# Living Waters

## December 2018/January 2019

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

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# Ministries of St. Paul's

## Parish Council 2018

Administration: Robbie Coller
Christian Education: Murray Sykes
Communications: Paul Bourgeois
Community Connection: Muyi Ekomwenrenren

Hospitality: Angela Richardson
Jennifer Nixon
Maintenance: Gerald de Vries
Incumbent's Warden: Murray Sykes
New Members: Julie Wilson
Pastoral Care: Nicola Peden
People's Warden: Rick Coller
Outreach: Loret MacDonald
Shepherding: The Rev. Cyril Haynes
Stewardship: Heather Johnson
Worship: Jane Sandul
Youth: Vacant

## Synod Delegates

Rick Coller, Alternates: Parish Council

## MCES Directors

Kerry Peters

## Treasurer

Treasurer: Dan Brisbin

## Parish Ministries

### Worship Ministries

Altar Guild - Jane Sandul
Sacramental Assistants - Ed Mullaney
10:00 am Music Group - Paul Bourgeois
Prayers of the People - Dinah Breu
Readers 10 am - Robbie Coller
Readers 8:30 am– Laura Anne Fink
Servers - Joy Kew
Sidespeople - Suzanne Wray
Prayer Team - Dinah Breu
Envelope Secretary - Debra Brisbin
Counters—Roxie Hall

### Fellowship Ministries

Greeters –Roxie Hall
Coffee Time - Hospitality
Ladies Potluck Luncheon—Gloria Ford
Men's Breakfast - Kerry Peters
Fellowship & Foods Group –Robbie Coller
Secret Friends - Julie Wilson & Val Murray
Toddlers to Tweens—Abby Ekomwenrenren
Youth Group - Joanne Wrigley & Keith Daye
Maintenance - Gerald de Vries

### Christian Education

Nursery - vacant
Youth - Joanne Wrigley
Adult Education -Clergy & Lay
Stewardship - Heather Johnson
Library - Doreen & Kerry Peters
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Dinah Breu
Sunday School Coordinator - Gloria Ford

### Pastoral Ministries

Hospital Visiting -Clergy & Pastoral Care Team
Home Visiting– Clergy & Pastoral Care Team
Casserole Ministry - Linda Hubert (contact office)
Shepherding - The Rev. Cyril Haynes
Prayer Group - Dinah Breu
Prayer Chain - Dinah Breu
Card Ministry - Gail Munro
Pastoral Care Team - Nicola Peden
Grief Support Group—Laura Anne Fink

### Outreach Ministries

Father Lacombe
Food Bank, Mustard Seed - Shared through
Outreach Committee
PWRDF -Doreen Peters
Quilt/Shawl Prayer Ministry - Laura Anne Fink
Living Waters - Laura Anne Fink
Outreach Committee– Loret MacDonald
AgeCare Seton—Fergus
NeST - Jennifer Solem

## INCUMBENT'S MESSAGE

# Having Hope in a Broken World

*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. Those who love me, my Father will love, and we will come to them and make our home with them."* (John 14:2-3, 23)

*Singers and dancers alike say,*
*"All my fountains are in You."* (Psalm 87:7)

As is our custom, we had a guest speaker with an outreach focus speak at the morning Services we shared to mark the Reign of Christ. This year, Louise Gallagher, the Executive Director of Inn from the Cold, came to our Services to tell us about the great need there is in our city, and how this ministry attempts to address it, spreading Our Lord's reign of love. Calgary's unemployment rate remains in the mid 7% range; and even if a person is employed, the cost of living makes it most difficult to live here. Many in our Parish can attest of this first-hand, which is why we added a special "Inreach Fund" in our Budget, to help meet the financial needs of those who are a part of our Parish family. But as challenging as it is for us to live in this city, it's actually a much better in which to live than many, many places in our world. According the the website numbeo.com, our cost of living index ranks 126th out of the 451 cities in the world they examined. It's 30.5% more expensive to live in New York, and 14.8% more expensive in Toronto. And, of course, no one is bombing our buildings; no civil war is forcing us from our homes; and we have safe water to drink. The

So if it's hard to live in even one of the best places on earth, where does this leave us? Where is hope to be found in the midst of a world like this? The Seasons of Advent and Christmas answer these questions.

Advent begins by focussing on Jesus' second coming. The readings at Sunday Services remind us of what recent events have made so evident, that everything that can be shaken in this life will be shaken. They will remind us that our earthly lives themselves are not only frail, but also like the summer's flower that flourishes only for a time.

These messages may seem to some a strange way to begin a new Church year, but actually they are part of an essential first step out of darkness and despair into the light. Just as in Alcoholics Anonymous, the first step is to acknowledge that one has a problem that one is powerless to overcome, so too the first step towards hope is to acknowledge that we are powerless to supply it ourselves. Hope is not found in us.

William Willimon, in an article entitled, "Going Against the Stream," writes:

*The hope for us, says the church in Advent, is that we are out of hope, and we know it. That's why the church generally refrains from singing Christmas carols during Advent. We dare not rush to greet the Redeemer prematurely until we pause here, in darkened church, to admit that we do need redemption. Nothing within us can save us. No thing can save us. We've tried that before. No president, no bomb, no new car, no bottle, no white Christmas can save.*

*No! to all false consolation, we say. No! to the empty, contrived merriment of a terminal world. Our hope must be in someone out there who comes to us. We find our way only because One comes, takes our hand and leads us home.*

*No thank you, we shall wait here, in yearning and silence, in darkness and penitence, for that One.*

So in Advent we wait – with longing hearts, in expectation - for a Saviour.

And then, after four weeks, we reach the Season of Christmas, and the message changes. Now the Good News proclaimed by angels and mortals is that this One whom we await has come, and continues to come into our lives.

Jean Vanier, in his book *Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John*, writes:

*God, the eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, became like us, a vulnerable, mortal human being. He "dwelt amongst us," which can be translated "put up his tent amongst us." He became a pilgrim and a brother, walking through the desert with us.*

Jesus came to the earth to be with us as our Emmanuel always. He poured himself out in love, from his placement in the stone of the manger at his birth to his placement in the stone of the tomb at his death, so that

we may have fellowship with him for ever and ever. All our yearning is for him. He is our hope.

Beth Moore, in her book *The Beloved Disciple*, gives a beautiful paraphrase of the words of Jesus to his disciples in John 14 quoted at the beginning of this December/January message:

> *I am going to leave you so that I can prepare rooms for you where you will one day dwell and indeed make yourself at home where I live in heaven. Until then, I have built a room in each of you where I can make Myself at home with you. This way I am at home with you in Spirit until you are at home with Me in heaven.*

Jesus came so that we could have this kind of relationship with him.

For many of us, we long for more, and we even know that this "more" is found in Jesus, and yet we still allow ourselves to live lives of what may be called functional atheism. It doesn't have to be like this for us. I was touched deeply recently by the following prayer by A. W. Tozer, in his classic work, *The Pursuit of God*:

> *O God, I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to know Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory, I pray Thee, that so I may know Thee indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within me. Say to my soul, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." Then give me grace to rise and follow Thee up from this misty lowland where I have wandered so long. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

This is my prayer this Advent and Christmas.

For Jesus came to be the answer to the longing of our heart. He came to be the Light that dispels all the darkness. He came to take us into the depths of meaning and value in life. He came to deliver us from our self-centred prisons, and set us free to give of ourselves as we share the love he has poured out into our hearts. He came to make us his temples, so that when we gather together to worship we are not "going to Church" but are rather "the Church gathering together in one place" to unite with one another in praising, adoring, seeking, and loving our Lord.

Psalm 87, which ends with the words quoted at the beginning of this message, has the heading "The Joy of Living in Zion" in the New Revised Standard Version. The singers and dancers are filled with joy because they know that all their fountains – all things that are life in a dry, arid world – are found in the Lord. The words of this Psalm remind me of how we ended our Birthday Party on November 24. As we have for many years, we danced the "hokey pokey" together. I love the photo to the right (taken in 2015), because it shows the fun we all have doing it – young, "mature," and every age in-between. (I love the delight in the face of Maymai Wilson, for whom this dance was always the highlight of the evening. Maymai wasn't able to be with us this year, because she moved to the north part of the city. We missed the enjoyment we received from witnessing her enjoyment!) How fitting to end our celebration of St. Paul's birthday this way – to say that at St. Paul's, we're sharing the song and the dance of life with the Lord and one another!

It was most appropriate that our closing hymn for the 10 a.m. Reign of Christ Service was "Draw the Circle Wide." It expresses the conviction that we want to make our dancing circle larger. We want all people to join in! We want to spread the love, the light, and the life of Our Lord, as agents of hope. We want to do what we can to enable everyone to enter the circle and share the song and the dance of joy - the traumatized child in a caravan at the Mexico-US border; the exhausted grandmother looking after her grandchildren with AIDS in South Africa; the confused father who's been laid off after years of service in the oil and gas industry in the house or the pew next to us. All are precious to God, and therefore to us.

This Advent and Christmas, may we all open our hearts to allow Jesus to make his home within us, to be our hope, in a deeper way than we ever have before. And may we then open our arms wide to share the song and the dance his love gives in a circle wide enough to include every precious one in this broken, hurting world. Amen.

