

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## Update on our St. Paul's ADVENT ADVENTURE Last Week

We had a wonderful time in the Parish Hall last Sunday, celebrating the start of Advent. There was lots of fun for all: making Christmas crafts, singing, playing games, dressing up in costumes, spending time with family and friends, and sharing a tasty meal together. A big thank you to all who came out to celebrate with us, including our great team of volunteers (Ann Bishop, Maya Richards, Bethany Herb, and John & Caroline Trivett). Happy Advent everyone!

## Sunday School Christmas Party - NEXT WEEK, Dec. 17

Next Sunday, during our Lessons & Carols service, our Sunday School will be having a Christmas party downstairs. After next week, our Sunday School will be on break until January 14. Children attending services between now and then, are invited to stay upstairs with their families.

## Christmas Eve Sheep Service

Our Christmas Eve "Sheep" Service is only two weeks away (**Dec 24 at 4:30 pm**). If your children or youth would like to participate in the service, please connect with Rob Montgomery (506-608-1772) at your earliest convenience.

### 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 still 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. These are 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:** During Advent, there will be some space set up in the Parish Hall for our children & *adults* to do some Advent themed colouring together during our coffee time. Last week we were blessed with a variety of ages around the table. Be sure to come by and say hello, check out what's happening, and maybe grab a crayon too.

## Hope is a Star

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.

*Chorus:*

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.*

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth.

*Chorus*



## Sundays in December

### December 10 Advent 2

White Gift Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Sunday School Advent Presentation

### December 17 Advent 3

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols

### December 24 Advent 4

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
4:30 p.m. Children's Service with Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist  
Please note: there will be no 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Eve Day

### December 25 Christmas Day

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with carols and homily  
*This is the only service on Sunday, Dec. 25*

### December 31 First Sunday of Christmas

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

# PARISH NOTES

## Advent Presentation Today

Thank you, Sunday School students and teachers, for our Advent Presentation this morning, especially to Hunter Mullinger, Liam McNutt, Abbie Dykeman-Parish, and Adelaide Montgomery for all your hard work and practice.

## Thank You

Our Advent Quiet Day, held on Dec 2, was a success and those who attended found it a wonderful way to start the season. Thank you to the Mission Within Committee and those who provided food for the day. In particular, thanks are extended to Mr. Lew Hounsell who worked in the kitchen all day.

## Today Is White Gift Sunday

Today we are receiving toys to pass along to the KV Fire Fighters, who deliver Christmas baskets to deserving families in our community. Thank you for bringing a toy, or a game. If you would prefer to make a financial donation, please mark your envelope *White Gift*.

## Christmas Home Communion

In the coming days, Fr. Paul will be scheduling Home Communion for the Christmas season. If you or a loved one is unable to make it out to church and would like Communion at home, please speak to Fr. Paul or notify the office.

## Echo - Advent Edition

The Advent echo is still in the lobby. Please stop by and pick up your copy if you haven't already. The Echo is filed by neighbourhood, so if someone in your neighborhood is not here today, please consider picking up their copy and dropping it off on your way home.

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

Also on the lobby table today are the 2018 offering envelopes. If you use envelopes, please pick yours up today. If you would like to switch to our E-offering system, just give the office a call and Katherine or June will provide you with information and forms. About 70 households contribute to the parish through e-offering.

## Christmas Memorial Flowers

Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in the church in memory of a loved one is asked to please call the church office at 847-1812.

## What Do We Mean By Hope?

Here's a short online video exploring the word "Hope" in the Bible, perfect for Advent. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WYNBjJSYvE> (or search "the Bible Project Hope" on youtube)

## ACW Quilt Silent Auction

Our quilters have placed a very fine lap quilt in the lobby to sell by silent auction. The machine embroidered top for the quilt was donated by Town & Country Quilts here in the valley. The hand quilting was done on Wednesday and Friday mornings by the quilters. Perhaps a Christmas gift for someone special on your list.

## A Man in Need

Pam Driedger, Director of Spiritual Care for Horizon Health, has called on us to help a man who has been in hospital and is being discharged to a completely empty apartment in Saint John. As he has no family in the area, we have agreed to provide him with a single bed from our discretionary funds and are hoping to offer some other essentials. Perhaps you have some extra household furnishings that you would like to donate; in particular, a small table and chairs, or a small dresser. Or maybe you have a surplus of cutlery, dishes or linens. If so, please call the office at 847-1812 and let us know what you would like to donate. Cash donations would also be appreciated, although no tax receipts can be offered. Donations may be dropped off at the office, or placed in the offering plate marked "*for the apartment*".

# 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.

**RNS Annual Christmas Carol Service** The Faculty and Students of Rothesay Netherwood School extend a warm invitation to the local community to share in the Spirit of the Season by joining us at our 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Service on **Sat, Dec 16** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Gondola Point Road in Rothesay at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact the RNS School Office at 847-8224.

## Handel's Messiah at Trinity Church Saint John

Handel's immortal oratorio, MESSIAH, is returning to Saint John at Trinity Church on **Fri, Dec 22** at 7 pm. Spencer Belyea will be conducting his 70-voice Symphony Chorus with their Chamber Orchestra. Professional vocal Soloists will be Saint John's own soprano -Jessica McCormack, Contralto - Heather Flemming, Basso -Paul Bustin, with visiting Tenor -Colin Frotten. Advance ticket sale - Imperial Theatre (674-4100).