

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*(Congregation established 1913)*

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Sunday next before Advent**

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **TODAY AT ST. MARY'S**

**We wish a warm welcome** especially to those who are praying with us for the first time; your presence is a blessing! If you would like to identify yourself, or would like know more about our ministry and mission, please speak to one of the greeters and ask for a welcome card which you may complete and place in the offering plate.

**Flowers on the Altar** To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Reginal and Kathleen Wright and Clair and Kathleen Zryd by David and Barbara W.

**Nursery** for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Heidi D

**Godly Play** in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'Exodus' Exodus 15: 1-2. Leaders: Amanda H, Melanie B.

**Faith Quest (ages 7-13)** start on their Road to Bethlehem - wise men rotation. Clara D will lead and Ernie and Sally K will shepherd a Let There Be Art workshop.

**Coffee & Fellowship** Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the Upper Hall. Coffee Host: Mary & Nat R

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

Tuesday	10:30 am Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	8:30 am Morning Prayer; Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Parent and Tots Group
Thursday	9:30 am Woman's Time Out Bible Study
Next Sunday	10:00 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Holy Communion

**MORNING PRAYER AT TEN THIRTY**  
(Book of Common Prayer ~ Common Praise)

Opening Hymn: # **349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

Exhortation and Confession p. 4

Lord's Prayer's, Versicles and Responses, Venite p. 5 ff.

Psalm 85

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: /  
**thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, /  
**and covered all their sin.**

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, /  
**and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.**

TURN us, O God our Saviour, /  
**and let thine anger cease from us.**

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? /  
**and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, /  
**that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

O LORD, show thy mercy upon us, /  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

I WILL hearken what the LORD God will say: /  
**for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them  
that turn their heart to him.**

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, /  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together: /  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth springeth out of the earth; /  
**and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.**

Yea, the LORD shall give what is good; /  
**and our land shall yield her increase.**

Righteousness shall go before him, /  
**and shall direct his going in the way.**

Prayer with the children

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-8

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when men shall no longer say, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

Te Deum page 7-9

Second Lesson: John 1:35-45

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah". He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael. The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Canticle: Benedictus (Song of Zechariah) page.9

Apostles Creed p.10

Prayers and Collects p. 10 ff.

Witness Talk on Stewardship

Offertory Hymn: # 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

Sermon and Congregational Choir Practice

Intercessions

The Grace p. 15

Announcements

Dismissal: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

R/ **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: # **434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us**

*\* Please observe a moment for silent prayer\**

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**Note of Thanks.** I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the St. Mary's community for your support in the weeks following Miguel's death. I appreciated everyone's contributions to the provision of delicious meals delivered to our house, supper invitations, funeral preparation and reception, beautiful prayer shawl, and spiritual support. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to Ixchel's go fund me page to support the restoration of Miguel's treasured car, which is providing Ixchel with a positive focus during this difficult time. Ginny L.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 2** – A finger food lunch will follow the service. **Please bring finger food to share.**

**Red poinsettias for sale....** \$15.00 each and approximately \$6.40 is profit for St. Mary's projects...Orders by Sun 2 Dec. Pick up will be after 6.00pm on 13 Dec... To place your order see Jacky S. Help us fill the sanctuary with them if you have no room at home.

**Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre** - will take place next Sunday, Dec.2, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem W for more information.

**The Feast of St Nicholas Parish Celebration.** December 8th from 3-6 pm. Schedule: 3-4:30 pm- welcome, snacks, and activities, 4:30pm- St Nicholas liturgy. 5-6 pm- supper, Ethiopian style. In honour of St. Nicholas' mission to care for the poor, you are invited to bring men's socks, gloves, small toiletries (especially small Kleenex packs), and small boxes of chocolates to give to Marian Centre. Beeswax candles for sale to support Danielle K's IVCF mission to international students at McGill University. **If you would like to help out please sign signup sheet on table by the office.**

### **Apocalypse and Prophecy: Advent Lections Study Group**

When: 5:30-7:30 pm Wednesdays in Advent (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19)

Where: St. Mary's, in the lounge. The four Advent lessons from Luke's gospel in the Revised Common Lectionary fit together to form a theme of apocalyptic prophecy.

How does Luke tie the babe in the manger to the end of the world as we know it? Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 for a light supper followed by a Bible study of Luke's Gospel lessons for Advent. We'll round out our evenings with Compline. All are welcome!