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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith

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On Friday, November 30, 2018 we celebrated the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle our Patron Saint. This marks the day on which the church was formally constituted as a place of worship. Andrew is described in the gospels as the first missionary disciple. As one of the two disciples of John the Baptist, who were directed to follow Jesus, Andrew received an invitation to stay with Jesus, and this he did. After the experience with Jesus, Andrew went and told his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah, (that is the Christ) John 1:35-41. Andrew's conviction was born out of his many hours of interaction with Jesus, whom he wanted to get to know, to be taught by Him and to enjoy His company. "Come and see" says Jesus. Time spent and personal contact enabled Andrew to grow in understanding and fellowship with Jesus so that he could follow Him.

In order for any relationship to grow, the first need is for us to set aside time to be with the person and second, the giving of undivided attention to facilitate understanding, affirmation and validation. For a disciple to walk as Jesus walked and live a Jesus shaped life will demand time to be with Jesus. This requires our ability to give undivided attention of mind and heart in order to grow in friendship and companionship with the Lord. "We are born with a yearning for God that we can try to fill with material goods and accomplishments. At the end of the day, however, we are left wanting more." (*Let Nothing Disturb You, St. Teresa of Avila*). It is Julian of Norwich who states that "nothing less than God can satisfy us." Our lives demand spiritual stamina that comes from the Holy Spirit's presence, who seeks to work within us. As we make time to be in the Lord's presence, like Andrew, we will grow in grace and faith. It is our belief and actions that will enable us to be living witnesses of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

As Andrew interacted with Jesus, he was able to identify his ministry and vocation, as he aligned his life with the divine purpose; he went and told his brother about Jesus as the Messiah. It is through our growing in the faith of Jesus, that our lives are empowered by the Holy Spirit for ministry. As persons who are baptized and affirmed through the laying on of hands in Confirmation, do we have a ministry for the advancement and action of God's kingdom? Do we practice a ministry of worship and prayer? Do we practice a ministry of tithing and sacrificial giving? Do we practice and participate in the church's ministry of witness, service and social justice for the poor and marginalized? Do we promote and nurture a spirit of miracles, of signs and wonders which Jesus lived? We are called to grow in faith and deliberately follow Jesus and pursue a ministry of prayer, worship, tithing, witnessing and serving as disciples of Jesus.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors, especially Canon Michael Allen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Organ Voluntary

AT THE ALTAR

The Celebrant Prays,

May this incense, blessed by You, O Lord, ascend to You. And may your mercy descend upon us in the name of (+) the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(During the incensing of the Altar)

The Choir Sings ***Behold the Lord will Come (Music Colin Mawby)***

Celebrant: *Let us go forth in peace*

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: 46

Station At The North Door

Celebrant: *I Will Exalt You, O God My King,*

People: and bless Your name forever and ever.

Celebrant: *Let us pray...*

We stand outside time, in a place not of earth. As our ancestors before us bade we join together and are One.

By Blessed Mary and Blessed Apostle Andrew our Patron Saint,
By all Your holy angels,
By all Powers of Light and Shadow,
We call You to guard and defend us from all perils, O Most High.

People: Amen.

Introit Hymn 35

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Jesus says, “Surely I am Coming Soon!”

All: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

(+) Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: Thanks be to God

Celebrant: Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Hope.

Introduction to the observance of Advent - Sunday School

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (All stand)

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, now we stand in the house of the Lord, at the center of a universe which is not ours as we know it. As we prepare to worship the living God, let us call to mind in silence the divine Presence that surrounds our lives. It is our Holy God who calls us by name and draws us into the mystery of Christ Jesus who is alive and in our midst.

Silence

Celebrant: You are just, O Holy One, great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! As you reveal your majesty in your son Jesus Christ at His first coming, so may this Advent Wreath and Candles be to us a sign of your presence this Advent tide Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Candle of Hope

The Christian Hope is rooted in Christ risen and ascended, who will come again in glory and in power to judge. He will make all things new. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Matthew 25:31-32) Our hope also is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God's purpose in the world. (BCP pg.413)

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: 48 O come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrant: On this First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope.
(First Candle is lit)

Celebrant: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.

People: As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All : God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and son of David. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen

THE TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

The Collect: First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Saint Andrew the Apostle

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow Him without delay, and to bring those near to us into His gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

Psalm 25:3-10
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Refrain: (All sit) *Show me your ways O Lord' and
teach me your paths."*

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 33: 14 - 16

Gradual 755 (The Kindergarten Children leave for Sunday School)

Gospel Luke 21: 25 - 36

Homily Canon Michael Allen

Leader: We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and witness of St. Andrew Parish Church, and for every member in their vocation and ministry.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

President: We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

President: We pray for the clergy, the nation and our leaders.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Promises

Leader:

In our baptism we died with Christ and were buried with Him, so that we might rise with Him to a new life within the family of His Church. We can never be baptized again, but we can, in response to a movement of God's Spirit, and after careful preparation, renew the promises made at our baptism.

As we look forward to the return of Christ as Lord and Judge, I invite you who are ready to do so to reaffirm your baptismal promises.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour?

Answer: I turn and accept Him.

Question: Do you put your trust in His grace and love?

Answer: I so put my trust.

Question: Do you promise to love God and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer: I promise.

Question: Do you renounce Satan, and all the spiritual forces of wickedness?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you renounce injustice and all the evil powers of this world?

Answer: I do.