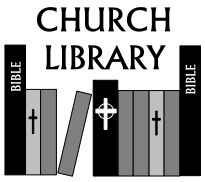
God bless you all, this Advent and Christmas and always.

Your Brother in Jesus,

# Helpful Information

**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday Services :** 8:30 & 10:00 am
**Wednesday:** 9:30 am
**Celtic Service:** December 16 &
January 20- 7:00 pm




The Library is open and there for your use. Please have a look at what is available. When you take a book out please fill out the card in the back of the book and leave it in the file. When you return the book leave it in the marked box.

**Church Office Hours:**

Office Hours: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm—
Monday to Friday
The office is closed on statutory holidays.

The office will be closed December 24 to January 2.

**Please note:** If there is only one person in the church the outside doors will be locked. Please ring the bell at the North door (by the apartments) to get access.

St. Paul's Guest internet is now available please contact the office for the password. Shaw Open is available for anyone with a Shaw account.

**Useful Web-sites and other Social Media Platforms:**

**St. Paul's:**
www.stpaulscalgary.ca
**Facebook Page:** https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary
**Twitter:**
@stpaulscalgary
@Pastor_Fergus
**Toddlers to Tweens Group Facebook:**
https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Toddlers-to-Tweens/1623953807841025?fref=ts
**Youth Group's Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth
**MCES:** hhtp://www.historicstpaulsanglicanchurch.ca
**Facebook** Historic St. Paul's Anglican Church Midnapore
**Pastor's Postings Blog:**
http://pastorfergus.wordpress.com
**Diocese of Calgary**:
http://www.calgary.anglican.ca
https://www.facebook.com/calgary.anglican
**Canadian National Church**: www.anglican.ca
**Worldwide Communion**: www.anglicancommunion.org
**PWRDF**—www.pwrdf.org

**Can Tabs**

**We will re-start our can tab collection.** Rick and Robbie Coller go to St Mark's in Mesa and they collect the tabs, so we can help. Thanks Kerry

***St. Paul's as a Scent-Free Parish***
A reminder that we try to be scent -free out of love and respect for those whose health is threatened by fragrances. May we ask your co-operation in avoiding wearing to church, perfumes and after-shave, perfumed hairsprays, etc. Many thanks.

**Information you may find helpful:**

**Large Print Order Of Service**: We have available large print copies of the service and hymn book. Please ask the sides people.

**Hearing Devices**: If you have problems hearing we have hearing devices which will assist you. Please ask the sides people for assistance.

**Welcome Booklets**: If you would like to know more about St. Paul's and our ministries please help your self to a booklet. You will find them by the name tags.

**Business Cards**: We have St. Paul's Business Cards with service times. These are for everyone to carry in their wallets and to give to people who ask about St. Paul's. This is a form of Outreach to the community.

# Roster for Sunday Services

| DATE | OFFICIATING | ASSISTING | PREACHING | CHILDREN'S TALK |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 9 | Fergus | Cyril & Charles | Charles | Allison Pierce |
| December 16 | Cyril | Bob & Fergus | Bob | Bob |
| December 23 | Fergus | Norman | Norman (8:30 AM) | ——— |
| December 24-5:30 pm | Fergus | Cyril | Fergus | Fergus |
| December 24-7:30 pm | Fergus | Cyril | Fergus | |
| December 24– 10:30 pm | Cyril | | Cyril | |
| December 25 | Norman | | Norman | |
| December 30 | Cyril | Charles | Cyril | 12 Days of Christmas |
| January 6 | Cyril | Fergus | Fergus | Joanne Wrigley |
| January 13 | Fergus | Bob & Cyril | Bob | Keith Daye |
| January 20 | Cyril | Charles & Fergus | Charles | Charles |
| January 27 | Fergus | Cyril, Norman, Charles | Norman | Norman |
| February 3 | Fergus | C yril | Cyril | Doreen Peters |

## SERVICES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 9:** Advent 2: Peace
**Sunday, December 16:** Advent 3: Joy (Gaudete Sunday)
**Sunday, December 23:** Advent 4: Love - Lessons and Carols at 10 am service; Traditional King's College Lessons & Carols at the Historic Chapel at 4:00 pm.
**Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve:** 5:00 pm Family Service Candle Light (electric candles); 7:30 and 10:30 pm Candle Light.
**Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day:** 10:00 am
**Sunday December 30:** 10 am service only—Twelve Days of Christmas
**Sunday, January 6:** Epiphany
**Sunday, January 13**: Baptism of the Lord
**Sunday, January 20**: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
**Sunday, January 27**: Conversion of St. Paul, Triple C at 10 am; Annual Meeting of Parishioners

## Upcoming Events

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| Grief Support Group | Monday, December 10 & 17—1 pm |
| Secret Friend's Christmas Party | Tuesday, December 11— 6:P00 pm |
| Christmas Dinner & Pageant | Saturday, December 15—5:30 pm |
| Celtic Service and Creation Art Group | Sunday, December 16 & January 20, 2019—7:00 pm |
| Men's Breakfast | Saturday, January 19 —8:30 am (No December Breakfast) |
| Ladies' Luncheon | Saturday, January 19—11:30 am new day |
| Annual Meeting of Parishioners | Sunday, January 27—11:30 am |

## Bible Studies :

**Monday Bible Study:** 1:00 pm.
**Wednesday :** 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
**Wednesday:** 10:15 am & 7:30 pm. Advent Study 'A Thrill of Hope" November 28 to December 19 All welcome!
**In January Wednesday Bible** Study at 10:15 am will return. Study of the readings for upcoming Sunday

The weekly Bible Studies are a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, and to learn more about the Bible. No experience is necessary we are all learning together. Participate as much as you want no pressure. Come and see what it is all about.

# Treasurer's Report

**Income:**

1) Total offerings have increased by $14,290 or 7.9% since October, 2017
-general offerings (envelopes) $122,070
-general offerings pre-authorized $60,800
-general offerings United Way $2,911
-special offerings $6,585
-open offerings $2,588
There are these 5 ways that parishioners can donate to total offerings.
There was a good response of $1,355 to the thanksgiving special offering envelopes this year. People continue to sign up to the Diocesan pre-authorized payment plan and company United Way specifically designated to St. Paul's (sometimes with matching funds from their employer).

2) Other income has increased by $2,122 or 28.4% since October, 2017 (main categories: Hall rentals $3,787, Talent Show fundraiser $973, Yard Sale fundraiser $1,222, Course and workshop fees $1,902). Child Safe Canada hall rental $1,344 has been paid in October, 2018. Course and workshop fees are for Adult Christian Education and Creation Art groups to cover or partially offset the costs of course materials. Adult Christian Education expense was $1,652 and Creation & Arts Adventures supplies was $2,498 (total $4,150 less $1,902 collected = net $2,248 for Christian Education expense).

3) For flower donations, we have received $895 donations ($20.81/week) against $1,337.62 cost (which averages $31.11/week).

4) We have received $170 from parishioners in 2018 to cover the cost of our church envelopes. For 2019 supply of church envelopes, our cost is $467.22. Please be reminded that there is an extra donation envelope to offset the costs of offering envelopes.

5) Utilities/insurance is up $1,619 or 13.1% from last year.

6) General maintenance is down $1,212 or 10.4% from last year. This is mostly due to reduced janitorial/cleaning expenses -$920 and alarm system maintenance -$890, while we experienced increased snow clearing expense +$425 and building maintenance/improvements +$172

7) Administration is down $966 or 3.5% from last year. Postage costs are down $210 and photocopying expense is down $1,057, computer/internet decreased $99, and bank charges decreased $325. Church secretary/treasurer payroll increased +$572, office supplies increased +$130. Bank charges in 2017 included $271.81 cheque order costs (500 cheques).

8) We received $275.08 in cash-back rewards by using our Business VISA during 2018.

9) 2018 apportionment is up $2,221 or 8% from 2017. In 2019, our annual apportionment will be $33,113 or $2,760/month. In 2018, we are paying $35,992 or $2,999.33/month. Next year we will have a reduction in 2019 apportionment by $2,879/year or $240/month (8% decrease).

10) Communications had a decrease of $331 or 35.3% (community newsletter savings, also combined telephone/internet bill from Shaw)

11) Christian Education had a decrease of $6,868 or 41.4% (Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator -$10,440 together with some increases in Sunday School expense +$552, Adult Education expense +$672, and arts supplies-Creation & Arts Adventure +$2,498).

**Balance Sheet:**

1) Inreach funds are $2,793.42. These are available to any parishioner in financial need (confidential request to Fergus)

2) Capital improvement funds of $2,831.48.

3) Expansion fund has a balance of $26,021.

4) Memorial fund has a balance of $10,061.80.

5) There is a balance of $300 for Cancer Bags.

6) Chattel-Audio Visual/Technology has a balance of $7,988.

7) NeST fund has a balance of $4,463.90. I have checked with the NeST administration team and we are reserving this until early 2019 as a contingency for some possible expenses related to our sponsor family. They are doing well managing their finances independently since our official financial commitment ended in July, 2018 (3-months). Afterwards, these

funds would need to be used for refugee ministry/program within our parishes or given to the Diocesan refugee program.

9) Our cumulated retained earnings position is now +$6,877.62.

