CALENDAR & NOTICES
December 24th - December 31st

Today: Matins - 7:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer, Nativity Pageant and
Blessing of the Crib - 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Organ Recital - 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass - 11:30 p.m.

Monday: **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**
CHRISTMAS DAY
Matins - 7:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Procession and High Mass - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday: **ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR**
Matins - 7:15 a.m.; Mass - 7:30 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: ST JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: **THE INNOCENTS' DAY**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: Thomas Becket, Archbishop
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: John Wycliffe, Scholar and Translator
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: **SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**
Matins - 7:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Church School - 10:15 a.m.; Sung Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
Evensong - 6:00 p.m.

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter

All Souls' Lane & Rochford Street Charlottetown, P. E. I.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

The Fourth Sunday In Advent
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017

Rector:
The Rev'd Canon David C. Garrett, B.A., M.Div.
Assistant Priest:
The Rev'd Ralph Moore, L.Th., Dip. Min.
Rector Emeritus:
The Rev'd Canon Peter W. Harris

7:30 a.m. **Matins**

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**

Propers - **please read bold print** See Below
The Collect for Advent IV Prayer Book page 102
The Advent Collect Prayer Book page 95
The Epistle Prayer Book page 102
The Gospel Prayer Book page 103

Mass Setting: Merbecke

A copy of **A Guide to the Sung Eucharist** is found in your pew.

10:30 a.m. **Advent Prose in Procession and Sung Eucharist**

℣. ***Let us go forth in peace:***
℟. ***In the name of the Lord. Amen.***

Advent Prose in Procession **Hymn 735**

Introit ***standing***

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: **that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance.** We have sinned with our fathers: **we have done amiss and dealt wickedly.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance.**

Collect for Purity *kneeling* Prayer Book page 67
Kyrie Eleison ~ Christe Eleison ~ Kyrie Eleison
Collect for Advent IV *kneeling* Prayer Book page 102
The Collect for Advent Prayer Book page 95
Epistle *sitting* Michael Edward Prayer Book page 102
Gradual

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: **yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.** My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: **and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.**

Alleluia *standing*

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Come, O Lord, and tarry not: f**orgive the misdeeds o**f **thy people. Alleluia.**

Sequence Hymn vs 1& 2 *There's a voice in the wilderness-Ascension* **Insert**
Holy Gospel Prayer Book page 103
Sequence Hymn vs 3 & 4
The Nicene Creed Prayer Book page 71
Motet **Rejoice in the Lord Alway** **John Redford**

Motet text taken from the Epistle for Advent IV

Sermon
Offertory Sentence *standing*

Be strong, fear not; behold, our God will come with a recompense; **he will come and save us.**

Offertory Hymn 8 *O come, O come, Emmanuel* - Veni Emmanuel
Presentation of the Elements
The Intercessions Allan MacLean

℣ O Lord hear our prayer
℟ And let our cry come unto Thee.
℣ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
℟ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Invitation Prayer Book page 76
Confession & Absolution *kneeling* Prayer Book page 77
Sursum Corda & Preface *standing* Prayer Book page 78
Sanctus & Benedictus Prayer Book page 81
Prayer of Consecration *kneeling* Prayer Book page 82
Our Father Prayer Book page 85
Prayer of Humble Access Prayer Book page 83
Agnus Dei Prayer Book page 84
Communion Sentence

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: **and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.**

Holy Communion

Every Christian who is baptized and a communicant in his or her own congregation is welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1 *Creator of the stars of night* Mode iv
Prayer of Thanksgiving Prayer Book page 85

℣. Depart in the peace of Christ.
℟. *Thanks be to God.*

The Blessing Prayer Book page 86
Closing Hymn 7 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* - Helmsley

Please remain seated for the Voluntary

Today's Music:
Voluntary: **Wake, Awake, for Night i**s F**lying - Wilbur Held**

Envelope Receipts Missions, Etc. Not Included			
2016		**2017**	
General Revenue		**General Revenue**	
Dec. 18th	**$ 2,041.00**	**Dec. 17th**	**$ 2,507.00**
Year to Date	**156,084.90**	**Year to date**	**157,395.45**
		Weekly Budget	**3,404.00**
		Budget Yr to date	**173,604.00**
		Annual Budget	**177,000.00**
Cathedral 150		**Cathedral 150**	
Dec. 18th	**$ 282.00**	**Dec. 17th**	**$ 1,722.00**
Year to Date	**31,192.91**	**Year to date**	**31,397.17**
		Annual Target	**53,119.00**

Attendance December 17: 8:00a.m. 22 10:30 a.m. 69

Intercessions:
Anglican Cycle of Prayer - **Let us pray for** the Diocese of Yola (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibraham.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - **Let us pray** for the Retired Clergy of the Chignecto Region.

CATHEDRAL 150 MAJOR GIFTS CAMPAIGN

As Parishioners are aware, the Cathedral has been actively raising funds through our Cathedral 150 Campaign, leading up to our 150th Anniversary in 2019. We have now raised over $250,000 towards our $400,000 target. We are closing in! The next stage of this initiative is a Major Gifts Campaign. This past week, all Parishioners and Friends of St. Peter's received background information and a pledge card. Please review this information carefully, and support generously, within your means. **Rory Francis, Treasury Warden**

We are grateful for four copies of the Book of Common Prayer dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stoyan Radanovich 21.01.30 - 08.05.17, given by Jagica, Milan, Slavica, Dragiijub and Peter.