Leader: Now in allegiance to Christ, you must declare before God and His Church that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will continue to live and grow.

Question: Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the universe?

Answer: I believe and trust God.

Question: Do you believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption?

Answer: I believe and trust in Him.

Question: Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

Answer: I believe and trust in God.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

People: This is our Faith. We believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: We shall be sprinkled with Holy Water as a sign of the renewal of our Baptismal Vows and promises.

The aspersion with Holy Water

During the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water the following shall be sung:

Hymn: Wonderful Grace

1. Wonderful grace
That gives what I don't deserve,
Pays me what Christ has earned,
Then let me go free.
Wonderful grace
That gives me the time to change,
Washes away the stains
That once covered me.

2. Wonderful love
That held in the face of death,
Breathed in its latest breath
Forgiveness for me.
Wonderful love,
Whose power can break every chain,
Giving us life again
And setting us free.

Refrain:

*And all that I have
I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful Saviour
Who loves me.*

Covenant Renewal

Leader: Will you live in obedience to God's laws, as a loyal member of His Church?

All: With God's Help, I will.

Leader: Will you support the Church, by coming together week by week for corporate worship; giving personal service and work and pray for the spread of the Kingdom of God?

All: With God's Help, I will.

Leader: Will your life be marked with self-denial and self-giving and permeated by love of God and our fellow human beings?

All: With God's Help, I will.

Leader: Let us in sincere dependence on God's grace, and trusting in God's promise, yield ourselves again to God.

All: Almighty God and heavenly Father, as part of my personal response to You, I promise that I will more readily accept the guidance and direction of your indwelling Holy Spirit in every part of my life; that I will become more involved in the life of your Church and use more of my time and abilities for your work and witness by telling others about Jesus, like Saint Andrew our Patron Saint. I will also, as an expression of my gratitude to you, support the work of our Church by contributing funds from my earnings on a regular, systematic and proportionate basis through my tithes and offering. This is my solemn vow to further the mission of God.

Leader: Almighty God who gives you the will to do these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that God may complete the good work begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful in our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Leader: We are the body of Christ...

All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

Anthem: Zion Hears Our Watchmen Calling, J.S. Bach.....Choir

Offertory Hymn: 351

During Communion: 754, 514, Ancient Words, Your Grace and mercy, 464,

1. Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

2. Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Refrain:

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

Your Grace and Mercy

His grace and mercy brought me through
I'm living this moment because of You
I want to thank You and praise You, too
Your grace and mercy brought me through

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Barry Soares - Priest	Danyell Hill	Dirvin Northover
Tony Martin - Priest	Pauline Green	Alice Alberga
Dede Welsh	Patricia Cunningham	Helen Perkins
Heron Wright	Ellonia Gordon	Keith Fred-Robertson

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin '*Adventus*,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again. (*Aquinas and More*, 2017).

Quote for Reflection

“Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things - the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on - will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God’s promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom.” (Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*, 1996)

Question for Reflection

What is your Ministry within the Church for the growth of the Kingdom of God?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 2 - Dec. 8

The Church is open **Monday to Friday**
between **9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer**

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	3:45 p.m.	Women’s Auxiliary
	5:30 p.m.	Property and Building
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

Readings for Dec. 9, 2018 Year C: Malachi 3: 1- 4, Benedictus, Philippian 1: 3-11, Luke 3:1-6

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Gloria Laing and Michael Grant 12/03, Andrea Livingston-Prince, John Lopez, Andrea Robins and John Levy, 12/4, Marilyn Lawrence-Wright 12/05, Senga McDonald 12/06, Calvin Murray and Amanda Hutchinson 12/07, Stephanie Murdock 12/08.

Condolence is extended to June Spence and family on the passing of a relative, Thelma Chin. To Senga McDonald and family on the passing of her aunt Hyacinth Chin. The funeral service for Viola Phillips will be on Saturday 8th at 9:30 a.m.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale is on every Sunday from November 9 - December 23, 2018.

Kingston Regional Service will be held next Sunday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. at St. George's Church East Street. There will be NO 10:30 SERVICE HERE.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 16 - 23, 2018

The Altar Guild is asking those who wish to **donate Poinsettias** for the Christmas decorations to contact the Church Office.

There will be **NO LEGAL** advisory service on Saturday December 8.

This year's Carol Service will be held on December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The Supper Committee thanks everyone for their support and reminds us to kindly make all returns as early as possible.

A congregational meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

We express thanks to the members who helped to make Youth Rally 2018 a success.

"Daily reflections for Advent and Christmas" St. Jude's writers, are available at the church Office.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018 - Year C

Theme for Advent 2018 - Christ The King 2019

Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 Nevin Woolcock

Psalm 25:1 - 9

Refrain: (All sit) *“O Lord show me your ways and teach me your paths.”*

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13 Sharon Northover

Gospel

Luke 21: 25 - 36

Prayer of Intercession Form H page 120

8:00 a.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional

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Introit

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Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16 Nigel Elliott

Psalm 25:3 - 10

Refrain: (All sit) *“Show me your ways O Lord’ and teach me your paths.”*

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13 Ruby Anderson

Gradual

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Gospel

Luke 21: 25 - 36

Sermon

Canon Michael Allen

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Anthem

Zion Hears Our Watchmen Calling, J.S. Bach.....Choir

Offertory Hymn

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Sunday School

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2nd Collection

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Recessional

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5:30 p.m.

NO SERVICE