Bank balances show as follows as at Nov. 24, 2018:
Chequing Account $13,223.60
Savings Account $70,901.40
GIC account maturing Nov. 9, 2019 $5,063

Total bank account balances: $89,188

Dan Brisbin—Treasurer

| October 2018 YTD Comparative Income Statement | | 2018 Actual | 2018 Budget | Percentage Over/Under Budget | | 2017 Actual | Year-to-year Increase/ Decrease | Year-to-year % Increase/ Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| | General | $185,781 | $201,759 | -7.9% | | $173,600 | $12,181 | 7.0% |
| | Open | $2,588 | $3,105 | -16.7% | | $2,059 | $529 | 25.7% |
| | Special | $6,585 | $10,619 | -38.0% | | $5,005 | $1,580 | 31.6% |
| Offering Total | | $194,954 | $215,483 | -9.5% | | $180,664 | $14,290 | 7.9% |
| | Other income | $9,582 | $9,000 | 6.5% | | $7,460 | $2,122 | 28.4% |
| | Fund transfers | $833 | $833 | 0.0% | | $11,087 | -$10,254 | -92.5% |
| | Fund transfer (Youth events) | $417 | $417 | 0.1% | | $417 | $0 | 0.0% |
| **Total income** | | **$205,786** | **$225,733** | **-8.8%** | | **$199,628** | **$6,158** | **3.1%** |
| Expense | | | | | | | | |
| | Utilities/insurance | $13,985 | $11,917 | 17.4% | | $12,366 | $1,619 | 13.1% |
| | General Maintenance | $10,446 | $13,092 | -20.2% | | $11,658 | -$1,212 | -10.4% |
| | Administration | $26,478 | $27,227 | -2.7% | | $27,444 | -$966 | -3.5% |
| | Ministerial | $95,155 | $95,363 | -0.2% | | $94,339 | $816 | 0.9% |
| | Apportionment | $29,993 | $29,993 | 0.0% | | $27,772 | $2,221 | 8.0% |
| | Communications | $607 | $1,061 | -42.8% | | $938 | -$331 | -35.3% |
| | Worship | $6,704 | $7,964 | -15.8% | | $7,071 | -$367 | -5.2% |
| | Christian Education | $9,715 | $17,168 | -43.4% | | $16,583 | -$6,868 | -41.4% |
| | Hospitality, Fellowship | $2,161 | $1,976 | 9.4% | | $2,081 | $80 | 3.8% |
| | Outreach | $19,441 | $19,441 | 0.0% | | $18,682 | $759 | 4.1% |
| | Pastoral Care | $0 | $250 | -100.0% | | $0 | $0 | |
| | Other | $476 | $1,185 | -59.8% | | $944 | -$468 | -49.6% |
| **Total Expense** | | **$215,161** | **$226,636** | **-5.1%** | | **$219,878** | **-$4,717** | **-2.1%** |
| **Net Operating Income** | | **-$9,375** | **-$903** | | | **-$20,250** | **$10,875** | |
| Other Income | Interest Revenue | $680 | | | | $917 | | |
| | Planned Giving/bequests | $0 | | | | $0 | | |
| Other Expenses | Transfer to Project Fund | $210 | | | | $788 | | |
| | Transfer to Directed Fund | $0 | | | | $0 | | |
| **Net Profit** | | **-$8,905** | | | | **-$20,121** | **$11,216** | |
| Pass-through/designated fund donations | PWRDF | $860 | | | | | | |
| | CAWST | $1,239 | | | | | | |
| | Capital Improvement | $1,400 | | | | | | |
| | Expansion fund | $260 | | | | | | |
| | Youth-general funds | $530 | | | | | | |
| | Chattel-Worship Items | $0 | | | | | | |
| | Chattel-AV/Technology | $750 | | | | | | |
| | Inreach-assistance for parishioners | $2,465 | | | | | | |
| | Cancer Bags - Donated Funds | $460 | | | | | | |
| | Sunday School | $50 | | | | | | |
| Total pass-through/designated fund donations | | $8,014 | | | | | | |

# Prayers

**ADVENT**

*For God, who said,*
*"*Let light shine
out of darkness,"
*has shone in our hearts*
*to give the light of the*
*knowledge of the glory*
*of God in the face*
*of Jesus Christ.*
*-2Corinthians 4:6*

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

Thou Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, be born again into our world. Wherever there is war in this world, wherever there is pain, wherever there is loneliness, wherever there is no hope, come, thou long-expected one, with healing in thy wings.

Holy Child, whom the shepherds and the kings and the dumb beasts adored, be born again. Wherever there is boredom, wherever there is fear of failure, wherever there is temptation to strong to resist, wherever there is bitterness of heart, come thou blessed one, with healing in thy wings.

Saviour, be born in each of us who raises his face to thy face, not knowing fully who he is or who thou art, knowing only that thy love is beyond his knowing and that no other has the power to make him whole. Come, Lord Jesus, to each who longs for thee even though he has forgotten thy name. Come quickly! AMEN

-Frederick Buechner

Some Scriptures and Prayers for use in Advent

-David Boyd

*"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth."*
*Psalm 86:11*

Lord Jesus, remind me how deep and wide is your love-that you would come to serve even me. Let your love now form and shape me into a fitting servant. AMEN

*"He will tend his flock like a shepherd:*
*he will gather the lambs in his arms."*
*-Isaiah 40:11*

Lord, when I went astray, you searched for me. You gathered me in your arms and spoke tender words of forgiveness and eternal life into my ear. I can hear them still. Thank you, Lord Jesus. AMEN

*"A longing fulfilled is a tree of life." Proverbs 13:12*

Jesus, I have longed for you. Now that you have come I can rest. Amen.

*"I the Lord speak the truth. I declare what is right."*
*Isaiah 45:19*

Lord, speak, for your servant is listening. AMEN

**The Annunciation**

"*Behold the servant of the Lord. Let it be unto me according to your word." Luke 1:38*

We praise you, our Father, for the marvelous news
announced to Mary;
for the grace of life that prepared her for her call;
for her obedience to your will and
her humility in accepting it
for her loving care and patience in fulfilling it.
Give us such grace and obedience that we may be accounted worthy to bear the good news to our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

-Basil Naylor

**World Aids Day-December 1st**

Lord Jesus, you reached out to touch the leper and the outcast; reach out in love to those with HIV and AIDS, and those who love them.

Give courage to their doctors, nurses, family and friends, so that their touch may be a channel for your healing and strengthening grace.

Lord Jesus, you were brought to the cross by hostility and prejudice: open our eyes to the challenge of HIV and AIDS.

Make us ready to learn before we speak; may our words dispel hatred and build up compassion; and may we serve your spirit of truth and your kingdom of goodness.
AMEN

-Newcastle Churches' Aids Awareness

**St. Nicholas. December 6**

Eternal God, in your great love you gave to your servant Nicholas a perpetual name for deeds of kindness on land and sea. Grant that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor and the help of those who are tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

-Collect from "For All The Saints"

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

"*Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace, good will towards all people."*

*Luke 2:14*

*" For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

*Isaiah 9:6*

Blessed be God who in his love
stooped to redeem mankind.
Blessed be the king who made himself
poor to enrich the needy.
Blessed be the Holy Child who was born of the Virgin Mary.
Blessed be the eternal Word who was made flesh for us.
Blessed be Jesus, our Saviour and Lord,
now and for evermore. AMEN

**Christmas Eve Midnight**

O God, who made this most hallowed night resplendent with the glory of the true Light; grant that we who have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, may enter into the fullness of his joy in heaven. AMEN

-Ancient Western Rite, Christmas Midnight

**Christmas Morning**

Jesus, Son of God,
now that we have heard the angels sing,
may we not lose our sense of the joy of heaven;
now that we have been with the shepherds to Bethlehem,
make us witnesses of the wonder of the love we have seen.
Fill us with the quiet joy of Mary, so that we, too, may keep all these things and ponder them in our hearts. AMEN

-Angela Ashwin

**St. Stephen the Martyr December 26**

Fill us, O God, with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and Charity, so that like St. Stephen, the first martyr, we may contend earnestly and fearlessly for the faith of the gospel and pray with hearts of love for those that ill-use us.

