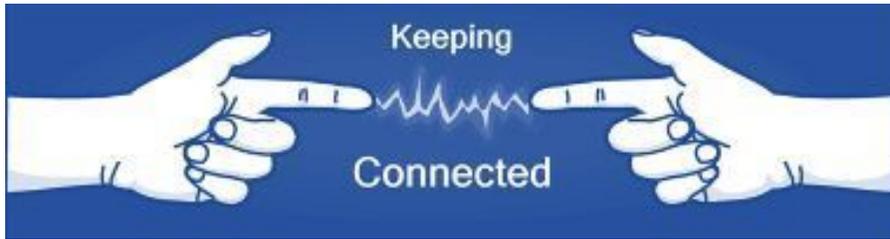


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St Paul's Anglican Church Almonte



For Sunday January 30 2022

Epiphany 4

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a meeting of parishioners, originally in a vestry, for the conduct of parochial business.

This year's Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday February 27 beginning at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

Pre-registration will open soon - you'll find a link right here!

A reminder to all Ministry leads to get your reports in to your Ministry Team Lead (list in last weeks newsletter - [HERE](#) - article title: *Governance at St. Paul's - Who Does What?* - and additions following right here). Thanks!

Who Does What at St Paul's - More information!

Outreach Ministries

Semi-annual road clean-up (Michael Mavis/Vicki Bassett)

Our Spaces (Katrina Ayling and Eric Hammond)

Gardens Committee (Karen Masson)



Desperately Seeking a Treasurer

We are still looking for a new Treasurer. Sandra Cain has generously agreed to stay on temporarily until we can find someone to take on this important role.

You do not need to be an accountant or a bookkeeper to be the Treasurer, although an understanding of numbers and the ability to use a computer are essential.

If we do not find a volunteer from within the Church to do this essential work, we are going to need to pay an outside individual or accounting firm. This could be very expensive for our Church and put additional pressure on our budget.

Please prayerfully consider whether you could help in this way.

A Message from Rev. Jonathon
More Thoughts on Epiphany



Over the past few weeks, I have been writing about the theme of Epiphany, noting that it comes from a Greek word meaning “the manifestation from God”. Although the word is traditionally associated with the visit of the wise men or magi to Jesus, God is being made manifest to humans all the time.

Carl Daw is an American Episcopalian priest, former English professor, and prolific hymn writer. He wrote the words to “Sing of God Made Manifest”, a beautiful hymn which captures the wider meaning of the concept of Epiphany. The words to this hymn are found at the end of this article.

Daw highlights four instances from Jesus' life where He was made manifest: when Jesus was visited by the magi, when He was baptized by John in the River Jordan, when He performed His first miracle by turning water into wine, and when He appeared with Moses and Elijah during the Transfiguration.

In fact, there are many instances throughout the Bible where God the Father, or Jesus, or the Holy Spirit is being made manifest to humans. In the Old Testament or Hebrew Bible, God spoke directly to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He appeared to Moses in the form of a burning bush. He guided the people of Israel in pillars of cloud and fire. God's presence was believed to reside on earth in the Temple in Jerusalem. And the Holy Spirit spoke to the people through the words of the many prophets of the Hebrew Bible.

In the New Testament, all three persons of the Trinity were made manifest simultaneously at the baptism of Jesus. As Jesus emerged from the water, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove, and the voice of God the Father spoke from heaven, declaring that Jesus was the Father's Son.

Throughout Jesus' public ministry, His true nature as the Son of God was being made manifest to those around Him. Some welcomed this manifestation, like His disciples who left everything they had to follow Him. Others were less hospitable, like the people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. We read in the Gospel this past Sunday how Jesus' identity as the Messiah was made manifest to them when He read from the prophet Isaiah in His own synagogue. Shortly after this, the people reacted with anger and drove Him out of the synagogue and out of their town.

Jesus sometimes used miracles to manifest His identity to those around Him. Many people who were either directly healed by Jesus or who witnessed those healing miracles came to faith because of those miraculous healings.

The appearances of Jesus after the resurrection – first to Mary Magdalene, then to the twelve disciples, then to several thousand witnesses – were also all examples of manifestations of God.

