

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christmas Eve Sheep Service

Our Christmas Eve "Sheep" Service is next Sunday (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.

St. Paul's Parish-Wide Game Night - January 5 @ 6:30 pm

Looking for some fun this winter? Come out to the Parish Hall, Friday January 5 at 6:30 pm, for an inter-generational (all ages) *Games Night* together with your St. Paul's family.

Bring yourselves, your favorite games, and maybe some snacks to share. All are welcome, and hope to see you there.

To register, or for more information, please contact Rob Montgomery: rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca / 506-608-1772

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*:

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. Be sure to come by and say hello, check out what's happening, and maybe grab a crayon too. If you are in a hurry and can't stay long, feel free to take home some sheets to work on as a family.

Sea Dogs vs. Quebec Remparts, Faith & Family Night Fundraiser! - January 20 at 7:00pm

Join us for a Faith-filled evening at the rink with guest speaker and NHL Hall-of-Famer Mike Gartner. Mike Gartner will be having a pre-game speaking session at Harbour Station from 5-5:45 PM. Mike is recognized as one of the top 100 NHL players of all time and remains dedicated to his faith. Tickets are \$7 for Youth aged 5-12, \$10 for Students, and \$18 for Adults/Seniors. \$5 from each adult ticket goes back to the Church of your choice, with funds coming in for St. Paul's going directly towards helping people in need in our neighbourhood.

For more information, contact Rob Montgomery or visit:

<https://seadogs.spinzo.com/faith-family-night-fundraiser-sea-dogs-take-on-the-quebec-remparts-2018-01-20-FEKKQ>

PARISH NOTES



The Service of Lessons & Carols

Welcome to our annual service of Lessons & Carols, as we prepare together to celebrate the Nativity of the Christ Child. Thank you to the choir and all our guest musicians: John Buckley, Chris Buckley, Deantha Edmunds, Kathryn Ann Keery, Jim Stewart and our oboist Carlos Avila. Thank you also to Olga Grant, Margot Grant, Bruce & Dale Cook, Jonathan Kipping, John Trivett, Ted Sayre, Emma McPhee and Gay Haycox for joining our Christmas choir. We appreciate you sharing your musical gifts with us in this glorious service.

A word of thanks to *St. Paul's Endowment Fund* for their financial support of our service today.

Sunday School Today

The children will be meeting in the SS hall during the Lessons & Carols service for an extended Christmas program today. After today the SS will be taking a bit of a break. Classes will resume on **Sunday, Jan 14.**

It's Time to Decorate the Church for Christmas!

On Thursday, Dec 21 at 1:30 pm, the Altar Guild will be decorating the church and hanging the greens. Help is greatly appreciated, especially some tall men who don't mind ladders.

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.

Please note: no quilting this week. The quilters will resume again on **Wed. Jan 3, 2018 at 10 a.m.** All are welcome.

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 by Wednesday Dec 20.

Donations for 2017 Income Tax Receipts

Donations for which a 2017 tax receipt is required should be received in the office by noon on **Fri, Dec 29** This will allow time for a final bank deposit to be made for the end of 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-1812.

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.

Parish Bible Study

Our Wednesday study group will be taking a break for the Christmas season. There will be no Bible Study Dec 20 and we will resume our meetings on Wednesday, **Jan 10 at 10 am** in the Parish library. We are always delighted to welcome new members.

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.

Morning Prayer and Tuesday Evening Services

The final Morning Prayer before Christmas will be Fri, Dec 22 and will resume again on **Tues, Jan 9, 2018**. The final Tuesday Evening Service this year will be Dec 19. These services will also resume Tues, **Jan 9, 2018**

KV Fire Fighters

St. Paul's joins with other local churches in providing assistance to deserving families in our community at Christmas. This effort is coordinated by the KV Firefighters, who collect the toys, purchase the turkeys, box up the parcels for each family and deliver the parcels.

We were pleased to deliver cheques from the Mission Beyond Committee and parishioners totalling \$1250 along with a car load of lovely toys, puzzles, books and games .

This year the KV Fire Fighters are preparing **86 baskets** for deserving families in our area

A Man in Need - Update

Thank you to everyone who donated items and monetary gifts to the individual in need. We received donations of a kitchen table and chairs, small bureau, comfy chair, dishes, sheets ,towels as well as \$150 in cash. Fr. Paul delivered these items as well as a double size bed this past week. This gentleman was very grateful for these gifts however he doesn't have much else. His fridge was bare. We would like to continue to help him with groceries and a Christmas meal. At this time, donations of cash or gift cards would be greatly appreciated. We all like to open a gift under the tree at Christmas time. If you would like to bring in a small gift that is appropriate for someone who has very little, please do so. We will be delivering the gifts on **Wed. Dec 20** .Donations may be dropped off at the office, or placed it in the offering plate marked "*for the apartment*".

Please note: No receipts will be given for monetary donations.



Christmas Services at St. Paul's

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



BEYOND THE PARISH

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).

Saint John Christmas Exchange

The Christmas Exchange is a non profit organization with the following mandate: *To ensure that individuals/families in need have a Christmas Dinner*. Families in need register with a church or agency. These agencies then forward names onto the Christmas Exchange. Last year there were close to 3000 families registered with CE. Unfortunately there are not enough sponsors for all the registrants. Any families who do not have a sponsor are given grocery gift certificates. A monetary donation to the Christmas Exchange would help to cover the cost of these gift cards. Tax receipts will be given. Cheques can be mailed to :
Christmas Exchange Treasurer, 18 Alpine St, Saint John, NB e2J 2X2

Camp Medley Fundraising Campaign

Jonathan Young Memorial Amphitheatre

Jonathan Young was a grade 6 student at Rothesay Middle School when he was diagnosed with medulloblastma, a type of brain cancer. He passed away in October 2014 . He was 11 years old. Jonathan loved singing , dancing, drama and summer camp. He spent time at Camp Medley where a fundraising campaign is underway to build an outdoor amphitheatre so that kids for many years will be able to sing, dance, perform skits, have campfires and enjoy the summer camp experience .Please support this fundraising effort by buying a \$5 calendar -available on the table in the lobby.