

TAX RECEIPTS: Please remember that we are allowed to issue 2019 tax receipts only for donations received by December 31st.

Notes from our Envelopes Secretary

2020 Envelopes: Please pick up your new box of envelopes at the back of the church.

2020 Commitment Cards: If you donate regularly by envelopes or PAR (pre-authorized remittance) please fill out a commitment card and drop it off in the box at the back of the church as soon as possible. Any questions can be directed to Sara Cardona, Envelope Secretary at (343) 550-1567 or via email: envelopesecretary@stpaulsalmonte.ca.

Thank you very much for your generosity and consideration.

The Counters would appreciate your assistance too: due to new banking deposit procedures, the counters would greatly appreciate it if cheques and dollar bills are not folded when money is inserted in envelopes or on the plate. Thank you!

Open Table We will NOT be meeting in January, as the first Wednesday of the month falls on New Year's Day. We will resume our regular monthly meetings on **Wednesday February 5**.

Movie Night St. Paul's will be hosting a movie night and discussion on **Friday January 3 at 7:00 p.m.** Come and see "The Way" - a movie about the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

Diocese of Ottawa Refugee Ministry: Call for Panel Members

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa is a Sponsorship Agreement Holder with the Government of Canada and one of the largest sponsors of refugees in the country. We are establishing a Panel to provide oversight, leadership and support of our Refugee Ministry Office. The intention is that Panel members will be actively involved in various aspects of our refugee sponsorship. We are looking for people with experience in the following areas:

- Advocacy - Networking and Government Relations - Communications - Outreach
- Fundraising - Risk Management - Volunteer Management
- Refugee Policy.

Panel members will be appointed by the Bishop for an initial term of 2 years. They will attend 6-8 meetings per year and are expected to be actively involved in their functional area(s), up to 8 hours per month.

If you're interested you someone who might be interested in being a member of this panel, please contact the Rev. Mark Whittall, Chair, Refugee Ministry Panel (email: RMOVolunteerRequest@ottawa.anglican.ca).

Welcome to

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Almonte

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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 4

December 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. Service

Greeters: Patricia Kennedy and Joan Scott

Reader: Lois Rochon

10:30 a.m. Service

Greeters: Irene Emig and Mary Pearson

Server: Bob Bassett

Readers: *see bulletin insert*

Music Director: Wendy Shaw

Organist: John Black

Accompanists: Dan Berg, 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

Isaiah 7:10-16 ~ Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ~ Romans 1:1-7 ~ Matthew 1: 18-25

Collect for the Day

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We pray for Richard Beaubien, recently deceased, and for his family and friends as they grieve his loss.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

A service of *Advent Lessons and Carols*, telling the story of Jesus in scripture and song. See the service program in the bulletin insert. Words (and music) for the Congregational carols will be found in the blue book *Common Praise*

Readings for Christmas Eve

John 1:1-5 ~ Isaiah 9: 2-7 ~ Titus 2: 11-1 ~ Luke 2: 1-14

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52: 7-10 ~ Hebrews 1:1-4 ~ John 1:1-14

Readings for Sunday December 29

Isaiah 63: 7-9 ~ Psalm 148 ~ Hebrews 2: 10-18 ~ Matthew 2: 13-23

THIS COMING WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Tuesday	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve service
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day service
	11:30 a.m.	Carol singing in the Hall
	noon	Community Christmas Diner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion – *BCP (spoken)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – *BAS (with music)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



There are **no Endings**

Just new **Beginnings**

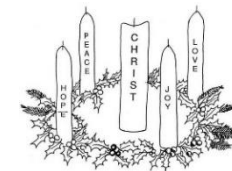
Service of Intention, Sunday December 29

At both services there will be an opportunity to consider your plans for 2020 and light a candle as a symbol of your intentions towards Jesus and his church.

Christmas Cards designed by members of the Centre for Creative Living are available for purchase in the church foyer for \$5.00 each. If you wish to order a number of a particular one (5 for \$20), please contact Sue Evans at 613-721-0033 or cfcl@stpaulsalmonte.ca. ** All proceeds go to the church.

Coffee House: the event planned for December 27 has been cancelled. See you all on the last Friday in January!

REDUCED OFFICE HOURS during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Deane and Cathy will **ONLY** be in the office on Friday, **December 27 from 1:30-4 p.m.** Rev. Jonathon will be checking the office phone and email messages during the week.



Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

ALL: Jesus is the light of the world, a light no darkness can extinguish.

Leader: We light the candle of love as we joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus

The candle is lit.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, into our world, into our church, into our homes

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!