AMEN (adapted)

**St, John the Evangelist December 27**

Almighty God, you have revealed to us the mystery of the Word made flesh through the Apostle John. Keep us steadfast in the faith that the Son of God has come; that believing in him we may have life through his name. AMEN (adapted)

**Holy Innocents December 28**

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate all evil designs, and establish your rule of justice, love and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN (adapted)

**A CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

May the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the joy of the angels,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be God's gift to us and to people everywhere
this Christmas time.
And may the blessing of the Christ-child
be upon us always. AMEN

-The Promise of His Glory

**NEW YEAR**

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Says the Lord. Isaiah 43:19*

*Let this New Year be the beginning of a new life*
*In each of us wherein "old things are passed away".*
*Let all blessed old things stay,*
*but let the clutter of our heads and hearts be removed,*
*that new inspirations and new affections may come in and enter our lives. AMEN -Chester Burge Emerson*

*For all the possibilities ahead in this new year,*
*Make us thankful, O Lord.*
*Give us wisdom, courage and discernment*
*In the face of so much chaos, despair and fear.*
*Help us to see how, in our circumstances,*
*We can contribute towards peace, faith and love.*
*And give us the will to translate our desires into actions.*
*AMEN -Brother John Charles, SSF*

**The Naming of Jesus**

We praise you, heavenly Father, that you gave your incarnate Son the name of Jesus, for it is the name of our salvation. May it be to us, and to all your people, the name that is above every name, the name to be honoured, trusted and adored, now and forever more. AMEN

-Frank Colqouhoun

**EPIPHANY**

Jesus,
We offer you the gold of our desire to love,
even though our hearts are often cold.
We offer you the incense of our longing to pray,
although our spirits can be lukewarm.
We offer you the myrrh of our frustrations and troubles,
even when self-pity and bitterness creep in.
Receive and make good our gifts
out of your great love for us,
and grant that we, like the wise men,
may find some kneeling space at Bethlehem. AMEN

-Angela Ashwin

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Almighty God, who proclaimed Jesus to be your beloved Son when the Holy Spirit came down on him at his baptism in the Jordan , grant that we who have been baptized in his name may rejoice in being your children and servants of all., through Christ our Lord. AMEN

-A Christian's Prayer Book

Heavenly Father, who sent the Holy Spirit on your Son at his baptism to anoint him for the service of your human family,
Send your spirit now to us who have been made your children by adoption and grace, that we may follow in his steps and work for the coming of his kingdom,
to the glory of his name. AMEN -Adapted

**A Prayer for Christian Unity**

We pray, O Lord, for the Church which is one in the greatness of your love, but divided by the littleness of our own. May we be less occupied with the things that divide us, and more with those we hold in common, and the love that enfolds us all. AMEN

-USPG "Network" Winter/78

**The Confession of St. Peter January 18**

God of grace, your church is built on Peter's faith; Grant that we, like him, forgiven and restored, may overcome our weaknesses and serve you without wavering, now and forever. AMEN -A New Zealand Prayer Book

**The Conversion of St. Paul January 25**

Convert us, Jesus the persecuted, as you converted Paul and sent him as apostle to the world. May our love, our prayers, our suffering carry your gospel at whatever cost to all who wait to hear it. AMEN

-A New Zealand Prayer Book

**Prayers For Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

Prosper with your blessing, O Lord, the work to which you have called us in this parish of St. Paul and strengthen the hands of all who serve you.

Make our worship more worthy, our witness more effective, our lives more holy; and inspire us all with fresh zeal in the furtherance of your kingdom; for the honour of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

-Frank Colquhoun

Almighty God, we come together in the service of your Church to remember with thanksgiving all that you have been able to do through us in this parish during the past year, and to seek your guidance in all decisions that will be made on this day.

We pray that this may be something much more than just a business meeting, but rather an occasion when we receive fresh encouragement in our work, catch a wider vision of your purpose and rededicate ourselves to your service.

We ask this in the name of him who came to this world not to be served but to serve, and gave his life as a ransom for many, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

-Michael Botting

**St. Paul's Parish Prayer**

Our God of infinite grace, we give you thanks and praise for calling our congregation into being, and then continuing in loving relationship with us, in great faithfulness over the years, to bless, transform, and guide.

At St. Paul's, you have given us a mission that will never change with time, to live out your love as revealed in Jesus Christ. It is your will that, with your help, we shall discover your Presence in Word and Sacrament; deepen our sense of Christian community; share your Word; nurture your people; encourage congregational and personal growth on our shared journey; act on your call for peace and justice; and build the foundation for tomorrow's Church.

Help us to respond to your love by dedicating ourselves with joy as a Parish family to this mission. Pour out your Spirit upon us, and work mightily in our midst to bring about its accomplishment. Fulfill your vision of opening hearts and minds to your grace, in us, and through us, now and for evermore. This we ask for the glory and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

**A BLESSING**

God be with you in your going out
and your coming in.
God be with you in your work and leisure.
God be with you in life's hills and in its valleys.
God be with you in company and in solitude.
God be with you in all your pilgrimage and at its end.
And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit abide with you always. AMEN

-Stanley Pritchard

## Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference!

**Sunday Youth Bible Study** every Sunday morning during the 10:00 am service.

**Friday, December 14:** Meet at the church at 7 pm. We will be doing caroling in the neighbourhood and making Christmas cookies. Dress for the weather. Jesus is the reason for the season!

**Check out** our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening: www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth.

***Need to contact the leader? Joanne can be reached or Keith Daye can be reached through the Parish Office.***

**Sunday School:** Thank you, Gloria Ford, for volunteering to be our new Sunday School coordinator. You're an answer to prayer! We pray that God's blessings will be poured out upon and through you as you serve in this ministry.

# Outreach Ministry

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:** Putting some coins (or bills) into the CAWST water filter in the narthex will support the delivery of clean drinking water in poor communities. Through our donations, the health of many people in the third world can be greatly improved. Please make a contribution today, and continue week by week.

**Food for Others Sunday**

The first Sunday of each month is Food for Others Sunday. On the first Sunday of the month we encourage everyone to bring a donation for the Food Bank. The box will be at the steps to the altar and the food will be blessed during the service. This is a great way for children to learn about giving to others and hopefully beginning a life long commitment to helping others.

**THE NEED IS GREAT:** People in our city are walking around with no shoes or warm clothing during this winter season. Anyone with any used/new backpacks, travel bags, or used clothing, shoes, boots, any winter wear, new socks and underwear, and would like to give it to people in need, Gina Hoey would be happy to collect it and bring it to Alpha House. They are happy to receive anything we can give them in the way of clothing especially winter clothing. The need is great all year round but especially during the winter.

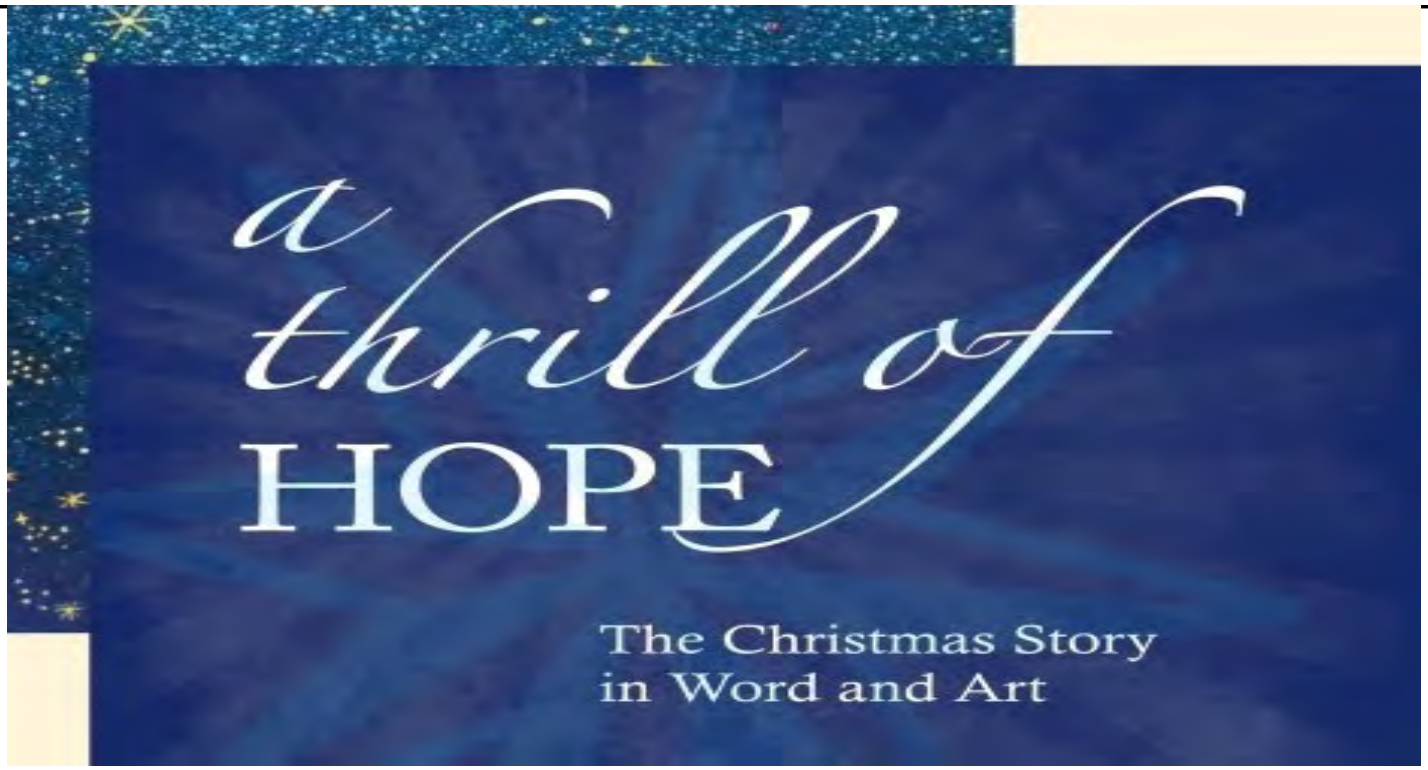
PWRDF
The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
*The Anglican Church of Canada*

In a recent sermon, former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams said, " If Christian aid is simply about throwing money at problems from a great distance or a great height, it's wasting its time. Our task is something different. Which is why that word 'partnership' keeps coming back .

