

From the Priest in Charge

Advent begins the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day – November 30th – which was this Thursday past. In honour of this day, here is an excerpt on St. Andrew from *Butler's Lives of the Saints*:

“St. Andrew was a native of Bethsaida, a town in Galilee upon the banks of the lake of Gennesaret. He was the son of Jona, a fisherman of that town, and brother to Simon Peter, but whether older or younger the Holy Scriptures do not say. They had a house in Capernaum, where Jesus lodged when he preached in that city. When St. John Baptist began to preach penance, Andrew became his disciple, and he was with his master when St John, seeing Jesus pass by the way after He had been baptized by him, said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” [as we read in last week's Gospel]. Andrew was so far enlightened as to comprehend this mysterious saying, and without delay he and another disciple of the Baptist went after Jesus, who saw them with the eyes of His spirit before He beheld them with His corporal eyes. Turning back as he walked, he said, “What seek ye?” They said they wanted to know where He dwelt, and He bade them come and see. There remained but two hours of that day, which they spent with him, and Andrew clearly learned that Jesus was the Messiah and resolved from that moment to follow Him; he was thus the first of His disciples, and therefore is styled by the Greeks the “Protoclete” or First-called. He then fetched his brother, that he might also know Him, and Simon was no sooner come to Jesus than the Saviour admitted him also as a disciple, and gave him the name of Peter. From this time they were his followers, not constantly attending Him as they afterwards did, but hearing Him as frequently as their business would permit and returning to their trade and family affairs again. When Jesus, going up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, stayed some days in Judea and baptized in the Jordan, Peter and Andrew also baptized by His authority and in His name. Our Saviour, being come back into Galilee and meeting Peter and Andrew fishing in the lake, He called them permanently to the ministry of the gospel, saying that He would make them fishers of men.



Whereupon they immediately left their nets to follow Him, and never went from Him again. The year following our Lord chose twelve to be His apostles, and St. Andrew is named among the first four in all the biblical lists. He is also mentioned in connection with the feeding of the five thousand (John vi 8,9) and the Gentiles who would see Jesus (John xii 20-22)...

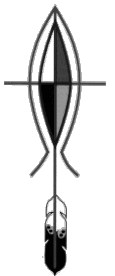
“Theodoret tells us that Andrew passed into Greece; St. Gregory Nazianzen mentions particularly Epirus, and St Jerome Achaia... The favourite view of the middle ages was that he eventually came to Byzantium and there left his disciple Stachys (Romans xvi 9) as bishop. This tradition is due to a document forged at a time when it was a great help to the ecclesiastical position of Constantinople apparently to have an apostolic origin for their church, like Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch... The place and manner of the death of St. Andrew are equally in doubt. His apocryphal *passio* says that he was crucified at Patras in Achaia, being not nailed but bound to a cross, on which he suffered and preached to the people for two days before he died.”

A tradition developed in the middle ages that St. Andrew was crucified on a saltire, or X-shaped cross. This tradition informs the design of the Scottish flag (Andrew is patron of Scotland), and also informs the design of the X-shaped cross Andrew is depicted as holding in the window at All Saints, Marysville.

“*ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*”

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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.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

COPIES OF THE 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS are still available for \$9 in the Narthex.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL will be hosting a service of **Advent Carols and Lessons Sunday afternoon, December 3, at 4pm.**

God willing, we're hoping to have an **ADVENT CHILDREN'S GATHERING** in the Parish Hall on Saturday, **December 16th, from 10am to 1am.** This will involve crafts, Bible stories, and lunch. We will have activities that suit a wide age range, so we hope you can make it and invite a friend!

THE ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION is collecting donations for **Women in Transition House** here in Devon. A list of possible donation items is in the Narthex, and includes specific items and/or sizes. Please speak to Adele Knox for more information.

Several **ADVENT RESOURCES** are available in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure the outside of the envelope is clearly marked "*Christmas Flowers*" and includes the name(s) of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s). To ensure this information is included in the Christmas bulletin, please submit by **Monday, December 18th.**

THE PARISH TREASURER, ALLAN AGNEW, has prepared the **2024 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 Fr. Nicholas know and they will arrange to deliver them. Those who have arranged for our automated e-Offering programme have not been assigned a box of envelopes. E-Offering users who wish for a box of envelopes are asked to let Allan know so that a box can be assigned. And, if you're not currently using regular envelopes, Allan would be pleased to help set that up.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation.*

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[Advent is] time to cast off the works of darkness, and arm ourselves with light, that the eternal Word of God may come to birth in the dark stables of our minds and hearts, that our poor souls may, by his grace, be dwelling places of his spirit, temples of his praise. 'For it is written,' he says, 'My house shall be called the house of prayer.'

R.D. Crouse

EVE OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, December 2, 2023

*Our King and Saviour draweth nigh:
O come, let us worship.*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 13, 14 | Wisdom 12.12-21 | Revelation 5

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 25.1-7: *page 358*

Blessing & Lighting of Advent Wreath *see handout*

The Ten Commandments *page 68*

The Gloria is omitted during Advent

The Collect: *page 95*

The Old Testament Reading: Micah 4.1-4, 6-7

The Epistle: *page 95*

Gradual Psalm 85.4-7: *page 438*

The Holy Gospel: *page 96*

The Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

The Intercessions: *Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy*

R. Hear our prayer

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 5: ADVENT FERIA

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

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

DECEMBER 6: ST. NICOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 7: ADVENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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

DECEMBER 8: CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

DECEMBER 9: EVE OF ADVENT II

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 10: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *All Saints, Marysville*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall



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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3, 2023

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11:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	59 (ST. THOMAS)
Blessing & Lighting of Advent Wreath	<i>see handout</i>
The Ten Commandments:	<i>page 68</i>
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Advent</i>	
The Collect:	<i>page 95</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Micah 4.1-4, 6-7
♫ PSALM 85.4-7	<i>page 438</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 95</i>
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	548 (STUTTGART)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 96</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	♫ Alleluia ♫
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	73 (IRISH)
The Intercessions:	Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy R. Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♫ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	224 (ROCKINGHAM)
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	62 (VENI EMMANUEL)

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