



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton Newsletter

*Growing spirituality and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

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Christ the King

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday, or The Reign of Christ Sunday. It was adopted by Christians as a celebration of the Christian conviction that ultimately Jesus Christ is in charge. It is believed that the oldest Christian creed (statement of faith) is just three words long, "Jesus is Lord." It comes from Romans 10:9 where Paul writes, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." And what it means is that Christians believe that Jesus is in charge; Jesus is the Lord.

But if Jesus is in charge then shouldn't the world be a very different place? Why are there still wars if the prince of peace is in charge. Why is there still so much suffering and death in the world if the Lord of Life is king?

The precise answer to that mystery remains unknown and may never be fully known.

What is pretty clear, however, is that when and where Jesus is in charge things are

different. When and where people, trusting that Jesus is Lord, experience the promise of God's grace and forgiveness things are different. When and where people, believing that Jesus is Lord, demonstrate the same sacrificial love and compassion that he showed, things are different. When people do what's right even if it's very difficult because they believe that Jesus is Lord, things are very different. When and where Jesus is in charge things are very different and one day everything everywhere will be very different in all the very best ways, forever.

In the meantime, it's up to those of us who have come to know and believe that Jesus is Lord to be different. It's up to us to celebrate and demonstrate the difference that Jesus makes, and what better time to do that than as we prepare to celebrate his birth?

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ADVENT CONSPIRACY

What would our preparations for Christmas look like if we tried to make Christmas about demonstrating the difference that Jesus makes? That's the idea behind the Advent Conspiracy.



Though Advent is still more than a week away Christmas, nevertheless, is upon us. Lights are going up. The stores are all decked out, and Christmas ads are all over the place, and once again I'm left wondering if any of it actually demonstrates in any way the difference that Jesus makes. Does spending all kinds of time and energy and anxiety trying to create a picture-perfect Christmas actually demonstrate the difference Jesus makes? Does spending all kinds of money on stuff most of us don't even need?

I think it's vital that we ask these questions because, regardless of how much any of us might actually buy into it, that is the kind of Christmas we are being sold, and for more and more people in our culture that is the only Christmas they know.

What would our preparations for Christmas look like if we tried to make Christmas about demonstrating the difference that Jesus makes, and making that difference known to

the world around us? That's the idea behind the Advent Conspiracy.

It's an approach to preparing for Christmas that is being adopted by a growing number of churches and it emphasizes the difference that Jesus and his kingdom make by inviting people to explore and practice four ideas that are quite different from what we typically see around us at Christmas. It encourages people to:

WORSHIP FULLY – BECAUSE CHRISTMAS BEGINS AND ENDS WITH JESUS!

SPEND LESS – AND FREE YOUR RESOURCES FOR THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER.

GIVE MORE – MORE OF YOUR PRESENCE, MORE OF YOUR TIME, (BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE GIFTS THAT JESUS GAVE, AND THE BEST GIFTS ANYONE CAN GIVE).

LOVE ALL – THE POOR, THE FORGOTTEN, AND THE MARGINALIZED IN WAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

This year, by giving these ideas an honest try, I intend to spend Advent exploring just what

kind of difference Christmas might still make.

Finally, in the gospel for this Sunday (Luke 23:33-43) we are going to see yet again that Jesus is a very different kind of king, and we're going to see the difference which coming to believe in Jesus' kingship can make. I hope you can join us and that together we might experience that difference and be inspired to demonstrate it during Advent, at Christmas and well after Christmas.



St Paul's Prayer Corner

† Gale A † Jackie Bettle † Don Buchanan †
Della Durelle † Loretta Derrah † Barb Glauser
† Glenn Hopey † Pat Keirstead † Donald
Lamb † Dawn Lent † Paul Robichaud † Sue
Scribner † Erika Wisted

HOMEMADE TURKEY PIES

The ACW will be making homemade turkey pies on Friday Nov 25th. 8" pie - \$ 8.00. You can place your order on the sign-up sheet in the foyer of St. Paul's Church.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Choir Practice at St Paul's for the community carol sing will begin on Nov 8 at 7:00 pm and continue weekly each Tuesday (Nov 22 & 29) Please come and enjoy so St Paul's will be well represented in December.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Glenna Geer at 832-5338.

YOUTH UPDATE

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Sometimes we have bad days. Kids are crying, house is a mess, you have a million and one things to do but you have feed your family NOW. You feel exhausted. I have been there. I am sure many of you have as well.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 was on my heart today. Sometimes it's hard for us to give thanks in those difficult times. God wants us to though. He says IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE THANKS. This changes our perceptive. This helps us to see things the way HE SEES things. For example: Your kids are crying, you have laundry to do, you need to get supper on the table and your exhausted.

