



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton

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



4 December 2016 Advent 2 Spend Less

Spending Less isn't a call to stop giving gifts; it's a call to stop spending money on gifts we won't remember in less than a year. North America spends over \$600 billion dollars during the Christmas season. By spending wisely on gifts we free ourselves from the anxiety associated with debt and waste so we can take in the season with a full heart.

9:00 am HC – BAS

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

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

Greeters: Robert & Claire

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

Nursery: Jenny

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The Advent Wreath

Reader - Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of Hope. We light it again in the hope that Christ will come again to fulfill the promises of God.

On this, the second week of Advent, we recall God's promise of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called the coming saviour "The prince of peace". We are told that at the birth of Jesus an army of angels appeared praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

We light this second candle –the candle of peace- to be reminded that God brings peace to all who trust in him.

All - May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 11:1-10 (9:00 am Service only) - *Through Isaiah YAHWEH announces that the line of King David's father Jesse will be revived with the coming of a righteous and just ruler endowed with the Spirit of God. He will preside over a kingdom in which the poor and the meek shall thrive while even nature, red in tooth and claw, shall be transformed. As a result, all nations will be drawn to this coming monarch.*

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 - *The Psalmist prays that the king of his own day or perhaps a future king will be a righteous judge who delivers the poor and punishes the oppressor. Long may he reign while righteousness flourishes and peace abounds. It is YAHWEH who will accomplish all this and whose glory fills the whole earth.*

Romans 15:4-13 - *St. Paul calls upon the Christians in Rome to live in unity with one another, especially in giving glory to God. They should welcome each other just as Jesus has welcomed them, as Gentiles, into the kingdom. He affirms that Scripture has foreseen and celebrated this development as part of the promise of Isaiah regarding the line of Jesse, giving hope to all nations.*

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

St Paul's Prayer Corner

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

Mission of the Month: **Hampton Food Basket**

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias
Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Upham-Rev. Robert Marsh & Retired Clergy-Rev. John Tremblay

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Dec 11 – Advent 3

9:00 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Betty (*Isa. 35:1-10, Magnificat, Song of Mary*)

Reader: Glenna
(*James 5: 7-10*)

Greeters: ---

Chancel: Dawn / Joyce

Counters: Pat / Clarence

10:30 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Lorraine
(*Magnificat, Song of Mary*)

Reader: Elaine
(*James 5: 7-10*)

Greeters: Kennedy

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Worship Fully – Spend Less – Give More – Love All