



Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Almonte

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Advent and Christmas Services

<p>December 1 - Advent 1 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (spoken) with anointing 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with music and Celtic-style (Iona) Healing Prayer</p>
<p>December 8 - Advent 2 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken) 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with music Angel Tree: we decorate the tree with memories of our loved ones who are no longer with us.</p>
<p>December 15 - Advent 3 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken) 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with music</p>
<p>December 22 - Advent 4 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken) 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with Lessons and Carols, the story of Jesus' birth in scripture and song.</p>
<p>December 24 - Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Family Service Eucharist with music</p>
<p>December 25 - Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Community Christmas Dinner <i>in the Hall</i></p>
<p>December 29 - Christmas 1 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken) 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with music Service of Intentions: an opportunity to consider the year ahead and entrust it to God.</p>
<p>January 5 2020 – Epiphany 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken - BCP) 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with music – BAS)</p>

REMINDER: Let's support the Lanark County Food Bank by providing Christmas stockings filled with toiletries. The focus is on adults and those living alone, or those who give everything, so their kids can have a joyful day! Mark stockings **HIS** or **HERS** - **Deliver to 5 Allan, CP from Nov. 16 - Dec. 13.**

The Rev. Jonathon Kouri

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Rector's Warden: Wendy Shaw

People's Warden: Bob Bassett

A full list of contacts for St Paul's can be found at the back of the church.



Advent 1 December 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. Service

Greeters: Cathy and Michael Gallagher

Reader: Joan Scott

10:30 a.m. Service

Greeters: Tom Coleman and Richard Evans

Server/Chalice: Bob Bassett

Readers: Judith Senior and Melissa Stroud

Prayers: Deane Zeeman

Music Director: Wendy Shaw

Organist: John Black

Accompanists: Dan Berg, Dave Newlands, Doris Wionzek

We ask that you please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes

We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace

Readings for today

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 ~ Psalm 122 ~ Colossians 1: 11-20 ~ Luke 23: 33-43

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

According to the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), beginning on p.67.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Adapted from *The Iona Worship Book* (Wild Goose Resources), with Iona Advent Reponses.

The words of the liturgy, the songs and hymns are projected on the screen at the front of the church.

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 2: 1-5 ~ Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 ~ Romans 13: 11-14 ~ Matthew 24: 36-44

THIS COMING WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group
	1:00 p.m.	Contemplative Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media
Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Food Cupboard
	9:30	Feldenkrais movement – Discovery series
	1:30 p.m.	Contemplative Writing
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Open Table
	9:00 a.m.	Repurposing Your Wardrobe
	1:00 p.m.	Affinity Photo (CFCL)
Friday	4:15 p.m.	Music Team Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Yoga
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Contemplative Photography
	9:30 a.m.	MMAMR meeting
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion – *BCP (spoken)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – *BCP (with music)

*BCP=*Book of Common Prayer* BAS = *Book of Alternate Services*
BSS = *Supplement to the BAS*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's PRAYER CALENDAR. The Prayer Calendar for December is available on line and at the back of the church.

Please only take a paper copy if you do not have access to the internet.

Readers & Greeters: We are looking for new readers and greeters at the **8:30 service.** You would be on duty approximately once every six weeks. Please speak with Lynda Morgan if you are interested. Training will be provided.

Open Table this Wednesday December 4! Soup's on at 6:30 p.m. Topic this month is **Why Christmas?** –what a suitable topic for the season! ALL ARE WELCOME. *Reminder:* The January meeting has been cancelled as it falls on January 1.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Council November 20 2019 Meeting Highlights.

- New lockboxes have been installed at the lower yellow doors and the back church hall door. If you require a combination to access the key, please speak with Rev. Jonathon or the Wardens.
- Some temporary repairs will be made to the concrete steps so that they are safer for winter. A plan is in place to completely rebuild the steps in the spring.
- Bishop John's visit to our parish, originally scheduled for December 15, has been postponed. A new date will be announced once it is booked.
- Some of the funds raised by the Centre for Creative Living will be specifically set aside for future CFCL expenses.
- We will study church membership and givings to see if there are any identifiable trends over the past few years.
- A donation will be made to support the Lions Club Christmas Food Basket Program, to support residents at need in our community during the Christmas season.
- We will look at possibly restructuring how Parish Council meetings are held, once a new council is formed after the next Vestry Meeting in February.

Advent Resources Online:

Advent: everything there is to know about the season (Wikipedia):

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advent>

Advent 2019 Daily Reflections (Anglican Diocese of Vancouver): sign up to received daily email reflections

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-resources/2019-advent-calendar>

Buy Less Christmas Shopping Guide for All Ages (Advent UnWrapped, United Church of Canada)

https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/buy_less_shopping_guide.pdf

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love: Advent Reflections (PWRDF)

<https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/advent2019/>