

SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Parish of Sussex

Trinity Anglican Church
St. John's Church, Highfield

December 4, 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 Baptism (BAS)

Processional Hymn: BB 65 “Hark The Glad Sound!”

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Litany (Gil Carter)

Children’s Hymn: BB 719 “Jesus Bids Us Shine”

(Children may come forward after second verse.) Children’s Time

Gathering of the Community (Layreader) Page 151

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (Daryl Caines) Pew Bible Page 640

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (Layreader) Page 797

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-13 (Melissa Crealock) Pew Bible Page 163

Gradual: “Alleluia” (Words on back cover of Red Hymn Book)

Hymn: BB 67 “On Jordan’s Bank” (verses 1-4)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 Pew Bible Page 2

Hymn: BB 67 “On Jordan’s Bank” (verse 5)

Sermon: “Are You Prepared to Begin the Journey?”

Presentation of Candidate Page 153

Prayer for the Candidate & Prayers of the People (Layreader)

Celebration of Baptism Page 157

Baptismal Covenant Page 158

The Baptism - Giving of Light (Gil & Judy Carter)

Exchange of Peace

Offertory Hymn: BB 293 “There’s A Voice In The Wilderness”

Prayers Over the Gifts Page 270

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Page 193

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Breaking of Bread 5 Page 212

Sharing of Communion

Communion Hymns: “Hope Is A Star”;

RB 325 “Let Us Break Bread Together”; CP 60 “I Come With Joy”

Prayers After Communion Page 270 & 214

The Blessing

“Go Now In Peace” (Words on back cover of Red Hymn Book)

Recessional: RB 548 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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

Refreshments will be served in the upper hall following the service. Everyone is welcome to join us for cake as we celebrate those having birthdays and anniversaries during the month of December.

PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 11 – Mothers' Union Christmas Gathering (6:00 p.m.) at the home of Jill Buckley. Bring a gift to support Sussex Sharing Club.

Dec. 11 – Fundscrip order due (last one until end of Jan. 2017)

Dec. 11 – Monthly "Food Collection" for Sussex Sharing Club

Dec. 11 – Kiwanis Nursing Home Service (2:00 p.m.)

Dec. 15 – Kiwanis Nursing Home Service (2:00 p.m.)

Dec. 17 – Open House at the Rectory (2:00-5:00 p.m.) Birthday Party for Jesus

Dec. 18 – Service of Lessons & Carols (11:00 a.m.) followed by a potluck

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

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

No 8:00 a.m. service or Coffee Time on Christmas day.

Jan. 1 – Sunday Services (8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

Jan. 6 – Feast of the Epiphany "Little Christmas" service (11:00 a.m.) followed by a potluck meal

The Living Manger – The 25th anniversary of The Living Manger will be held outdoors at St. Mark's Church, Sussex Corner on 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: Monday, December 19 – one performance at 7:00 p.m.)

An Induction Service will be held for Pastor Shawn Tait who has become the Senior Pastor for the Sussex Baptist Church today, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Sussex Baptist Church, 24 Church Avenue, Sussex. A time of greetings and fellowship will follow the service.

The Sussex Choral Society Christmas Concert will be held this evening, December 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sussex. Directed by David Mitchell with accompaniment by Karen Gallagher, this year's concert features soloists Joseph Goodwin and Lisa Linden, as well as the Sussex Corner Elementary School Choir and Tammy Morris. Tickets: \$15, available at the door.

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Carols at Kingswood will be held next Sunday, 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.

Canadian Culture Tour (May 15-21, 2017), 3 cities, 7 days. Tour many of the highpoints in Upper Canada and then Houghton, New York, and USA outlet shopping. Hosted by Sussex Christian School. Deposit due date is December 15, 2016. See poster on bulletin board for more details.

Seafarer's Mission - Again this year Seafarer's Mission in Saint John is collecting "Santa Hats" (gift filled toques) to be distributed to visiting sailors. See list below for suggested items. 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

Safe Harbour House (now an initiative of Partners for Youth Inc.) would like to thank you for supporting youth at risk in greater Saint John. The home is scheduled to re-open in March 2017 and in preparation we are reaching out to local parishes to highlight some emerging needs. Volunteers will be welcomed for a variety of areas and times could range from 2 hours per week and up; donations such as : personal hygiene items, specific canned goods (contact us for a list), cleaning supplies and household items such as towels and bedsheets are always required. If you would prefer to donate money (which is always needed for operations) tax receipts will be issued. Finally, we are in need of 2 larger items, 1 full size fridge and a kitchen table with seating for 12.
info@partnersforyouth.ca .