Partnership is about witness and accompaniment. Not about solving other people's problems for them - let alone making ourselves feel a bit better about living in a terrible world....

The one thing that comes through clearly in the Gospel stories is surely that Jesus has an almost unbelievable appetite for the varieties of human company, especially the kinds of human company that lots of other people don't particularly want to be with. But that means that Christ walks with us when we try to walk with the lonely and the forgotten."

Partnership has always been the way that PWRDF seeks to operate, working alongside, and helping to empower struggling people. We can help that work go forward. Won't you consider putting PWRDF on your Christmas list this year?




## Advent Study:

**Who: EVERYONE!**
**Date: Wednesdays beginning on November 28 to December 19**
**Time: 10:15 am or 7:30 pm**
**Place: St Paul's**

**Features world-class scholars plus artist John August Swanson**

**A Thrill of Hope is a DVD study which presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas G. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom, and more. The study is divided into four 7-minute chapters, each one featuring a passage of Scripture, commentary by the scholars, and a Swanson work of art based on that passage. Included are:**
**A Visit (Luke 1:26-38)**
**The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7)**
**The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)**
**Epiphany (Matthew 2:1-12)**

**Along with the DVD, guide book with suggested questions and beautiful full-color artwork. A discussion guide is available for each participant for the suggested cost of $5.00. Also: watch four film versions of the Nativity.**

## What is the Secret Friend Ministry?

St. Paul's Secret Friend Ministry is open to all women of our parish. It is designed to bring the women of our parish closer together through the blessings of a "Secret Friend."

Throughout the year, a Secret Friend will get to know their new Secret Friend. They will lift them up in prayer and bless them with regular correspondence and perhaps a small gift for special occasions, all secretly, of course.

The reveal and choosing of a new Secret Friend will take place at our annual Secret Friend Christmas Party on Tuesday December 11th. All the women of our parish are invited and you do not have to be a Secret Friend to attend. If you would like to join us just for the evening celebration or to become a Secret Friend, please sign up in the church hall and bring a small gift for the exchange.

It is also our tradition to have a few items to raffle at the Christmas dinner. All the monies collected from the raffles will be given to St. Paul's sponsored child, Desta Keweti. If you have an item you would like to donate to the raffle please let Julie know.

We look forward to another wonderful year of Secret Blessings!

For more information please contact Julie Wilson through the Parish Office.

# *Secret Friends Christmas Party*

All ladies of the Church Welcome.
Please join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

**Tuesday December 11th, 2018**
**St. Paul's Anglican Church**
**6:00 PM**

**Potluck**
Refreshments Provided

Please sign-up in the Church Hall to bring a dessert or savoury dish to share. Yum!

# St Paul's Anglican Church Christmas Dinner and Pageant

**Date:** Saturday, December 15, 2018
**Place:** 7 Sunmills Green SE
**Doors open:** 5:00 pm
**Dinner Time:** 5:30 pm
**Cost:** $10.00/adult & $5.00/child
$30 max. per family
**Pageant:** 7:00 pm
No cost for the Pageant
**Dinner will be a turkey dinner**

**Tickets Available at the Church Office or After the Services.**

# Pastoral Care

**If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag** please contact Robbie Coller through the Parish Office..

**If you'd like to be part of our** Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden. Training will be provided. Next Pastoral Care meeting is on Monday, November 26. at 1:30 pm.

**Grief Support Group:**

***We are still interested in having a Grief Support Group. If you are interested please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office. Our Grief Support Group is a chance to be with others who have suffered a loss. It is a chance to speak from the heart or just listen. Group will begin on Monday, November 5 at 1 pm.***

Health Care Apostolate Dioseces of Calgary
**Palliative Care Education Program**
26th & 27th April 2019 - Part 1
Friday 18.15h-21.00; Saturday 09.00 - 16.00h
and
3rd & 4th May,2019 - Part 2
Friday 18.30 - 21.00h; Saturday09.00-15.30h
Hosted by Holy Spirit Parish
10827 - 24St SW, Calgary
Registration Fee: $50.00 includes a manual
Registration or further information call 403-218-5501 or 403-218-5508
Email: healthcareprograms@clagarydiocses.ca

# Celtic Service and Creative Group

**We want to invite you to join our monthly Celtic services at 7pm at St. Paul's Church for a half hour , followed by a snack.** This year the services will each focus on the wisdom of the female Celtic saints. The Art Group is now full with 18 attending.

**Tentative Dates for the Celtic Services and Creative Group:**

Once we meet as a group we can change dates a s required if there is a consensus. A revised list will be published for the parish). If you have to miss a session, we can provide you with the service bulletin and materials for the creative project you missed.

December 16, 2018 January 20, 2019 February 24, 2019 March 24, 2019
April 28, 2018 May 12, 2019

## SUPPLY DONATIONS REQUIRED BY CELTIC SERVICE AND CREATIVE GROUP

- Clean, small, white Styrofoam meat trays
- Yogurt containers (any size)
- Black neoprene foam pads (any size) or other types of thick, smooth foam pads
- Plastic sheeting to cover tables
- Embossing / shaping tools for copper embossing (could be returned after use if you want)
- Black paper (smooth and thick that would work for watercolour paint)
- Clean, large ('moppy' ) cosmetic brushes
- Acrylic Gesso (ex. Liquitex or Golden)
- Acrylic Gloss Medium (same brands)
- Dip pens with fine or extra fine nibs (could be returned after use if you want)

## Fellowship and Food Groups

This ministry has an emphasis on food and fellowship. The intention is to mix our members up so that new relationships have the potential to develop and grow.

**What exactly is this ministry?**
It is a fun way to connect with new people and get to know your church family better. The Groups are 6 – 8 adults, depending on how many people register, who meet monthly to share food and fellowship on a more personal level. If you would like to meet people in our church in a casual and relaxed atmosphere, then this group is for you!

**Who can attend?**
Fellowship and Food Groups is open to all adults and will provide an opportunity to share food while meeting new people and get to know your congregation better…often people whom you may not have got to know otherwise.
**Guests may be single adults, married, divorced, widowed and yes, our ministry staff and spouses!**
These events often allow for a deeper connection with others when you see them at church.

**How does it work?**
Fill in the registration form. The forms are beneath the Food and Fellowship poster in the hall area. Everyone is welcome!
Groups will be randomly assembled by the group coordinator, and once the groups are formed, a lead host will be selected for each group.
The host will contact the members of their group to arrange the details of the first gathering.
Each group plans its own meals and meets together once every 3 months (quarterly).
Since the intent of the get together is to meet new people, we won't be accommodating requests to be in a certain group. The intention is to mix everyone together – singles and couples so we all get to know one another better.
The group can meet at one another's homes, at a restaurant, at a park - it is up to each group. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so you don't have to be a gourmet cook to participate.

**Being a lead host sounds like a lot of work…what do I have to do?**
Being a lead host is quite easy. You are responsible for coordinating the location, date and food for the first meal. Typically, the lead host holds the first gathering at their home or organizes it at a restaurant or other venue. At the event the leader facilitates discussion of where and when the group will meet next…**so everyone come with their calendars and be prepared to book the next month's event.**

If the lead host wants the first dinner to be a pot luck, they set that up accordingly when they make

the call to the other group members by asking them to bring a salad, a side, a dessert etc. This is a good way to simplify meal planning and distribute the costs amongst everyone in the group.
If the host wants to prepare the dinner themselves, they can indicate that as well.
**REMEMBER** - Before the evening ends, the group will plan their next dinner.

**So who cooks the meals?**
Everyone! We want everyone to feel that they can participate.
For individuals who don't feel their cooking skills are up to the challenge, feel free to have a pre-prepared dish like a bought frozen lasagne (cooked of course!) or fried chicken.
It isn't about the cooking, it is about spending time together and having fun!

**Potential suggestions for the gatherings:**
Interactive meals – like a pizza making party or fondue; a dessert party;
An appetizer evening; Wine and cheese; a brunch; a lunch; a dinner at a restaurant; a BBQ; a soup and sandwiches night; a wiener roast in a park; breakfast for dinner; themed events – like a Mardi Gras dinner, or St Paddys day, Chinese new year, a luau, Italian night, etc.
Groups can get creative with the time of day that meals are shared, allowing for breakfast, lunch or dinner on any day of the week that works for the group.

**If we have kids, what happens to them?**
At this time, this particular group is an adults only group. It is an opportunity to have fun and fellowship with the other adult members of the congregation free from the challenges and distractions of entertaining younger congregation members – a potential date night for our hard working young parents!

**So what happens at a group event?**
The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so you don't have to be a great cook to participate. In addition to sharing food, participants can plan on spending time just having fun: like sharing pizza and bowling, enjoying a meal at someone's home and playing board games or cards, or just spending time together socializing with some after-dinner coffee. At the end of the day, the specifics surrounding the event are up to each individual group!

**What Happens after our final gathering?**
Hopefully, you will have had a wonderful experience and decide to continue to meet at another group and will sign up to be with another group the following quarter. The first group is January – April; the second Group goes from May – August and the last Group is from September – December. You can sign up for one, two or all three Groups. There will be different groupings for the events in each session. Registration forms are beneath the Food and Fellowship poster in the hall. Please give completed forms to Robbie Coller or the office.