The New Testament uses the Greek word from which we get our English word Epiphany five times to describe Jesus's Second Coming. That will be God's ultimate manifestation to humans, when all people will see and know that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The manifestations of God are not limited to the pages of the Bible. God continues to be made manifest in our lives, in our Church, and in our world today. Those manifestations may not be as obvious and as dramatic as a miracle. Oftentimes, God is made manifest to us in the ordinary activities of our day-to-day lives. All we need to do is to be open to God's presence and to perceive Him at work in our lives.

Sing of God Made Manifest

Words: Carl P. Daw, (c) 1990 Hope Publishing Company

Music: "Salzburg" by Jakob Hintze, 1678

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

5 Marks of Mission

These five Marks of Mission are a framework used to describe and encourage ministry throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion

- 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**
- 2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers**
- 3. To respond to human need by loving service**
- 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation**
- 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

Over the next few weeks we'll take a look at how St. Paul's is living out the Marks of Mission in our activities and ministries. This week, *Worship Ministries* - related to Marks 1 and 2.

OUR MINISTRIES

Worship Ministries

We come together to worship God

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild cares for the decorations and furnishings (communion silver, fair linens, hangings and banners, the brass and the flowers) in the church. They set up the altar for the Eucharist and clean up afterwards. (Lois Rochon)

Greeters. A crucial ministry of hospitality, these members welcome people as they arrive at our worship services. (Lynda Bennett at 8.30 a.m.; Wendy Shaw at 10:30 a.m.)

Intercessors. At in-person worship services, these volunteers lead the Prayers of the People at the 10:30 a.m. service. (Wendy Shaw)

Readers. These volunteers read the Scriptures appointed for the day at our worship services. (Lynda Bennett at 8.30 a.m.; Wendy Shaw at 10:30 a.m.)

Servers. A server assists the priest at the altar and may carry the cross in procession. (Rev. Jonathon)

Music Team Our musicians and singers provide music leadership at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and at special services during the Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons. New members are welcome. (Wendy Shaw)

Counters. Each Sunday the offering is counted, recorded, and readied for deposit at the bank. Each team takes a turn approximately once a month. (Karen Masson)

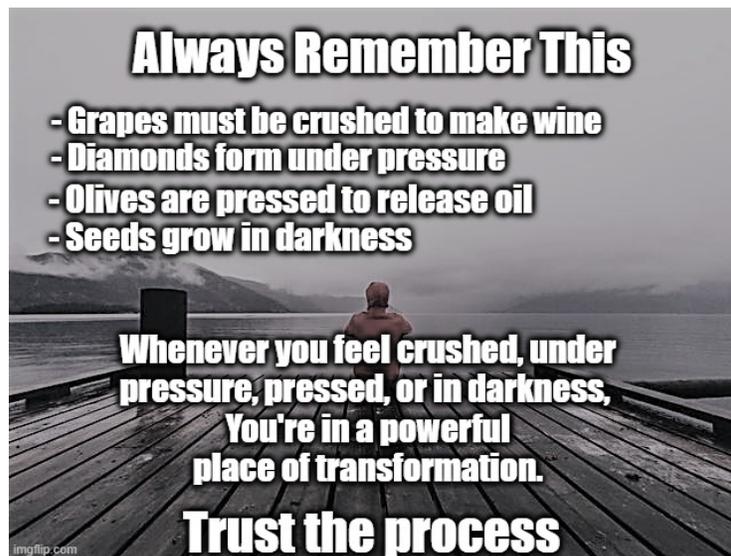
We welcome new additions to any and all of these ministries! Speak to the ministry lead (in brackets, above) or to Rev. Jonathon if you have any questions or would like to join in.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Epiphany 4

Click on a reading to see the text from the
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) on the Bible Gateway

- First reading: [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)
 - Psalm: [Psalm 71:1-6](#)
 - Second reading: [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)
 - Gospel: [Luke 4:21-30](#)
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O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

— Revised Common Lectionary [Prayers for Epiphany Year C](#)

In the World. Pray for a negotiated settlement of the situation in Russian and Ukraine; for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (covering Madagascar, Mauritius, and Seychelles); for Mary Sherwood and the ministry of the Akany Famonjena orphanage and the Akany Tafita Center in Madagascar.

