

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. ANDREWS

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2017



A.C.W. CHRISTMAS SALE

The annual Christmas Sale hosted by the Anglican Church Women of our parish will be held on **Saturday, November 25**. Doors open at 10:00 am and there will be something for everyone—fudge, home cooking, books, new-to-you, Christmas items and more. There will also be a silent auction table with lots of treasures. Tea, coffee and sweets will be served.

In other ACW news, members will meet in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, December 12**, to assemble Christmas trays for the elderly and shut-in members of our parish.

The ACW meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall at 2:00 pm, unless otherwise announced; new members are always welcome. In addition to supporting various ministries in our parish and diocese, they also sponsor 4 students at Bishop McAllister College and Seminary in Kyogyera, Uganda. A donation piggy bank is in the entryway of the church if you would like to contribute to this support. At present, a new library is being planned for the school, so if you would like to donate to that project, please mark your donation appropriately and give it to an ACW member or place it on the collection plate when you come to church or bring it to the Parish Office. It will then be forwarded to Canon Paul Jeffries, Principal of the College. (Recently, I received an email from Paul with a picture of Fredrick Beinomugisha, a graduate of the College sponsored by our ACW. He now works for IBM International in Nairobi, Kenya, and has given a generous donation to the library fund. I have put his picture in the entryway of the church, near the above mentioned piggy bank.)

'A DAY FOR THE AGES'

On **Saturday, November 25**, 'A Day for the Ages' will be held at the W.C. O'Neil Arena, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. The purpose of the day is to gather information from town residents of all ages to discern how to make ours an interactive age friendly community. Information & registration forms are at the back of the church or can be picked up at the Town Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend, but remember to go to the ACW sale first!

CELEBRATING WITH ADVENT SONGS & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The St. Andrews Baptist Church is hosting an event with special music for Advent and Christmas on **Sunday, November 26**, beginning at 7:00 pm. Individuals and choirs, including All Saints Choir, will take part. A reception will follow. Be sure to attend!

A SAINT ANDREWS' DAY LUNCH—FREE!

To help celebrate St. Andrews Day, a free Community Lunch will be held in our Parish Hall 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, November 28**. The students and staff of the New Brunswick Community College, Saint Andrews Campus, have generously offered to prepare and serve lunch with a Scottish theme: Beef and barley soup, rolls & butter and oatmeal cookies. Everyone is welcome, please spread the word!

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES FAIR TRADE SALE

The annual Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Sale will be held at Kirk McColl United Church, King Street, St. Stephen, **Friday, December 1, 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm & Saturday, December 2, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. The sale creates opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn an income. There will be items from many countries for sale. Ten Thousand Villages is a ministry of the Mennonite Central Committee.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

All Saints Church will be decorated for Christmas on **Sunday, December 3**, beginning at 2:00 pm. Although Advent will have just begun by that date, we decorate the church in anticipation of the concerts scheduled for All Saints (see next two notices). Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

A SIGN WITH THE TIMES

A new sign for All Saints Church is being made to replace the one that has done service for over 20 years. Carved by master sign maker James Moore, it is being made of durable materials that will last for many years. It will feature a beautiful depiction of our parish coat of arms. Donations to offset the cost of the sign are welcome. Many thanks to vestry member Elena Thompson who has spent much time and energy seeing this project through to completion.

TREE LIGHTING SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF HOSPICE OF CHARLOTTE

A Tree Lighting Service in support of the valuable work of Hospice of Charlotte will be held at Humphreys Funeral Home, 20 Marks Street, St. Stephen, on **Monday, December 4**, beginning at 7:00 pm, with light refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome, but if you are not able to attend, a memorial pledge may be made by calling Humphreys at 466-3110.

'CAROLS IN THE ROUND' WITH MOUNT VIEW CHAMBER SINGERS

On **Saturday, December 9**, the Mount View Chamber Singers, a twenty-member *a capella* choir from Thorndike High School in Maine, will make a return visit to All Saints Church. Their unique 'Carols in the Round' presentation, under the direction of Dr. David Stevenson, has become a highlight of our Christmas season in Saint Andrews. The concert begins at 3:00 pm; a free will offering will help offset the travelling expenses of the choir.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY

Rehearsal for the annual Christmas Pageant has begun. The pageant will be presented at the regular worship time of 11:00 am on **Sunday, December 10**. Every child who would like to participate will be included, even if you have not been coming to Sunday School yet this year. (What a good time to start!).

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again this year, Master Chef Bryan Fordham and his dedicated team will prepare a turkey dinner 'with all the fixins' to be served on **Sunday, December 10**, following the 11:00 am Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Signup sheets are at the back of the church for those who plan to attend, as well as for volunteers to help with set up, food preparation and cleanup, and for those who would like to donate food for the feast. On the day of the dinner, please bring your favourite dessert to share with others. If you would like to help with the preparation of the meal on **Saturday, December 9**, please sign the appropriate sheet or leave a message at the Parish Office at 529-8662 or by email at allsaints@aibn.com. You can also RSVP by using the same contacts.

SHIRETOWN SINGERS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Double your enjoyment of the Christmas season! The Shiretown Singers, under the direction of Stephanie Archer, will present their annual Christmas Concert in All Saints Church on **Sunday, December 10**, beginning at 2:30 pm. This concert has long been a highlight of the Christmas season in Charlotte County. 'Tis the season to steep yourself in the sounds of Christmas. Join in the festivities. A free-will offering will be taken to offset the cost of music and to support a local charity.