The Advent Wreath
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Four candles are lit.

All: **In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son in the world that we might live throug him.**

- 1 John 4.9

Officiant: O God our Heavenly Father, who by the coming of Thy Son Jesus hast given us Thy love: Grant that as we welcome Him into our hearts and homes, His presence may abound in us; and that we may show forth our gratitude for thine unspeakable gift, in the love of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Church Nursery

During the main Sunday morning service a qualified child care provider, either Kelsey or Jade, will be delighted to welcome babies and pre-school children in the nursery downstairs beside the Sunday School room.

Charlottetown Area Christian Council Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 8am to 10am** at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Tickets are $15.00 including gratuity and tax, and may be obtained at the Church Office 902-566-2102.

2018 Church Envelopes

2018 Church Envelopes are on the table in the entry way of the Church Hall [by the Choir Room]. Please pick up your packet, but do not use these envelopes until 2018. Anyone who did not have envelopes for the year 2017 and would like to have a box of Envelopes for 2018, please contact the Church Office.

FUNDSCRIP - REMINDER - The LAST Fundscrip order to be placed this year is December 17 and the FIRST order to be placed in the new year is January 7, 2018.

NEW YEARS LEVEE, December 31, 8:00 p.m to Midnight. Open House at the Rectory, 21 Fitzroy. Everyone is welcome to drop in to greet the New Year.

Sequence Hymn
Advent IV

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low:
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, the works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

3. But the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to his breast;
In pastures of peace he'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod;
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low:
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

O Little Town of Bethlehem …

St. Peter's Cathedral

Corner of Rochford and All Souls Lane

This Christmas Eve the nativity comes alive!

Join us for the re-enactment of the birth of Jesus

December 24, 2017
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

All Welcome

DECEMBER 26th, 27th, 28th THE THREE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS, ST. STEPHEN, ST. JOHN, THE INNOCENTS. Easter and Pentecost have two days following each feast to emphasize their meaning and importance. Christmas has three. There is more than one way to understand their significance. Christ has three kinds of witnesses or martyrs, represented by those remembered on these three days: first, St. Stephen, who witnessed by his willing death, both in will and deed; second St. John who witnessed by his willing life of service, in will but not deed; third, the Holy Innocents who witnessed, in innocent lives cruelly taken, in deed but not will. Another way to understand their meaning is their witness of suffering, purity and love.

DECEMBER 26th STEPHEN, first martyr of Christianity, was according to the Acts of the Apostles a deacon in the early church at Jerusalem who aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues by his teachings. Accused of blasphemy, at his trial he made a long speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment on him and was then stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee who would later himself become a follower of Jesus, and become more widely known by his Gentile name, Paul. The Martyrdom of Stephen is depicted above the door into the Sacristy of All Souls Chapel.

DECEMBER 27th JOHN THE EVANGELIST. Christian tradition says that John the Evangelist was the author of the Gospel of John, in which he is never named but referred to as "the beloved disciple". The three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation are also attributed to him. He is identified as the Apostle John, one of the "pillars" of the Jerusalem church after Jesus' death. He was one of Christ's original Twelve Apostles and is thought to be the only one to have lived into old age and not be killed for his faith. John is associated with the City of Ephesus, where he is said to have lived and been buried. Some believe that he was exiled (around 95AD) to the Aegean Island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation.

DECEMBER 28th THE INNOCENTS. Herod ordered the execution of all young male children in the vicinity of Bethlehem, so as to avoid the loss of his throne to a newborn King of the Jews whose birth had been announced to him by the Magi. In a way that is typical in Matthew's Gospel, it is understood as the fulfilment of an Old Testament prophecy: "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying 'A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more." The scriptures do not justify or explain such evil, except to acknowledge it and to say that God's goodness exists nevertheless.

DECEMBER 29th THOMAS BECKET 21 December 1118 (or 1120) - 29 December 1170) was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170. He engaged in conflict with Henry II of England over the rights and privileges of the Church and was murdered by followers of the king, Henry II, in Canterbury Cathedral.

DECEMBER 30th JOHN WYCLIFFE c.1331-30 December 1384 was an English scholastic philosopher, theologian, lay preacher, translator, reformer and university teacher at Oxford in England. He was an influential dissident in the Church during the 14th century. In his preaching he advocated for wider learning, individual conscience, and personal holiness. A precursor to the Protestant Reformation, he has been characterized as the evening star of scholasticism and the Morning Star of the Reformation. He was an opponent of papal authority over secular power. Wycliffe was also an early advocate for translation of the Bible into the common language. He completed his translation directly from the Vulgate into vernacular English in the year 1382, now known as Wycliffe's Bible.

DECEMBER 31st JOHN WEST was a Church of England missionary, teacher, and author; b. November 1778 in Farnham, Surrey, England, d. 21 December 1845 in Chettle, England. He served as the first non-Roman Catholic Clergyman in Rupert's Land in Western Canada.