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November Vestry Meeting Update

Property – Will be working on budget. Vail Brothers to submit quote for roof over nursery area. Pat McMackin submitted quote for tower masonry repair for less than \$450.00. Pat will be contacted to do the job in the spring at his quoted price. E.J. Cunningham will continue to do snowplowing and sanding of church property at same price as last year except for HST increase. We are exploring the use of a solar light for pathway from front to back parking lot. Rectory exterior window painting has to be rescheduled next year. The burnt out light in chancel area is not a concern for the Rector as he gets a glare and Brian Keating is to check if it is on a separate light switch. Frank McKay is to check if the rectory exterior windows were caulked at time of installation. John Wanamaker will contact Dyers for leaf cleanup. The rector would like a corkboard for his office. If groups wish additional smoke detectors downstairs they are to purchase them and Bev will install. (Trinity is compliant with the Fire Marshall's inspection.)

Dutch Valley Property – Aaron Dowding of the Nature Trust Society of N.B. suggests Trinity form a committee to deal with this matter. Committee is Ann Leland, Georgie Keith, Gil Carter, Robin Turner and Tom Stradwick.

Youth Program – Will be meeting on November 25 at the rectory. Preparing supper and activities are planned. Rev. Tom would like to form a youth team for Sunday Refreshments.

Christian Education & Youth – Geoff Carter resigned from teaching Sunday School due to work commitments. Plea from remaining Sunday School teachers resulted in Candace Carhart and Tracey Howe, and Stacey Dunfield volunteering.

Mission & Visioning – Quilt that was completed may have a buyer, thus proceeds would be donated to Safe Harbour rather than the quilt. The committee is to meet to develop a budget and discuss a couple of appeals. Proceeds from Tea and Pie Social will be forwarded to Rosemarie Kingston to follow the paper trail to sponsor a student at Bishop McAllister College.

Cemetery – Will be closing December 1.

Grant Proposal – Has been forwarded through the proper channels requesting funds to assist in the hiring of an Associate Priest/Parish Worker.

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Financial Report – Loan outstanding to Gibson Investment Fund, Income (from investment, other income, regular contributions and specified contributions) is \$187,602.81 and Expenses (activities, administration, energy and utilities, repairs, salary and benefits, synod assessment) is \$205,877.77.

Coming Up

Christmas Open House at Rectory – Saturday, December 17 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday School Presentation & Potluck Christmas Dinner – December 18, 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Services

Journey to the Manger – December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Service – December 24, 8:00 p.m.

Service – December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Services – January 1, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Little Christmas – Friday, January 6, 11:00 a.m. followed by Potluck

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**Stewardship Events** – Stewardship began as an education that it is more than money. We were asked to ponder our talents and make them grow. And indeed the talents came forth and grew . . . so many talents. If you would share your talent with Georgie, she would love to hear it. The project wrapped up on Sunday, November 27. Several of you asked how did we do? Well, \$630.00 grew to \$4,533.60. This is overwhelming! God has blessed the Parish of Sussex with so much talent and the initiative to grow that talent through many fellowship activities. If you did not return your start-up \$10.00 it is not too late. Thanks be to God for His many blessings!

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Thank You to Glen McEwen, nephew of the late Greta Coates, for giving Trinity Church a scrapbook which Greta compiled on this parish and the Diocese throughout the years. There is some very interesting reading in this scrapbook. Glen mentioned that instructions from Greta were that the book was to be left with Trinity Church Library when she was through with it. Greta was a very active member of Trinity Church for many years as well as a wonderful Fowler Avenue neighbor. The scrapbook has been placed in the Library for everyone to enjoy.

Thank You to Gil Carter for passing along to the Library the booklets on the 41st General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada July 2016, and the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton November 2016 including a copy of the Bishop's Charge, and a booklet on a 5-session Bible Study from the Council of the North. These items are in the Library.

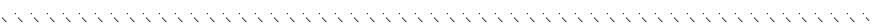
Would anyone like their walkway or driveway shoveled this winter? Hussein AlHamoud, who is the father of one of the Syrian refugee families living in Sussex, worked for a couple of months on Ken Reicker's farm but is now eager to find another job that will allow him to continue English classes but also earn a little extra money in the expensive winter months. 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.

Posada Schedule – Those taking part in the Posada may pick up their schedules at the back of the church.

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.

Memorial Donation – A donation has been made to the Discretionary Fund in memory of Norris Herrington by his daughter, Carol Ann Makepeace.



Sermon: “Are You Prepared to Begin the Journey?”

Sermon personal reflection for the week –

1. What do you need to hear to begin the journey?

2. What has been your help when you've experienced the cliffs in your journey?

