

Fall Service Schedule

Date	Service time	Service Type		
Nov 26	8:30 am 10:30 am	BCP BAS p. 185	Reign of Christ	This is a more traditional service
Dec 3	8:30 am 10:30 am	BCP Iona	Advent 1	This is a more contemporary service
Dec 10	8:30 am 10:30 am	BCP BAS p. 185	Advent 2	This is a more traditional service
	5:00 pm	BCP	Advent evensong	Light tourtiere supper
Dec 17	8:30 am 10:30 am	BCP BSS	Advent 3	Christmas Pageant
Dec 24	8:30 am 10:30 am	BCP BAS p.185	Advent 4	This is a more traditional service
Dec 24	7:00 pm 9:00 pm	BSS BAS p 185	Christmas Eve	Praise Team Choir
Dec 25	10 am	BCP	Christmas Day	Dan Bennie's Corners Regrettables
Dec 31	8:30 am 10:30 am	BCP Service of intentions	Christmas 1	

BCP: Book of Common Prayer; BAS: Book of Alternative Services; BSS: Supplementary Services

DEFT Donations - Joan and I are pleased to announce that we feel we have overcome all the growing pains we had transitioning the DEFT to our new provider. All the DEFT for the beginning of November have successfully been withdrawn from the donor's bank account and deposited to our bank account automatically. Yeah ! We are now ready to move the donors who donate on the 25th of November and then the last batch of donors who donate on the 15th of December. We anticipate these will be smooth, now that we know what we are doing, lol ! Once again we apologise for the various machinations and any inconvenience it caused, and we really appreciate your patience and understanding. Just a note, you may have noticed that the actual donation came out of your bank account a day or two after your donation date, this is typical and is only because we are now going through a third party so there is a processing time of a day or two.

Thanks so much, Sandra Cain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Tuesday	8:30 am 10:00 am 12:45 pm 2:00 pm	Centering Prayer Coffee Hour at the Rectory Christian Meditation Food Cupboard
Wednesday	9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:00 pm	Tourtiere Pie Prep Contemplative Writing Circle Tourtire Pie Prep
Thursday	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Tourtiere Pie Prep and Sale Contemplative Mixed Media Music Practice
Friday	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Yoga (full) Contemplative Photography
Saturday	9:30 am	All My Relations
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 am	Sunday services

OUR SYRIAN FAMILY, Asaad, Alset, Lena and Elias have arrived. Please keep them in your prayers as they settle into their new life in Canada.

IN OUR PARISH

TOURTIERE AND TURKEY POT PIES - November is here! If you can help make tourtiere and turkey pot pies (prepare pastry, help prepare or do baking), and haven't yet signed up to help, please call Ron at [613-804-4617](tel:613-804-4617).

CURSILLISTAS! The fall weekend has been postponed.

PRAYER – DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE? This book discussion group resumes Tuesday, Nov 28 at 6:45 in the Parish Hall. For those wishing to prepare, we will be discussing Chapter 8 and 9.

ADVENT TEA: We will be holding our first Advent Tea in the hall on Friday, December 8 from 1-3 pm. **THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER.** It is an opportunity for members of our congregation to gather and socialize over sandwiches, squares and tea in china cups and saucers. Please let us know if you need a ride.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER: 12 noon Christmas Day, with carol singing at 11:30 am; (donations to the Food Bank welcome) For information, reservations or to book a ride, please call the church office at 613-256-1771.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE. The bakers of the parish have asked that we not have a Christmas Bazaar / Lunch this year but replace it with a bakeless bake sale. They are excited that there will be no slaving over a hot stove, no selling things for less than it cost to make, no pick ups or deliveries. They will simply donate what they would have spent on ingredients. It's one way that we can give our baker's a break so that they don't burn out. But donors do get a charitable tax receipt. Envelopes for the bakeless bake sale will be available Dec 10.

Financial Snapshot

	Jan – Oct 2017	Budget	Last Year
Total Income	122 884	140 350	143 250
Total Expenses	149 691	156 112	150 784
Profit (Loss)	(26 807)	(15 762)	(7 534)

Pledge forms are available at the back of the church

THE WIDER CHURCH

WALKING GROUP "Good Grief": A Gentle walking group for those that are grieving the death of a loved one! Hub Hospice Palliative Care (HHPC) Mondays 1030-1130 meet at the Almonte Library entrance
Beginning November 20th Please join us! to register please contact Liz Higginson (Hub Hospice Palliative Care/Volunteer)
Phone: Cell: [613- 299- 8866](tel:613-299-8866) or email lizhigginson@yahoo.ca

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Hub Hospice Palliative Care (HHPC) Almonte, Tuesdays 10:00- 11:30 for 7 weeks Beginning on November 21st til mid-January - Please call Lorrie Beaton at [613 304 3299](tel:613-304-3299) to register.

9th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STOCKING DRIVE FOR THE HUNGER STOP/LANARK COUNTY FOOD BANK: It helps a great deal if stockings are filled with toiletries and labelled before delivery as to their contents being appropriate for a specific gender or age group. For further information, please contact Sandra Schappert at 613-492-1006.

ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH HOSTING “GOSPEL MATTERS BAND” – Sunday, November 19, at 2 pm – Tickets are \$15 and available from the church office, Baker Bob's or from Eleanor Rintoul at 613-257-3692. Light Refreshments.

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of Almonte Presbyterian Church will be hosting a presentation on Reconciliation, focusing on discussions held at a workshop last summer and organized by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This will take place on Saturday, November 25th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in our church hall. All are welcome to join in the conversation.

"How Shall We Pray? An Advent Retreat Day" - Come and renew your spirit as we explore the theme of prayer through music, art, and more! This retreat will be held at St James Carleton Place on December 2nd from 10:00-4:00, with doors opening at 9:30. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. They are available for purchase at St James' church office in Carleton Place ([613-257-3178](tel:613-257-3178)).

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PROGRAM: Financial donations will gratefully be accepted at: Baker Bob's, the Almonte branches of the Bank of Montreal or the Royal Bank and at the Mills Community Support Office on Industrial Avenue. Canned food collection is not part of the program this year.