**Who can I contact with questions?**
Contact Robbie Coller. through the Parish Office

## Come and join the fun and fellowship!

# St Paul's Birthday Celebration

Great evening of singing, games and great food!
Doing the Hokey Pokey is always a highlight with lots of laughter!

Thank you to the Pierce Family for fixing our old bench and making it lovely and new!!!

# PILGRIM
## A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY: THE BIBLE

**Dates**: Wednesdays January 16 to February 20

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**The Bible:** This seventh volume, the third title in the Grow stage, explores the Bible: what it is, how it was given to us and how we should read it. Its six sessions combine simple prayer, Bible reflection in the lectio divina style, an article by a modern writer, and time for questions and reflection.

## The Sessions

**Session One**: What is the Bible? - *With a Reflection by Paula Gooder*
Looks at a 'way in' to reading the Bible, thinking particularly about how to recognize what kind of writing the Bible is.

**Session Two:** The Bible as Breath—*With a Reflection by David Moxon*
Reflects on what it means to say that the Bible is the breath of God.

**Session Three:** The Bible as a stream of living water—*With a Reflection by Rosemary Lain -Priestley*
Explores how the Bible nourishes us.

**Session Four:** The Bible as a lamp—*With a Reflection by Vivienne Faull*
Looks at the Bible as something that enlightens and informs us as Christians.

**Session Five:** The Bible as a two-edged sword—*With a Reflection by Paula Gooder*
Explores what it means to say that the Bible is living and active.

**Session Six:** Daily bread—*With a Reflection by Steven Croft*
Discusses more about making Bible-reading a part of our regular life and prayer.

## Notice of Annual Meeting of Parishioners

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish will be held on Sunday, the 27th day of January A.D. 2019, at 11:30 in the afternoon in the Parish Hall. DATED at St. Paul's this 2nd day of December A.D. 2018.

**Ministry Reports for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP):** All ministry leaders are asked to submit a year end report for the AMP on January 27. **Please have reports in by January 6.** Following is a list of ministries who need to provide reports. Altar Guild, Card Ministry, Casserole Ministry, Prayer Chain, Prayer Group and Prayer Team, Readers, Moveable Feast, Secret Friends, Counters, Servers, Father Lacombe Nursing Home, Sidespeople, Stewardship, Greeters, Sound people, Ladies Luncheon, Sunday School, Men's Breakfast, Nursery, Worship Folders and Bulletins, Youth Group, Music Ministry: Music Group, Newcomers, Community Connection. **Committee Reports**: Christian Education, Pastoral Care, Envelope Secretary, Maintenance, Worship Committee, Outreach Committee, Hospitality, Communication. The reports will be available a week before the AMP on Sunday, January 20.

**ST. PAUL'S PARISH PRAYER**

***"Opening hearts and Minds to God's Grace"***

Our God of infinite grace, as we begin this new year together as a parish family, we give you thanks and praise for calling our congregation into being over a century and a quarter ago, and continuing in loving relationship
with us, in great faithfulness over the years, to bless, transform and guide.

At St. Paul's you have given us a mission that will never change with time, to live out Your love as revealed in Jesus Christ. It is Your will that, with Your help, we will discover Your Presence in Word and Sacrament; deepen our sense of Christian community; share Your Word; nurture Your people; encourage congregational and personal growth on our shared journey; act on Your call for peace and justice and build the foundation for tomorrow's Church.

Help us to respond to Your love by dedicating ourselves with joy as a Parish family to the mission. Pour out Your Spirit upon us and work mightily in our midst to bring about its accomplishment. Fulfill Your vision of opening our hearts and minds to your grace, in us and through us, now and for evermore.

This we ask for the glory and in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.
--Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

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## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Diocesan webpage** (www.calgary.anglican.ca) now has tweets.
Find us on Facebook! **http://www.facebook.com/calgary.anglican**

**NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE**

We have just launched a new website for the Diocese of Calgary. Thanks to a new partnership with **Ascend Collective**, this new site will provide the functionality and ease of use that will make it a readily-accessed resource for both visitors to the site and for parish leadership looking for resources. The URL remains the same, so please go to **www.calgary.anglican.ca** and have a look around.

**Licensed Lay Ministry School in the Works**

The Diocese of Calgary is working to establish a new model for Licensed Lay Ministry, and those efforts are beginning to bear fruit. The Bishop's Committee on Ministry developed a skeleton of what Licensed Lay Ministry could look like in this Diocese in the 21st century, and then established the Calgary School for Mission and Ministry to put flesh on those bones and breathe life into that vision.

The school's board has made significant progress in those efforts, and we want to let the people of our Diocese in on this exciting story. We are aware that there is significant interest in this topic among both clergy and laity, so we've produced a newsletter to fill in the blanks and answer the questions about where we are going, how we hope to get there and when. **Please find our newsletter on the Diocesan website under the News heading.**

**Holy Cross, Calgary: Holy Cross, Calgary**

**An Evening of Lectio Divina" returns**: All are invited to The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross for an evening of silence, prayer and biblical meditation. Lectio Divina (literally, Divine Reading) is a practice deeply rooted in Christian history. In Lectio Divina, we sit with a biblical text for the purpose of discerning the voice of Jesus as He speaks into our lives. This spiritual practice is perfect for anyone who has ever struggled with questions such as: Is God speaking to me? How do I know what God's voice is like? or How can I discern where God is leading me? An Evening of Lectio Divina will be held on the second Tuesday of every month, **starting at 6:30 pm, next on December 11, 2018**. All are welcome.

**Are you moving? Downsizing? Fall cleaning? Please check our parish wish list below to see if there are any items you could repurpose and help us out…thanks!**

**WISH LIST**

- Card tables – some of ours are starting to get unstable
- Power washer so north door area can be cleaned more often
- Cover for BBQ so person barbequing at our parish events stays dry if it is raining
- 2 couches for back room to replace the very low recliner one currently in there – it is hard to get into and out of for the elderly and has very deep seats with little back support

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

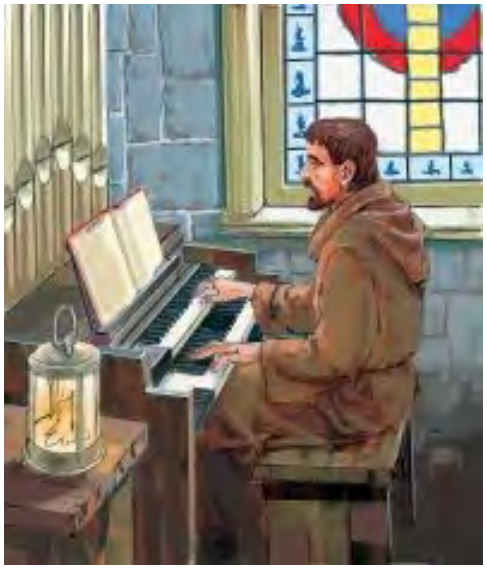
**T.O.P.S** meetings at St Paul's on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.

**Young at Heart:** a 55+ group meets at St. Paul's on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3:00 pm. Join in for socializing, cards, board games, various outings, and more fun activities.

**Answers for New Year's Quiz**

1. a. 2. a. 3. b. 4. b. 5. c. 6. b. 7. b. 8. c. 9. a. 10. b. 11. b. 12. d. 13. b. 14. b. The Beatles 15. a. 16. a. his wife 17. b. 18. b. 19. b. 20. c.

# The Story of Silent Night



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Father Joseph Mohr sat at the old organ. His fingers stretched over the keys, forming the notes of a chord. He took a deep breath and pressed down. Nothing. He lifted his fingers and tried again. Silence echoed through the church.

Father Joseph shook his head. It was no use. The pipes were rusted, the bellows mildewed. The organ had been wheezing and growing quieter for months, and Father Joseph had been hoping it would hold together until the organ builder arrived to repair it in the spring. But now, on December 23, 1818, the organ had finally given out. St. Nicholas Church would have no music for Christmas.

Father Joseph sighed. Maybe a brisk walk would make him feel better. He pulled on his overcoat and stepped out into the night. His white breath puffed out before him. Moonlight sparkled off the snow-crusted trees and houses in the village of Oberndorf. Father Joseph crunched through the snowy streets to the edge of the little Austrian town and climbed the path leading up the mountain.

From high above Oberndorf, Father Joseph watched the Salzach River ripple past St. Nicholas Church. In the spring, when melting snow flowed down the mountains and the river swelled in its banks, water lapped at the foundation of the church. It was moisture from the flooding river that had caused the organ to mildew and rust.

Father Joseph looked out over the Austrian Alps. Stars shone above in the still and silent night.

Silent night? Father Joseph stopped. Of course! "Silent Night!" He had written a poem a few years before, when he had first become a priest, and he had given it that very title. "Silent Night."

Father Joseph scrambled down the mountain. Suddenly he knew how to bring music to the church.

The next morning, Father Joseph set out on another walk. This time he carried his poem. And this time he knew exactly where he was going -- to see his friend Franz Gruber, the organist for St. Nicholas, who lived in the next village.

Franz Gruber was surprised to see the priest so far from home on Christmas Eve, and even more surprised when Father Joseph handed him the poem.

That night Father Joseph and Franz Gruber stood at the altar of St. Nicholas Church. Father Joseph held his guitar. He could see members of the congregation giving each other puzzled looks. They had never heard a guitar played in church before, and certainly not during midnight mass on Christmas Eve, the holiest night of the year.

