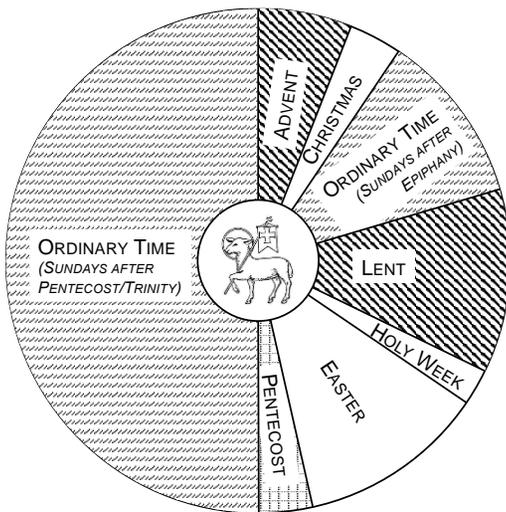


From the Assistant Curate

Believe it or not, the last Sunday of the Church year has snuck up on us once again. It's hard to believe that we're already there, given that we've had such a tropical-feeling autumn, but the temperatures are surely dropping, and the threat of snow (excuse my bad language) is here. So, whether we are prepared or not, this weekend is the last of the Trinity/Pentecost season and next week is, really, Advent. (*What is Advent all about? Come to our Children's Advent Party on November 26th at St. Mary's to find out!*)

'Tis the season for buying a new Church calendar! And while all three parishes will soon have them available to purchase, depending on which one you have, this Sunday, the 20th of November, might be called something different. In the BCP calendar, this Sunday is called the "Sunday next before Advent" – which is self-explanatory. In the BAS and other more recent calendars, though, this Sunday has taken on a different name: "The Reign of Christ". Here is where I want to direct our focus in this article.



Unlike the calendars that we are used to seeing, the Church year, or the "Liturgical Year", is not a straight line marching into the future. The Liturgical year, instead, is often depicted as a circle, something like what I've included with this article. Year after year, it revolves and we do the same thing, over and over again. The First Sunday in Advent is the "New Year's Day"

equivalent of this calendar: this is the day when we turn back to the beginning of the prayer books and lectionary schedules.

In this calendar I've included, there are a few things to note. First, as you may have noticed, we spent a long time being in "Sundays after Trinity/Pentecost". It is, really, just about half of the year: anywhere from 23 to 27 weeks (out of a total of 52). We are now finishing off this lengthy section, having been only occasionally taken off this path by major saints' days or Holy Days. But what about the other half of the year, that "first

half" we are about to begin anew? That half is marked by the retelling of the story of the life of Christ, from the prophecies foretelling him, to his birth, his life, his passion, his death and resurrection, his ascension, and his sending of the Spirit on Pentecost. It may feel like a whirlwind every year, with so many big events happening in such proximity to each other, and it is. But it does have a purpose. After the dramatic season remembering the events of Christ's life, we then have time to breathe, to grow in our faith, and take in the lessons of what we have experienced – year after year.

So, that brings me to this name: "The Reign of Christ". What is it, and why does it appear here, at the end of the year? The feast day bearing this name first appeared on the Roman calendar in 1925, when it was kept on the last Sunday in October. With the liturgical renewal of the 1960s and 70s, it was moved to be the last Sunday of the Church Year before Advent – a position soon adopted by the Anglican Communion as well. This place gives it a special "eschatological" meaning – it points us towards the end of all time when Christ is Lord over all. Indeed, the very placement of this feast day is a signal to the Church not just about something yet to come, but something that is: Jesus is Lord over all time *now*. As our Church year comes to a close, we refocus on the one for whom it exists in the first place. We recall all that we have learned about Christ in the last year and look forward to his second coming – both in our liturgical life and in the life of the world. It is Christ who reigns over all, and the Church year allows us to remember that all of our time – all of our life – is sanctified and made holy by his eternal presence. This is why the second thing I wanted to point to in this picture is the depiction of the Lamb of God, the *agnus dei*, in the centre. All our time is centred around Christ, the true lamb.

So, as we prepare to restart the lectionaries, flip the calendars, and prepare for the preparation that is Advent, we recall that Christ is Lord and he reigns over us yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). We have learned and will continue to learn about him all the days of our life in the hope that our hearts will be changed by him. And if they're not? Well, there's always next year...



Parish Notices and Updates

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on **Monday, November 21st**, at 12:00 noon, beginning with lunch. They invite all the women of St. Mary's to join them. If you have any question, please speak with Shirley Hupman.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY continues each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're working through a series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus." Please feel free to come along whenever you can!

WE'RE PLANNING A SPECIAL PARISH EVENT for pre-school and school-age kids (and their families!) We're organizing a **PARISH ADVENT PARTY** on *Saturday, November 26th* from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be Games and Crafts for all ages, with activities for younger children; and the decorating of St. Nicholas Cookies. Everything will wrap up with a Family Lunch. Plan to join us on the 26th and please feel free to invite a friend. For more information please speak to the Rector or the Assistant Curate.

COPIES OF THE 2023 CHURCH CALENDARS, prepared by our friends at St. Peter Publications in Charlottetown, are now available. **The cost is \$8.00.** These lovely calendars are a great way to keep track of the Church Year as we try to grow in grace. We would be very happy to drop off copies to those who are not able to pick one up. Please let the Rector or Assistant Curate know how many copies you would like.

THE PARISH TREASURER, ALLAN AGNEW, has prepared the 2023 Church Offering envelopes, which are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you would like to have your offering envelopes dropped off at your home, please let Allan or the Rector know and they will arrange to deliver them. Those who have arranged for our automated e-Offering programme have been assigned a box of envelopes as well. E-Offering users who do not wish a box of envelopes are asked to let Allan know so that the box can be reassigned. And, if you're not currently using regular envelopes, Allan would be pleased to help set that up.

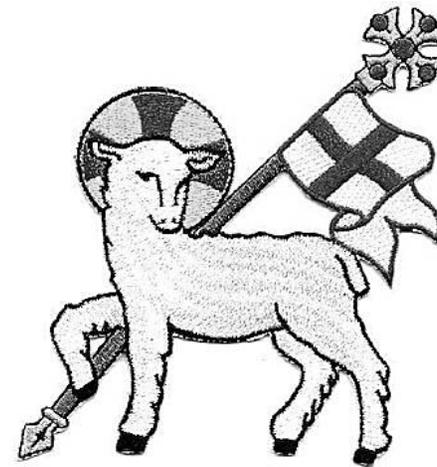


We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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I am being driven forward
Into an unknown land.
The pass grows steeper,
The air colder and sharper.
A wind from an unknown goal
Stirs the strings
Of expectation.

Dag Hammarskjöld, Markings

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

November 19, 2022

*Behold the Lamb of God!
O come, let us worship!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 97 | Ecclesiastes 10 | 3 John

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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The Epistle:	Colossians 1:13-20
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8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
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NOVEMBER 22: ST. CECILIA, Virgin & Martyr, Rome

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
1:30 p.m. – Holy Communion, *Neill Hall*
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

NOVEMBER 23: CLEMENT, Apostolic man, Bishop of Rome, c. 100

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
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7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion

NOVEMBER 24: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

NOVEMBER 25: ST. CATHERINE, Virgin & Martyr, Alexandria

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

NOVEMBER 26: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
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THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

November 20, 2022

*Behold the Lamb of God!
O come, let us worship!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 80 | Ecclesiastes 11 & 12 | Hebrews 11:1-16

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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