Give thanks to God you have more than enough clothes to dress your kids and food to put on your table. This can be hard but trust me this does change our perceptive to HIS PERCEPTIVE. It says give thanks IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP- SUNDAY @ ST PAUL'S @6:30

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - MONDAY @ BLOOMFIELD CHURCH @ 7:30

If you are looking to get involved in the church with children and or youth please

contact me. I can help you. Your help is always welcome.



YOU'RE INVITED!
Sunday, November
27, 2016
4:00 — 6:00 pm
(includes supper)

Messy Advent?

- It's fun on a Sunday for children and adults. It's delightfully messy but you don't have to clean up.
- We explore the advent season through storytelling, music, games, crafts and/or drama
- We finish with a shared supper

Who is it for?

- Kids & Adults of all ages. You don't need to be a "regular" at our church or any church— ALL are welcome

Bring a Friend

St Paul's Anglican Church

SENIOR'S SERVICE AND SUPPER

4:00 pm

SATURDAY, Dec 3rd

Hampton United Church

Worship and Fellowship with Hampton United Church, St. Paul's Anglican seniors and our friends at Ossekeag Place.

RSVP BY NOON on THURSDAY Dec 1st

CALL 832-5050

Suggested Donation for supper is \$5

SEAFARERS' MISSION

St Paul's ACW is once again collecting items for the Seafarers' Mission. We are looking for donations of basic items such as: soap or body wash, face cloths, shampoo, razors (disposable), toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, comb, socks, candy, playing cards, note pads, pens, puzzle books, hats, mitts, scarves, etc. We will collect items until December 11th.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Are you tired of way consumerism seems to have stolen the soul of Christmas? It's not too late. Join the advent conspiracy and see how Christmas still can change the world.

The advent conspiracy small group series

November 25, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16

6:30PM-8:30PM

58 Kennebecasis River Road

UPCOMING EVENTS & SCHEDULES

Mission of the Month - Toonie Tin

Seafarers' Mission

20 Nov - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

- 20 Nov – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 21 Nov – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 21 Nov - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 22 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 22 Nov – 7:00pm Christmas Choir Practice
- 22 Nov – 7:30 pm Vestry
- 23 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

- 23 Nov – 7:00 pm MU prepare meal at HMS
- 24 Nov – HMS Baking (Myra & Dan)
- 24 Nov – 7:00 pm Alpha
- 25 Nov – 11:00 am ACW Turkey Pie prep
- 25 Nov – 6:30 pm Small Group: Advent Conspiracy (Betty's home)

27 Nov - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

Advent 1

- 27 Nov – 4:00 pm Messy Advent
- 27 Nov – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 28 Nov – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 28 Nov - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 29 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 29 Nov – 7:00pm Christmas Choir Practice
- 30 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 1 Dec – HMS baking (Heather & David)
- 1 Dec – 7:30 Chancel (Shirley's home)
- 2 Dec – 6:30 pm Small Group: Advent Conspiracy (Betty's home)
- 3 Dec – 8:30 am Holy Joes
- 3 Dec – 4:00pm Seniors' Supper & Service

4 Dec - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

Advent 2

- 4 Dec – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 4 Dec – 7:00 pm Mass Choir Service (HUC)
- 5 Dec– 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 5 Dec - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 6 Dec – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 7 Dec – 12:00 pm Lunch for HHS (Upham)
- 7 Dec - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 8 Dec – HMS baking (Donna)
- 2 Dec – 6:30 pm Small Group: Advent Conspiracy (Betty's home)

NOV 27

9:00 am HC – BCP

Layreader: Betty (*Isa. 2: 1-5, Psalm 122*)

Reader: Pat (*Romans 13:11-14*)

Greeters: Pat & Peggy

Chancel: Jean / Shirley Ste.

Counters: Jean / Joyce

10:30 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Heather M (*Psalm 122*)

Reader: Stephen (*Romans 13:11-14*)

Greeters: Stephen & Barb

A/V: Elaine

Sunday School: Alice / Diana

Youth Sunday School: Betty

Nursery: Tim

DEC 4

9:00 am HC – BCP

Layreader: Margaret (*Isa. 11:1-10, Ps. 72:1-17, 18-19*)

Reader: ---- (*Rom. 15:4-13*)

Greeters: ---

Chancel: Dawn / Joyce

Counters: Pat / Clarence

10:30 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Rod (*Ps 72:1-7, 18-19*)

Reader: Myra (*Rom. 15:4-13*)

Greeters: ----

A/V: Elaine

Sunday School: Shari / Kate

Youth Sunday School: Heather M

Nursery: Jenny