Father Joseph picked out a few notes on the guitar, and he and Franz Gruber began to sing. Their two voices rang out, joined by the church choir on the chorus. Franz Gruber's melody matched the simplicity and honesty of Father Joseph's words.

When the last notes faded into the night, the congregation remained still for a moment, then began to clap their hands. Applause filled the church. The villagers of Oberndorf loved the song! Father Joseph's plan to bring music to St. Nicholas Church had worked.

A few months later, the organ builder arrived in Oberndorf and found the words and music to "Silent Night" lying on the organ. The song enchanted him, and when he left, he took a copy of it with him.

The organ builder gave the song to two families of traveling singers who lived near his home. The traveling singers performed "Silent Night" in concerts all over Europe, and soon the song spread throughout the world.

Today, cathedral choirs and carolers from New York to New Zealand sing the simple song that was first played in a mountain church in Austria on Christmas Eve nearly 200 years ago. -- By Dick Smolinski

https://people.howstuffworks.com/culture-traditions/holidays-christmas/inspirational-christmas-stories8.htm

# The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

**Quick Facts**

**Date:** January 6. (In most countries and dioceses, the celebration is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8, inclusive.)
**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
**Other Names for the Feast:** Theophany, Three Kings Day

**History of the Feast of the Epiphany**

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

**Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast**

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Menor Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

**The End of Christmastide**

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

**Epiphany Customs**

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. While in England and her historical colonies, the custom has long been to give gifts on Christmas Day itself, in Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child.

In Northern Europe, the two traditions have often been combined, with gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between). (In the past, though, the main gift-giving day in both Northern and Eastern Europe was usually the feast of Saint Nicholas.) And in the United States in recent years, some Catholics have tried to revive the fullness of Christmastide. Our family, for instance, opens gifts "from Santa" on Christmas Day, and then, on each of the 12 days of Christmas, the children receive one small gift, before we open all of our gifts to one another on Epiphany (after attending Mass for the feast).

https://www.thoughtco.com/epiphany-of-our-lord-jesus-christ-542471

## The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "…entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

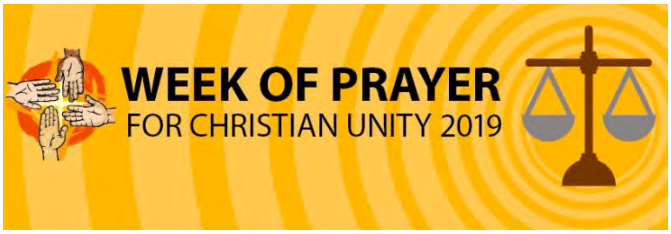
From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/conversion-of-saint-paul/

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity




**What is it?**
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

**When does it take place?**
In the northern hemisphere, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally held every year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

**2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Theme**
The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from Indonesia: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).
The 2019 theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Drawing on the traditional values of *Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity)* and *gotong royong(living in solidarity and by collaboration)*, Indonesian Christians invite us to be a united witness, and an agent of Christ's healing grace in a broken world, by making specific commitments to justice, equality, and unity.

https://www.anglican.ca/faith/eir/wpcu/

# A Cree perspective on walking and pilgrimages

Pilgrimage has a particularly special spiritual significance amongst many Indigenous communities in Canada.

Bishop Larry Beardy, a member of the Tataskweyak Cree Nation in Split Lake, Manitoba, highlights the importance of a pilgrimage in the Cree tradition.

"We come from a history [where] we had the canoe or the water transportation, but most of the time we had to walk to go from point A to point B," Bishop Beardy says. "So we understand what walking in a natural sense, anyway. But the concept of being on a pilgrimage is very instrumental in the Cree way.

"My ancestors talk about [how] we have a spiritual journey on the earth that we live on, and they always made reference to that. We finish that journey on the land when somebody dies, and we leave it and continue our spiritual journey in another realm."

Route taken by Bishop Larry Beardy's grandfather Joseph Kitchkeesik, who walked more than 300 km from Split Lake to York Factory in Manitoba to receive the Holy Eucharist. Map: Google Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO IBCAO Landsat / Copernicus U.S. Geological Survey

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Cree learned of Christianity through missionaries, including those from the Church of England. Bishop Beardy's people were influenced by missioners at York Factory, a settlement and trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Two years before the signing of Treaty 5 in 1908, a mission was established in Split Lake. Beardy's grandfather, Joseph Kitchkeesik, was a lay reader at the mission. The mission, which did not have ordained clergy, could not offer the Holy Eucharist. One year, around Christmas, Kitchkeesik walked more than 300 km—along the shore of the Nelson River from Split Lake to York Factory—just to receive the sacrament.

"That's how much he wanted to have the Holy Eucharist. […] He walked to get a sacrament, because it was not available in my community in those days," Bishop Beardy said. "We rarely had a visit from a minister, or even a bishop. People lived their life without the sacrament."

Such conditions, the bishop added, still exist today in many Indigenous communities. In his own northern Manitoba area mission, a lot of communities have no clergy at all, and many youth are unbaptized.

Ensuring that his people have to access sacraments such as baptism and the Holy Eucharist is a major priority for Bishop Beardy.

"It seems like we have to walk the journey to obtain what we dream about," he said. "Some people think that baptism and getting the Eucharist is a simple thing to have, in our day and age in the Anglican Church. But to tell the rest of the Anglican Communion that is not so—a lot of our communities feel like we've been abandoned, left out. Missionaries came and left. But now we yearn to have those sacraments in our communities."

**Walking the dream**

In 2012, Beardy organized a 60-km walk to Pinawa, Manitoba, to attend the 2012 Sacred Circle gathering. The walk was called Walking the Dream, and it was organized to raise awareness of the crises in Indigenous communities, as well as their journey towards self-determination. Hundreds of Indigenous Anglicans participated in the walk.

At that time, Beardy compared what Indigenous people were going through, to the story of Moses guiding his people through the wilderness. Today, he says, that story is just as relevant.

"That theme about the Exodus with Moses leading his people, it's a theme that is always looked at, because of the journey that the people have made from slavery, from assimilation and colonization in Egypt," Beardy said. "They were set free from there through the wonderful works of God and the protection that God provided. It's always used as a story to inspire our Indigenous people in Canada, and it brings us hope."

The metaphor of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people walking on a journey together has become foundational in dis-

cussions of reconciliation.

In moving towards reconciliation and self-determination, Beardy suggests that Indigenous Anglicans are taking a leadership role much as Moses did during the Exodus.

“We have made some progress in that journey, and monitor that the vision of the elders is being realized,” Bishop Beardy said. “Now we have work to do in this journey that we’re on. Through God’s guidance and protection, we will continue on this journey with our Creator … with our Christian brothers within the Anglican Church of Canada, and also our ecumenical brothers and sisters in other faiths.”

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## The Baptism of the Lord

**by Scott P. Richert**

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

**Christ's Baptism Foreshadows Our Own**

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

https://www.thoughtco.com/the-baptism-of-the-lord-542465

**Answers to Christmas Quiz on page 30 :**

**1** Caesar Augustus. (Luke 2:1).
**2** False. **3** The Bible does not say how they went from Galilee to Bethlehem. It was an 80 mile trip for them. It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details. **4** The book of Isaiah has much to say about the birth of the Savior. **5** At least 3 angelic announcements for the birth of Christ and 1 for the birth of John. Matthew 1:20-24; Luke 1:11-20; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:9-15.
**6** An angel in Matthew 1:21. **7** Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21, 23.
**8** Jesus means Savior and Emmanuel means God with us. Matthew 1:21, 23.
**9** The shepherds followed the instructions of the angels in Luke 2:9-15. The wise men followed the star to find the place where Jesus was. Matthew 2:1, 2.
**10** the angels praised God with these words: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:14. **11** A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:12.
**12** The Bible does not say how many wise men there were. Tradition says there were three because of the three gifts. **13** So that he could worship the child. Matthew 2:11-18.
**14** It is certain that Jesus was somewhere between a month old and a couple of years old. The wise men saw His star at his birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia and Mesopotamia (around modern day Iraq) then it would have taken at least a month. By the time they arrived Jesus and His family had moved into a house. Matthew 2:9-18. **15** Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11. **16** This was Herod. He ordered all the children in Bethlehem and the outlying areas who were 2 years old and younger to be killed. However, Jesus and His family had already moved to Egypt (Matthew 2:13). **17** In the New Testament accounts of Christ’s birth there is no mention of any animals. However, Isaiah 1:3 could be a prophecy talking about at least a donkey seeing the crib of his Master (God). It could allude to the fact that an ox was there too. If a bunch of shepherds were there, one would assume sheep would have been present. But there is no definite list of animals mentioned in the Bible. **18** The Bible does not say. Nor does it even say that they were inhospitably turned away from an inn. It just says there was not room in the inn at Bethlehem. There may have been many hundreds of people camping in the streets and countryside during the mandatory census. Luke 2:7.**19** Simeon. Luke 2:25, 26. **20** Neither Mark or John tell the story of the birth of Christ.

