



**Advent 3**  
**December 17, 2017**

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**8:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

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**Collect of the Day**

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Sermon**

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**Thanksgiving and Celebration**  
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**The Blessing**

**The Church in the World:** We pray for The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin, The Episcopal Church, Western North Carolina.

**Diocese of Ottawa:**

We pray for John, our Bishop, and for Pat, our Priest and Julian of Norwich, The Ven. Mary Ellen Berry; for all Church Musicians serving in the Diocese of Ottawa and, for the residents and staff and Chaplains of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, Deacon Caroline Ducros, Chaplain.

**Our Mission Partners:**

We pray for the Vidas Mission in Ayacucho, Peru, Pastors Max and Raquel Candia.

**Our Local Community:**

We pray for the nonprofit corporation, The Hub and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being.

**In Our Parish:** We pray for comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Robbie Anderson, Anne Wheatley, Kathy Aird and, Bessie Exley. We pray for our sponsorship family: Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias as they settle into life in Canada.

**In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Bessie Exley, Victoria & Chris Fabricius, Cameron, Hannah & Owen, and Brian & Laurie Fallak.

**For the Whole Human Family** that we may learn to live together in justice and peace. We pray for refugees and displaced persons, thinking especially of the people seeking refuge from war and persecution and we remember the victims of terrorism around the world. We pray for all those whose lives are impacted by social unrest, disaster & poverty.

**Prayer for St. Paul's:** Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them into your name. Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11 Luke 1:26-38**

# Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church

*The Right Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa*  
*The Rev. Canon Pat Martin, Rector*



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**Greeters:** Patricia Kennedy & Deborah Vigier

**Reader:** Lynda Bennett

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