordon Bickerton, John Shephard, Ernie Cunningham, Joan Kunze, Verna Pearson, Diana MacKay, Eleanor Lavoie, Jeanette, Clare MacKay, Amy Freeze, Clare Burrow, Georgie Crawford, Peggy Doyle, Kathleen Berry, Otis Foster, Theresa Chessie, Jimmy Coughlan, Larry Voutour, Joyce Baird.

Grow Your Talents – Thank you to those who have passed in their Grow Your Talents project money. Those who have not, please do so very soon. The committee is trying to bring this project to a conclusion. Thank you for your participation and showing us the talent that God has blessed you with.

Christmas Memorials – If you would like to have a memorial in memory of a loved one in the form of flowers or a donation printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, please call the church office by Tuesday, December 19.

2018 Church Calendars - \$6.00 each.

Christmas Schedule:

Dec. 24 – 4th Sunday in Advent (8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)
Christmas Eve (9:00 p.m.)

Dec. 25 – Christmas Morning Service (11:00 a.m.)

Jan. 6 – Little Christmas, Holy Communion (11:00 a.m.) Pot Luck



The Living Manger will be held today, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. outdoors at St. Mark's Church, Sussex Corner. Following the second performance everyone is invited inside for refreshments, 8:00 p.m. "After the Manger" worship celebration in Word and Song. An offering will be taken at each performance for the Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre.

The 7th Annual Christmas Dinner (Free Christmas Day, December 25) will be held at 3:00 p.m. in celebration of Christ's birth at Jubilee Hall, beside the 8th Hussars Sports Centre. Celebrate with food and song. All welcome. Food donations can be dropped off at Jubilee Hall from 1:00-3:0 p.m. on December 24. Please phone, if possible, to let us know what you are donating such as peeled and cut vegetables, pickles, pies, or dressing, etc. Contact: 432-6657 or 434-1116 or email lkuin17@gmail.com. Transportation available. Please call before December 24.

Seafarer's Mission - Seafarer's Mission in Saint John is collecting holiday gift bags 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.

Travel Size Items: toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, Q-tips, Kleenex

Toiletries: toothbrush, dental floss, unscented soap, disposable razors (5), lip balm, combs (2)

Warm Items: gloves, socks (1 pair), scarf, toque (knit 10 inches in length when used as packaging)

Miscellaneous: playing cards, Canada souvenir pins, candy (individually wrapped), chocolates, chocolate bars, Halloween size bags of chips, package of gum, etc.

Christmas Card

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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.

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Chorus:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King, and God, and sacrifice,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to the heavens replies.

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Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled
in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity, pleased as Man
with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels
sing, glory to the newborn King.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of
righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

The First Noel (Nowell)

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath brought.

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8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

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