ST. AUGUSTINE STUDY GROUP

The St. Augustine Study Group, led by Byron Munro, is once again meeting on Fridays at 12:00 noon. New members are always welcome; copies of the text, *Enchiridion*, can be picked up at the Parish Office.

ALL SAINTS CRAFT GUILD

All Saints Craft Guild meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall and all are welcome! Those attending work on their individual projects, assemble blankets or just come for a hot drink and a visit. The blankets will be distributed locally through the Food Bank or the Transition House. Many thanks to those who continue to knit blocks and provide supplies! For further information contact Nancy at 529-8813 or Cathy at 529-3994.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017 & SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Once again this Christmas, our parish will sponsor a local family through the St. George Food Bank, providing gifts and the essentials for Christmas dinner. Rachel Scott, our Parish Administrator, is coordinating the program. She has placed a display at the back of the church, with removable tags, each with a suggested item to be purchased for the family. This year, we are assisting a family of five—mother and father, a girl aged 5 and two boys, aged 11 and 3. All items should be brought to the church or parish office by **Tuesday, December 12.**

Cash donations for the local food bank can be placed in the container provided on the table in the entry of the church, food items in the basket under the table. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SERVICES AT PASSAMAQUODDY LODGE

Our parish regularly holds worship services at Passamaquoddy Lodge. It has become a tradition that on the Sunday closest to Christmas, we conduct a carol sing at the Lodge. This year, the service will be held on **Sunday, December 17**, at 2:00 pm. A Christmas service of Holy Communion will be held on **Thursday, December 21**, at 10:30. Everyone is welcome at these services.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREWS***

Sunday, December 24 , Christmas Eve	8:00 am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church
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	7:00 pm	Holy Communion, Chapel of Ease
	9:00 pm	Holy Communion, All Saints Church
Monday, December 25 , Christmas Day	10:00 am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church
Tuesday, December 26 , St. Stephen's Day	10:00 am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church
Wednesday, December 27 , St. John's Day	10:00 am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church
Thursday, December 28 , Holy Innocents' Day	10:00 am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church

***Please note that there will not be an 11:00 am service on Sunday, December 24. Also note the time of the service on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 10:00 am.

MEMORIALS THIS CHRISTMAS

A signup sheet for those wishing to make memorial donations for flowers to beautify our churches is now on the table in the entry of the church. There is also a signup sheet for those wishing to make donations toward the purchase of new large print hymn and prayer books. The cost of the prayer books is \$56.00 and for hymn books \$50.00, including taxes, shipping and handling. If you purchase one or more in memory of loved ones, a book plate will be placed in each book noting those remembered and the donors.

PWRDF WORLD OF GIFTS

Make a world of difference this year by making a gift to the Primate's World and Development Fund's "World of Gifts." Gifts to those in developing countries and to those in need in Canada could be food, support for displaced people, healthcare, emergency response or other ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada. To see the catalogue and to order, please visit: <http://pwrdf.org/donate/worldofgifts>

CANDLEMAS EVENSONG

On **Sunday, February 4**, the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Presentation ('Candlemas'), a Service of Evensong will be held at All Saints Church, beginning at 4:00 pm. If you were part of the choir that sang Evensong when we celebrated the 150th of All Saints, or would like to join the Evensong choir, watch the bulletin for an announcement about the schedule of practices to begin in the New Year.

FOOD SAFETY IN OUR PARISH HALL KITCHEN

Eighteen members of our parish attended the Food Safety Seminar recently held here in Saint Andrews. Thank you to all who attended and to Nancy Carson for promoting this event. New safety protocols for our kitchen will be developed the New Year by Cathy Smith, RN, and it is hoped that everyone who uses the kitchen will follow them to ensure the good health of all who enjoy the use of our hall.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Members of our parish who volunteer in positions of trust, working with children, seniors and vulnerable adults are reminded that we have been asked to participate in Safe Church Training. This can be done at regional meetings as announced or online at: http://anglican.nb.ca/legislation/safe_church_training Be sure you fill out the Online Training Registration form before you proceed through the modules and quizzes. Once completed your certificate will be mailed to the Parish Office.

DAILY SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH

As our weekly bulletin indicates, Morning and Evening Prayer is scheduled for each day of the week. The church is relatively warm since the installation of heat pumps (the default temperature is 16 ° centigrade), so daily prayers can be said without too much discomfort. Parishioners are always welcome to attend these services and if you have a particular person or situation you would like prayed for, publicly or in confidence, do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to learn how to officiate at the daily services and would like to be scheduled to officiate regularly, please speak to me as well. It is not always possible for me to be at Evening Prayer on days I am visiting the hospital, making pastoral calls or attending meetings, so volunteers to assist at the afternoon services are especially welcome.

BIBLE STUDY IN THE NEW YEAR

Plans are being made to offer a Bible Study open to anyone in our parish and the wider community in the New Year. The Reverend Jim Crighton will lead the study; the tentative plan is to study Saint John's Gospel.

If you have other ideas to foster spiritual growth and fellowship within our parish, or would like to lead a group, do not hesitate to speak to me. Other study groups, movie nights, a book club, or a prayer group are some ideas that come to mind; do not be shy about making suggestions.

