

CALENDAR & NOTICES

December 26th - January 2nd

- Today** Evensong - 5:00 p.m. (Chapel)
- Monday: ST JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.; Mass - 5:15 p.m.
- Tuesday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
Matins - 7:15 a.m.; Mass - 7:30 p.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: Thomas Becket, Archbishop**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.
- Thursday: John Wycliffe, Scholar and Translator**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday: John West, Missionary**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Matins - 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**
Matins - 7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m.
Church School - 10:15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
Evensong - 5:00 p.m. (Chapel)

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter

All Souls' Lane & Rochford Street

Charlottetown, P. E. I.



***ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 26, 2021***

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, B.A., M.S. Litt., D.D.

Wardens:

Mr. Rory Francis

Mr. Maurice Rodgeron

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S 2021

Dear Friends:

It is now possible for us to worship with 50 people in the nave of the Cathedral with a second cohort of 50 people in a separate space.

If you have not been vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible.

The Chief Public Health Office has ordered that those present at funeral and wedding receptions, concerts, and events like coffee hour need to be double vaccinated, and so we will record vaccination status of those present at our coffee hour. This record will only need to happen once. Those participating in worship are exempt from this requirement.

We are a place of worship and welcome everyone with open doors. According to the advice of the CPHO, we will not ask worshippers for proof of vaccination on any occasion for worship.

MASKS are required while you are in your pew and physical distancing must be maintained. Masks are required to be worn in the aisle when entering or leaving, or going forward to receive Communion and while returning to your pew.

Consider the **SPACE** you might need, six feet apart, more or less, from anyone outside your household or circle of friends.

The offering plate will not be circulated. It will be available near the front door of the Cathedral.

For the time being, the sacrament of the Eucharist, will only be administered to the laity, in one kind, the bread. Please come forward to the chancel steps and return to your seat by the side aisle.

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Special Prayer Time at Friday Evensong

An invitation to all our Parish Family: if you, or a loved one, are experiencing a difficult time, one that is weighing “heavily on your heart”, one that may be health related or a life challenge or some great burden, please know that you can bring personal prayer requests to our Friday Evensong service where they will be upheld in formal petition to God’s keeping. Requests are simply made in person at the gathering time we share before the service.

Envelope Receipts Missions, Etc. Not Included			
2020		2021	
<u>General Revenue</u>		<u>General Revenue</u>	
Dec 20th	\$ 2,862.00	Dec 19th	\$ 7,370.00
Year to date	145,592.00	Year to date	146,008.00
<u>Building Fund</u>		Weekly Budget	2,827.00
Dec 20th	205.00	Budget Yr to date	144,179.00
Year to date	17,542.00	Annual Budget	147,000.00
		<u>Building Fund</u>	
		Dec 19th	105.00
		Year to date	43,976.00
<u>Friends of St Peters</u>		<u>Friends of St Peters</u>	
Dec 20th	20.00	Dec 19th	380.00
Year to date	26,060.00	Year to date	28,195.00
		Annual Budget	43,000.00

Attendance December 19th: 8:00 a.m. 21 10:30 a.m. 49

Automatic Debit Plan

Automatic Debit Plan information Authorization Cards and Offering Cards are available at the back of the Cathedral. If you have any questions on the plan, please call Rory Francis 902 367 2850 or Anne Chisholm in the Cathedral Office 902 566 2102.

Intercessions:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - Let us pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Hillsborough Hospital

Please contribute toiletries for use of residents at Hillsborough Hospital using the basket under the table at the back of the Cathedral.

Care of the Kneelers

Please assist our sexton at the end of each service by picking up your kneeling cushion and placing it on the pew.

7:30 a.m. Matins Prayer Book Page 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Propers - please read bold print See Below
The Collect Prayer Book page 108
The Collect of Christmas Prayer Book page 104
The Lesson Prayer Book page 109
The Gospel Prayer Book page 109

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Missa Brevissima - Claudio Casciolini

Introit *standing*

Princes moreover did sit, and did witness falsely against me, and the ungodly pressed sore upon me: **O Lord, my God, stand up to help me, for thy servant is occupied continually in thy commandments.** Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: **and walk in the law of the Lord.** 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.** Princes moreover did sit, and did witness falsely against me, and the ungodly pressed sore upon me: **O Lord, my God, stand up to help me, for thy servant is occupied continually in thy commandments**

Collect for Purity *kneeling* Prayer Book page 67

Kyrie Eleison ~ Christe Eleison ~ Kyrie Eleison
(Musical setting — Missa de Angelis — booklet p. 3)

The Collect Prayer Book page 108

The Collect of Christmas Prayer Book page 104

The Lesson *sitting* Beth Dowbiggin Prayer Book page 109

Gradual

Princes also did sit and speak against me: **wicked men have persecuted me.** Help me, O Lord my God; **save me for thy mercies' sake.**

Alleluia *standing*

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** I see the heavens opened: **and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Alleluia.**

Sequence Hymn 31 vs 1 & 2 *Saint of God* - St. Thomas

Holy Gospel Prayer Book page 109

Sequence Hymn 31 vs 3

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book page 71

(Musical setting — Missa de Angelis, booklet p. 4) Sequence Hymn vs 1&2

Motet Saint Stephen - Traditional

Sermon

Offertory Sentence *standing*

The Apostles chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost: **whom the Jews stoned, calling upon God, and saying; Lord Jesus receive my spirit.**

Offertory Hymn - *Good King Wenceslaus*

See Insert

The Intercessions

Ian Dowbiggin

The Invitation

Prayer Book page 76

Confession & Absolution *kneeling*

Prayer Book page 77

Sursum Corda *standing*

Prayer Book page 78

Proper Preface of Christmas *standing*

Prayer Book page 79

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

Lo, I see the heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of the power of God: **O Lord Jesus receive my spirit, and lay not this sin to their charge for they know not what they do.**

Holy Communion

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

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns - *English Praise 16*

In der weigen

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 - *English Praise 18 Puer nobis*

Please remain seated for the Voluntary - Merton

Voluntary: Variations on *In Dulci Jubilo* - Denis Bédard

Text of Motet

Saint Stephen was a holy man, Endued with heav'nly might, And many wonders he did work Before the people's sight; And by the blessed Spirit of God, Which did his heart inflame, He spared not, in ev'ry place, To preach God's holy name: *O man, do never faint for fear, When God the truth shall try, But mark how Stephen, for Christ's sake, Was willing for to die. //* Before the elders was he brought His answer for to make; But they could not the spirit withstand, Whereby this man did speak. Whilst this was told, the multitude, Beholding him aright, His comely face began to shine Most like an angel bright: *O man, do never faint...*

Good King Wenceslaus

1. Good King Wenceslaus look'd out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the Snow lay round about,
Deep, and crisp, and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.
2. "Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain:
Right again the forest fence,
By St. Agnes' fountain."
3. "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament,
And the bitter weather.
4. "Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger:
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page,
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."
5. In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted,
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed;
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth and rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

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.