

Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church

The Rev. Jonathon Kouri

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 a.m.



December 25 2018

HOLY EUCHARIST

Greeter:

Readers: George Seibel and Rodney Senior

Prayers: Rodney Senior

Music: Dan Berg

*The service this morning follows the
Book of Alternative Services, beginning on p. 185*

Collect (together)

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 97 **p.835**

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

GRADUAL HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful (versus 1, 2 and 5) **CP 118**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

Sermon

Nicene Creed **p.188**

The Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY HYMN *Away in a Manger* **CP 126**

Prayer over the Gifts

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son.

Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3 **p.198**

The Lord's Prayer **p.211**

Breaking of the Bread *Sentence 6* **p. 213**

COMMUNION

All are all welcome at our Lord's Table.

For hygienic reasons, please refrain from dipping the bread in the wine.

Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN.

The Blessing

Announcements

CLOSING HYMN *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* **CP 138**



The flowers in the church this Christmas are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of...

*Wally and Agnes Ayling, Richard Nichols and Lynn Symons
given by Ron and Katrina Ayling*

*John, Marie Perry and Liz Everett and Anne Carter
given by Bonnie and David Carter*

*Robert and Karen Exley
given by Barbara and Les Humphreys and Bessie Exley
Dorothy and Lloyd Henderson given by Deane Zeeman*



*Thank you to all who helped in decorating our church and to everyone who participated in so many ways to make our services so special.
We wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Today we give thanks for the greatest gift of all, **Jesus Christ** our Lord and Saviour. We also give thanks for the life and witness of Robbie Anderson and we pray for her family and friends.

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 Syria. We remember the victims of terrorism around the world and pray for all those whose lives are impacted by violence and social unrest.

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.

IN OUR PARISH

TAX RECEIPTS: Please remember that we are allowed to issue 2018 tax receipts only for donations **received by December 31st.**

REDUCED OFFICE HOURS during the week between Christmas and New Years. Deane and Cathy will be in the office on Friday, December 26 from 1-4:30 p.m.. Rev. Jonathon will be checking the office phone and email messages during the week.

OUR CRÈCHE FIGURES: The figures which make up St Paul's crèche have become an integral part of our Christmas celebrations for many years. They were donated in December 1974 by the artist Doris McCarthy, thanks to the efforts of the late Madeleine Moir, a long-time friend of the artist and member of St. Paul's. Doris was well known for her painting of landscapes from Newfoundland, to the Rocky Mountains, to the Arctic. The figures were restored recently thanks to the generous donation from Madeleine Moir's estate and the combined efforts of Ann Bird and Bob Bassett.

NEXT WEEK

Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
<i>Potluck light brunch</i>	9: 20 a.m.
Service of Intentions	10:30 a.m.