



ADVENT QUIET DAY

Do you find yourself stressed this time of the year?

Does the frantic shopping
and consumerism of the season get you down?

Do you wish you could just take some time out and relax?

Would you like to deepen your spiritual life?

Why not come along to our Advent Quiet Day?

Saturday, December 2nd, 10 am – 4 pm

The day will be comprised of some short, guided meditations focussed on the central themes of Advent and prayer, but above all, there will be plenty of time for you to simply be still, sit, relax, have a coffee, read a book and enjoy the quiet.

**The day will begin with Eucharist at 10 am
and end with Evening Prayer at 4 pm.**

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

If you would like more information,
please speak to Fr. Paul.

If you would like to attend,
there are sign-up sheets available in the lobby and narthex.

PARISH NOTES

ACW Sunday

Today is ACW Sunday and we are pleased to have members of the ACW taking part as greeters, readers and oblation bearers. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of women in our ACW. Their many projects support the church and the community near and far. Thank you ladies for your hard work.

Invitation to Sing in the Choir for the Lessons and Carols Service

The choir is always grateful to anyone wishing to share their Christmas spirit with us, by participating in our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. This year, the service will take place on **Dec 17**. Our rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. on **Thu, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14**. Please let Charles know if you are interested in joining us by contacting him or the office.

Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People that we pray each Sunday at the Eucharist are intended to reflect the needs, desires, hopes and dreams of our parish, our community and our world. It is therefore fitting that these prayers be composed each week by members of our congregation. If you feel called to participate in this ministry either individually or as part of a team, please notify Fr. Paul. Our goal is to have a rota of people who can take turns composing the prayers each week. Guidance and resources will be provided for those who are interested.

Servers' Training Session

We are planning a training session for a couple of new Servers on **Thu, Nov 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Current Servers are welcome to attend for a refresher, and other interested parishioners -- youth or adult -- are also welcome.

Church Calendars

The 2018 Anglican Church Calendars have arrived and will be available in the hall after the 10:00 service this morning. The price is \$8.00.

Diocesan Council

This is the body that runs the temporal affairs of the Diocese between Synod meetings. Your prayers are invited as a new two-year Diocesan Council begins its work with a retreat at the Villa Madonna Dec 1 & 2. The Kingston-Kennebecasis Archdeaconry is represented by Rev. Tom Stradwicke of Sussex and by Robert Taylor as Lay Rep.

Stained Glass From St. Paul's in the Valley

The four magnificent stained glass panels are being installed at the entrance to the church from the lobby. As you may be aware, these were at St. Paul's in the Valley Church from 1842 till 2004 when that church was closed. They were given to the Mission Church and have come to us now.

We are very grateful to Don Crawford who took this project on. With the help of his son Murray and his daughter-in-law, Kim, they transported them from the Mission Church, cleaned all the panels thoroughly and have installed them with lights behind them. All three of them have spent many hours working on this, so that all of us and generations to come can enjoy these beautiful pieces in our church. Thank you Don, Murray and Kim for a fantastic job! The projected cost of installing them is \$4,000. We have received \$ 1500 in donations already. Please pitch in with whatever amount possible.



The Parish Prayer Chain

welcomes people to call with specific prayer requests. This month's contact is **Penny McConaghy at 849-2701.**

BEYOND THE PARISH

Special Service For Those Dealing with Grief or other Hardship

Sun, Dec 10 at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Luke's Gondola Point.** A special service titled *When Christmas Hurts*. This is a service for those who find the Christmas season hard for reasons of grief, loneliness or for other reasons. All are welcome to take part in this service.

Young People Belong at St. Paul's

Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our **Sunday School** for children 3 and up during our 10 am services.

Kids younger than 3 are also welcome to explore *Sunday School* with an adult, either joining the class, or playing in our **Nursery Room.**

Activity Bags are available at the entrances for any young people staying upstairs during the service.

Our **Friday Night Youth Group**, for young people around 12 and up, meets every week from 7-9pm.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ST. PAUL'S ADVENT ADVENTURE - DEC 3 at 4PM

Join us in the Parish Hall for an inter-generational (all ages) *Advent Adventure*. Crafts (Christmas Ornaments), Colouring, Games, Singing, Story-time & Supper are all on the agenda as we get ready together for the coming of Christ. To register, volunteer, or for more information, please contact Rob Montgomery.

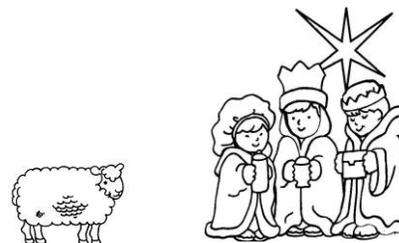
St. Paul's Advent Resources

Advent is a very busy season of the year for everyone, but there are ways for us to make it a *meaningful* time together, at church and especially at home. This year we have some special resources available to help us enter into this season, from **Illustrated Children's Ministry:**

1) At Home: We have some wonderful Advent Family Packages available free of charge. These packages include some great ways to help us explore Advent together with our families.

We will be introducing these great packages at our St. Paul's Advent Adventure (Dec 3), but if you aren't able to make it to this event, we can also make them available upon request via email. We hope these resources will be a blessing to you, however you are able to use them.

2) At Church: Over the past few months we have been preparing some space in the Parish Hall for our kids to use during coffee hour: room to build puzzles, colour, etc. But the goal is not just to have a "kids table", it is to help us all feel that we belong, no matter what age. After all, adults enjoy colouring and puzzles too! During Advent, there will be some space set up for our children & *adults* to do some Advent colouring together. Be sure to check it out, and maybe grab a crayon too.



Advent Pageant & Christmas Eve Sheep Service

Our Sunday School Advent Pageant is coming up soon (**Sunday Dec 10**), and our Christmas Eve "Sheep" Service is not too far behind it (**Dec 24 at 4:30 pm**). If your youngsters would like to participate in either service, there is still time. Please connect with Rob at your earliest convenience.