

**Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023: Holy Eucharist lead by Father Gordon Hamilton from the Book of Alternative Services at 10:00am**

**Processional Hymn:**

**#106 - There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

**Second Sunday of Advent: Year B** December 10, 2023

**Reader 1:** In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins"

**Reader 2:** We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

**Congregation:** We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

**Reader 1:** We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labour for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. **Amen.**

*Light two candles of the Advent wreath.*

**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. **Amen**

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah: Chapter 40: Verses 1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass,





## **NOTICES:**

**Holy Communion Gluten-free Wafers are now available:** Gluten-free wafers are available for those who require them. Please speak to the Priest before the Service.

**Parish Repairs:** A sheet for your input and comments is available on the Greeter's Table.

**Wednesday Eucharist:** will be in the Hall Parlour on Wednesday, December 6th. Note: last Wednesday 5:30pm Service is December 13, 2023 until after Easter 2024.

**Spiritual Friendship Study Group:** Join us for spiritual friendship, bible study, meditation & contemplative dialogue, every other Wednesday from 7-8pm (next gathering is December 6, 2023). We gather to explore together how God lives in & through us as we consider the teachings and their application to everyday life. In community, we intentionally consider our lives as Christians through study, meditative prayer and dialogue. Peace, Carolynn Barko

**Please note: Important Dates for Fall and Winter Services:**

**Service in the Hall:** December 10th

**Services in the Church:**

December 17, 2023, 3rd Sunday of Advent @ 10am

December 24, 2023, 4th Sunday of Advent @ 10am

Christmas Eve Family Service December 24, 2023 @ 4pm

Christmas Day Morning Prayer December 25, 2023 @ 10am

**Services move to the Hall for the Winter** beginning December 31, 2023 until Easter 2024.

**Donation Opportunities:**

**Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR):** A diocesan direct debit program of automatic monthly bank withdrawals. To apply, go to <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/resources/pages/par-program>.

**Electronic Transfer:** We accept e-transfers directly into the Parish bank account at BMO. Please use the office e-mail [yarmouthtusketooffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:yarmouthtusketooffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca).

**Bottle Deposit Fundraiser:** We have an account at Paper Chase Bottle Exchange, Hardscratch Road. Drop off cans & bottles & ask to put the proceeds on the Holy Trinity account.

**Bell Ringing Event:** We are pleased that the bell-ringers will play on **December 28, 2023.**

Please tell others so they can enjoy our unique way of communicating in Town. It is wonderful to have citizens & visitors attend & thank our bell-ringers in person.

**A Call for Bellringers:** The bells of Holy Trinity Parish have been ringing out over Yarmouth for over 100 years. For some, the sound is a call to hear the Word of God. For others, the bell tones have a calming effect and reduce the stress of daily life. We have added new people to our list of bell ringers. That is wonderful. There are 11 heavy bells that weigh around 11,000 pounds. People think it takes a lot of strength to ring them. But actually, the wooden handles you move to ring each note can be operated by a child. We want to build on this momentum. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact warden or the church office at 902-742- 5054 or email at yarmouthtusketoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

**Hanging of the Greens - Decorating for Christmas:** The hanging of the greens will be **Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, following our 10 am Sunday Service in the Church. Please stay and help to get our Church ready for Christmas. Thank you from the Altar Guild**

**Christmas Memorial Flowers Will be in the Church:** Christmas is just around the corner, and it is time to think about ordering Christmas Flowers for your loved ones. Please call the office (902-742-5054) Monday-Friday and leave your name & contact info to place an order. Last day to place orders is Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please mark Flowers on your cheque. For more information, please contact Shirley Muise 902-881-2090 or Faye Smith 902-742-7464. **Thank You from the Altar Guild**

**Sunday School Advent Project:**

As we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, we are encouraging Sunday school students to do some chores at home to earn money to buy farm animals for families in need through PWRDF during Advent. Members of the congregation can also participate. Just mark your donation for the Sunday School Advent Project.

**Thank you, Julie Chandler**

**Musique Royale: upcoming Christmas performances: Info at [musiqueroyale.com](http://musiqueroyale.com)**

**“A Rose in Winter” Cathedral Choir of All Saints, dir. Paul Halley**

*Musique Royale welcomes back Grammy Award-winner Paul Halley and his singers from The Choir of All Saints Cathedral for this annual performance of song and story. The choir will be joined by guest artist Alexander Dobson, whose rich and sonorous baritone voice is known to audiences of both opera and oratorio. Each year features carols old and new, and this concert will also feature Dobson in the “Fantasia On Christmas Carols” by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, a piece that depicts the spirit of the season in joyful sound.*

**Saturday December 9 at 4 pm - St John’s Anglican Church, Lunenburg**

**Sunday December 10 at 4 pm - The Cathedral Church of All Saint's, Halifax**

**“A Chorister’s Christmas” Capella Regalis Choirs, dir. Nick Halley**

*Join us for a unique musical celebration of Christmas with music animated by the spirit of the Winter Solstice. Directed by Nick Halley, the choir will weave together works from a 12th-century female composer, early folk music from Appalachia (USA), traditional German and French carols, and instrumental-choral tributes to the coming of light in the darkness.*

**Saturday December 16 at 4 pm - St John’s Anglican Church, Lunenburg**

**Handel's Messiah - Ensemble Ménestrel**

*For music lovers around the world, Handel's Messiah brings families together to begin their Christmas celebrations. Annually, it's the single most performed piece of classical music worldwide (The Guardian). Artistic director and soprano Janelle Lucyk congregates emerging historical performance specialists from Canada and beyond to create this pocket-sized "Messiah-on-the-go", which also features soprano Ariadne Lih, mezzo-soprano Sarah Myatt, tenor Kerry Bursey and bass Matthew Li as soloists.*

**Friday December 22 at 7 pm - Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville**

**Saturday December 23 at 7 pm - St John’s Anglican Church, Lunenburg**

**The Primates World Relief and Development Fund Resources, Programs and Support**

**Opportunities can be found on their website: [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org)**

**Advent Food Collection for the Yarmouth Food Bank:** We are planning to use the attached list for this year to support those in need in our community. You can set items aside and bring them each week to leave in or beside the basket. We will arrange to bring them to the Food Bank. If you wish to make a financial donation also, please make a cheque out to the Yarmouth Food Bank or Yarmouth Fuel Bank and we will deliver it for you (a charitable receipt will be provided to you from the Food Bank or Fuel Bank).