In Canada. The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (Anglican dioceses in Newfoundland, the Maritimes and Quebec).

In our Diocese. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker; Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa and their clergy The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff and The Reverend Canon Douglas Richards; all Archdeacons in our diocese; St. Peter's Lutheran Church and their pastor Joel Crouse.

In Our Community. We ask God's blessing on local faith communities and on their ministries 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.

We pray for the work of the Almonte Community Co-ordinators, our local not-for-profit dedicated to serving the most vulnerable our community through The Hub and Rebound and their other community activities. We pray for the health and safety of our neighbours as the latest omicron variant spreads around the world and in our neighborhoods.

In Our Parish. We pray for ourselves and for each other.

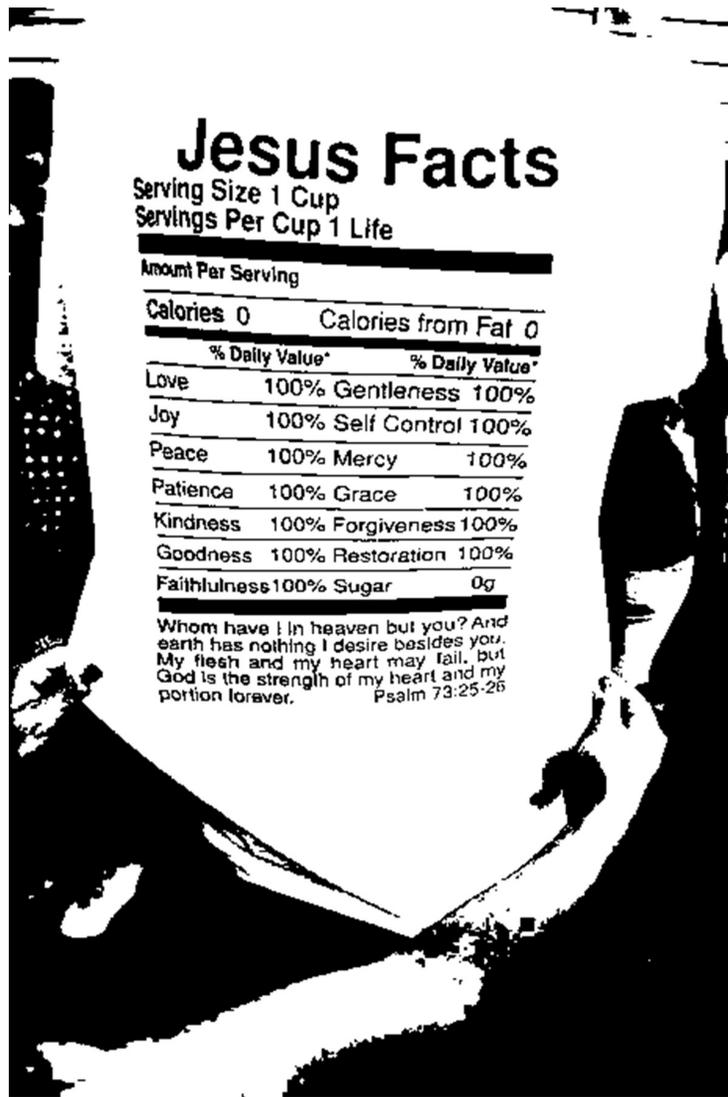
We ask for God's healing for Jonathon, our priest, and for our members who are struggling with health issues.

We remember in our prayers George Nightingale as he settles into his new home in Merrickville.

We ask for God's blessing on our members John and Irene Emig, Richard Evans, Sue Evans, David Carter and Bonnie Everitt, Victoria and Chris Fabricius and Michel Gagné.

We remember our neighbors, especially Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias.

Jesus Nutrition Facts



Jesus Facts

Serving Size 1 Cup
Servings Per Cup 1 Life

Amount Per Serving			
Calories 0		Calories from Fat 0	
% Daily Value*		% Daily Value*	
Love	100%	Gentleness	100%
Joy	100%	Self Control	100%
Peace	100%	Mercy	100%
Patience	100%	Grace	100%
Kindness	100%	Forgiveness	100%
Goodness	100%	Restoration	100%
Faithfulness	100%	Sugar	0g

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25-26

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