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## Christmas Quiz

**1** Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
**2** True or False: Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they were following a star.
**3** What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem? The answer is not a taxi cab.
4 Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
**5** In the accounts announcing the birth of Christ (Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and 2) how many times did an angel or angels appear?
**6** Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
**7** Can you list 5 names of Jesus found in the Bible? Some on my list are from Old Testament prophecies.
**8** What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel? and Wise Men
**9** The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?
**10** What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
**11** When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?
**12** How many wise men or kings or magi came to see Jesus?
**13** Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?
**14** How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
**15** What are the three gifts which are mentioned being given by the wise men?
**16** Which emperor ordered all the young children be killed?
**17** What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?
**18** What was the name of the unkind innkeeper who would not allow the pregnant Mary to lodge in his inn?
**19** What is the name of the priest who was told he would not die until he saw the Savior?
**20** Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?

Answers on page 24.
Read more: https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/christmas-bible-quiz-20-good-questions/#ixzz5Y5DNTcGN

## New Years Quiz

1. The first ball to be dropped in New York's Times Square happened in what year?
a. 1908 b. 1925 c. 1938 d. 1962

**2.** The first time that January 1st was celebrated as the beginning of a new year was in 153 B.C. when the Romans moved the first month of their calendar back to January. For what reason did the Romans do this?
a. To coincide with elections of the two highest ranking Republic positions
b. To honor the god, Janus, god of beginnings and transitions c. More sacred sheep were born in January than in February
d. To honor Tobasco, god of hang-over relief

**3.** In 567 A.D. the Council of Tours prohibited the recognition of an official New Year. Why did they do this?
a. They believed the end of the world would happen soon. b. They disliked that the date was originated with pagans.
c. To move the date to August 9 in order to replace the Frankish holiday of Stickball Day with a less athletic-themed celebration d. Because they were just a bunch of grumpy old geezers who hated celebrating anything

**4**. What famous Frank was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, January 1, 1938?
a. entertainer Frank Sinatra, Jr. b. actor Frank Langella c. football player and coach, Frank Beamer
d. Head of the barley cereal syndicate crime family, Frankenberry.

**5..** In 1583 what event returned January 1st as observation of the New Year in Europe?
a. A severe earthquake in Portugal on that date that miraculously took no human victims
b. Papal fear surrounding a dire prediction by seer, John Dee
c. The institution of the Gregorian Calendar d. The 67-year old Queen of Spain took her first bath

**6.** On January 1, 1788 the Pennsylvanian Quakers did what?
a. Disavowed Quakerism b. Emancipated their slaves c. Officially denounced the Amish as heretics
d. Opened the Quaker Oats company

**7.** The lyrics of the now-traditional New Years song, "Auld Lang Syne" began as a poem set to the tune of a much older Scot folk ballad. Who wrote the poem?
a. John Keats b. Robert Burns c. Lord Byron d. Dr. Seuss

**8.** On January 1, 1877, what happened to Queen Victoria of Britain?
a. She got married b. She celebrated her 50th birthday c. She was proclaimed Empress of India
d. She got stuck in her throne, requiring three hours of manpower and twenty pounds of butter to get her out

**9.** On January 1, 1906 the government of the Netherlands made what law?
a. Mandatory licenses required for driving engine-powered vehicles b. A national census
c. Recognition of Dutch as the National language d. Prohibition on the wearing of lamp shades as hats

**10.** Much to the dismay of millions, on January 1, 1945 this person announced they were not a god. Who was it?
a. Joseph Stalin b. Emperor Hirohito c. Gandhi d. Clark Gable

**11.** On January 1, 1971 what kind of commercials were banned from American television?
a. Anti-free labor union ads b. Ads for cigarettes c. Anything relating to or suggestive of illegal drug paraphernalia
d. Car sale ads that feature a dealer's annoying and untalented children

**12.** On New Years eve, 1985, this celebrity died in a controversial plane crash. Who was this celebrity?
a. *Wendy's* "Where's the beef?" commercial icon, Clara Peller b. TV newscaster David Brinkley
c. Radio disc jockey legend Wolfman Jack d. entertainer Rick Nelson

**13.** The symbol of "Baby New Year" evolved out of what?
a. From customs in the reign of Elizabeth I, who had the court midgets lead celebrations on New Years day.
b. Back to the ancient Greek tradition of escorting a baby throughout the villages in honor of Dionysus, god of wine
c. From the ancient Hungarian day of Remembrance of the Infants (honoring babies who had died the previous year)
d. Out of remembrance for the young victims of the Great Minnesota Baby Juggling Catastrophe of January 1, 1928

**14.** On January 1, 1962 who failed to pass an audition for Decca Records?
a. Liberace b. The Beatles c. Comedian George Carlin d. The Jackson Two

**15.** The tradition of eating black eyed peas on New Years Day is believed to do what?
a. Bring prosperity for the next year b. Return loved ones from war c. Bring a year of peace into a household
d. Relieve constipation

**16.** In some parts of the world, to insure a healthy household in the coming year, it is customary for the head of the household to spank who on New Years day?
a. his wife b. his children c. the oldest member of the family d. his *monkey*

**17.** According to data at *Box Office Mojo*, the highest box office sales draw on a New Years day is held by what film?
a. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers b. Avatar c. Crocodile Dundee d. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

**18.** What celebrity, known for their convincing portrayals of the opposite sex, was born January 1, 1895?
a. Milton Berle b. J. Edgar Hoover c. George Sanders d. Eleanor Roosevelt

**19.** According to southern U.S. beliefs, to make a New Years resolution stick one must do what while making it?
a. be inside a church b. be at death's door c. be engaged or newly widowed or divorced
d. be beaten with the community stupid stick

20. In some parts of the U.S. eating pancakes with butter, syrup and whipped cream on New Years day indicates what?
a. You plan to make a marriage proposal in the coming year b. You are turning your back on regrets of the last year
c. You are having breakfast at Shoney's or Denny's d. A diet probably wasn't part of your New Years resolution

Answers on page 27
https://holidappy.com/holidays/A-New-Years-trivia-quiz

# December 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **Advent 1 2**<br>**8:30 & 10 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **3**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study Group<br>**No**<br>Prayer Group | **4**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart | **5**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10:30 am & 7:30 pm**<br>Advent Study: A Thrill of Hope | **6**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7 pm**<br>Après EfM<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **7** | **8** |
| **Advent 2 9**<br>**8:30 & 10 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **10**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Grief Support<br>**No**<br>Prayer Group<br>**7:00 pm**<br>Parish Council | **11**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart<br>**6:00 pm**<br>Secret Friends Christmas Party | **12**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10:30 am & 7:30 pm**<br>Advent Study: A Thrill of Hope | **13**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **14**<br>**7:00 pm**<br>Youth Group: Christmas Caroling and making Christmas Cookies. | **15**<br>**10 am**<br>Pageant rehearsal<br>**5:30 pm**<br>Christmas Dinner<br>**7:00 pm**<br>Pageant |
| **Advent 3 16**<br>**8:30 & 10 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group*<br>**7:00 pm**<br>Celtic Service & Art Group | **17**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Grief Support<br>**No**<br>Prayer Group | **18**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart | **19**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10:30 am & 7:30 pm**<br>Advent Study: A Thrill of Hope | **20**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7 pm**<br>Après EfM<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **21** | **22** |
| **Advent 4 23**<br>**8:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10 am**<br>Lessons & Carols<br>**4 pm**<br>Lessons & Carols at the Chapel<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **24**<br>**Christmas Eve**<br>**5:00 pm**<br>Family Service Holy Eucharist<br>**7:30 & 10:30 pm**<br>Holy Eucharist | **25**<br>**Christmas Day**<br>**10:00 am**<br>Holy Eucharist | **26**<br>No Eucharist<br>Parish Office Closed | **27**<br>Parish Office Closed<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS* | **28**<br>Parish Office Closed | **29** |
| **Christmas 1 30**<br>**10 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>One Service Only<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **31**<br>Parish Office Closed | | | | | |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | **1**<br>Parish Office Closed | **2**<br>Parish Office Closed | **3**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7 pm**<br>Après EfM<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **4** | **5** |
| **6**<br>**Epiphany**<br>**8:30 & 10 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **7**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Grief Support<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Prayer Group | **8**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>**7:00 pm**<br>Parish Council | **9**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10:30 am**<br>Bible Study | **10**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **11**<br>. | **12** |
| **13**<br>**8:30 & 10 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **14**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Prayer Group | **15**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart | **16**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10:30 am**<br>Bible Study<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Pilgrim Study | **17**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **18** | **19**<br>**8:30 am**<br>Men's Breakfast<br>**11:30 am**<br>Ladies Luncheon |
| **20**<br>**8:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10 am**<br>Triple C, Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group*<br>**7:00 pm**<br>Celtic Service & Art Group | **21**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Grief Support<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Prayer Group | **22**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart | **23**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Pilgrim Study | **24**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **25** | **26** |
| **27**<br>**8:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**10 am**<br>Triple C, Holy Eucharist<br>**5 pm**<br>*Christian Fellowship rental group* | **28**<br>**1:00 pm**<br>Bible Study<br>**1:30 pm**<br>Pastoral Care Meeting<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Prayer Group | **29**<br>**1 pm**<br>Young at Heart | **30**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Holy Eucharist<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Pilgrim Study | **31**<br>**6:15 pm**<br>*TOPS*<br>**7:30 pm**<br>Choir Practice | **25** | **26** |