

# Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH

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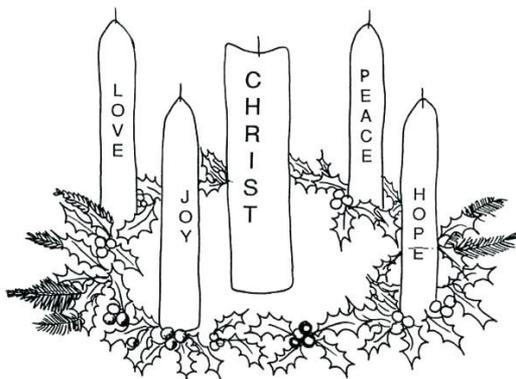
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## Chapels of Ease:

**St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot**



## **INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

***A Call to Intentional Discipleship,  
Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith***

## **CLERGY**

Rector    Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min.

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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

President: 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**

**President:** Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love.

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. This First Candle reminded us of our Hope in Christ.

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

### **The Candle of Love**

In His teachings, Jesus said "I give you a New Commandment: **Love** one another. As I have loved you, so you are to **love** one another."

(St. John 13:34). He demonstrated this **love** through forgiveness and laying down His life for humanity. "Greater **love** has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" (St. John 15:13). Jesus taught that if there is **love** among us, then all will know we are His disciples.

(St. John 13:34-35).

We light the candle of **Love** to remind us that **love** is the fulfillment of the law and through Christ we experience the **love** of God, which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us. (Romans 5:5).

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who orderest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.**

*Refrain*

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Second Candle, the Candle of Love is lit.*

**Leader:** Love is like a light shining in a dark place.

**People:** As we look at this candle we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

**President:** Let us pray:

**All:** Lord God, You witness John the Baptist grew up strong, and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordon to wash away their sins.

**Help us to have the same love so that we would be witnesses and spread the good news of Your love, through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE TRISAGION**

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

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

**President:** The Lord is here.

**People:** His Spirit is with us!

**President:** Let us pray.

*Silence*

### **THE COLLECT**

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Service Continues with the Ministry of the Word**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

**Leader:** Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love. You loved us from the moment of our conception, as a mother/father loves her/his child before she/he ever sees it. Fill your Church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness, that we may reach out in mission and love, and reveal your light and your glory. Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise. We pray for our clergy, Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Andrea and all church workers. All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Lord of the nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and for the leaders of Jamaica. For Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; members of the House of Representatives and for all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice and safeguard our human rights. May the world come to know Jesus Christ as the one who saves and heals.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our advent discipline preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus".

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory. We rejoice with those who have been restored and pray for the healing of our communities. We thank you God for loving us when we are unloving, for caring for us when we are uncaring, and for calling us when we wonder from your path. All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you are the master of life and death. Everything we have is yours. Just one touch from you restores the sick, heals the broken, and transforms the darkness. We pray especially for our sick and shut-in may they sense your presence, feel your power and know your love. May their body be overwhelmed with your healing and wellness which comes only through your anointing.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence, or abuse. We pray for those who grieve for the lonely and the despondent. We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom. We remember especially ..... We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**All: Loving and merciful God reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call on Your Name and seek with love and confidence Your adorable face. You are coming into our hearts to unite Yourself most intimately with us. You came into the world for love of humanity, but now You are coming from the altar for love of us. You are coming to fill our hearts with Your Holy love to abide with us always. Amen.**

## **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

Barry Soares - Priest  
Tony Martin - Priest  
Dede Welsh  
Ellonia Gordon

Heron Wright  
Muriel Smith  
Jacqueline White  
Iris Johnson

Rema Buckley  
Danyell Hill  
Dirvin Northover  
Pauline Green

***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.***

**Did you know?**

John the Baptist, who pointed the way to Jesus and baptized him, lived an ascetic life in the Judean wilderness near the Dead Sea. He survived on simple desert fare, eating whatever the desert provided. His dress was also rustic: He wore a tunic of camel's hair with a leather belt. (David Howard & Gary Burge, *Fascinating Bible Facts*, 1997).

**Quote for Reflection**

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an empowering for service that takes place in the life of the Christian. In it we are immersed in the Spirit's life and power. Just as the indwelling Spirit that Christians receive when they are saved reproduces the life of Jesus, so the outpoured, or baptizing, Spirit reproduces the ministry of Jesus... The baptism in the Holy Spirit cannot be earned. You cannot become "good enough" to receive it. It is a gift from God. It is not a "cure-all" for your problems. But the same wonderful power that enabled Jesus to open blind eyes, to command the elements of nature, and to live a life pleasing to the Father during His ministry on earth is also available to you. (*Christian Broadcasting Network*, 2017)

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 9 - 15**

**Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Spiritual direction by  
appointment with the Rector**

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

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to the sick & shut-in (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Catechism Class for Baptism and Confirmation</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Care Center
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

**Readings for Dec. 16, 2018: Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Psalm 85: 7 - 13, 6.  
Philippians 4:4 - 7, Luke 3: 7 - 18.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Birthdays for this week:** Anneke Newman-Russell 09/12 Aaron Casserly, Joy Patel and Hazel Bell 11/12, Maydene Dunn 12/12, Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12,

**Condolence is extended to Grace Phillips** and family on the passing of a relative. To Robert Gregory and family on the passing of his aunt, Monica Atkinson in Florida. The funeral service for Hyacinth Chin will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and for Winsome Paterson, Carl Paterson's wife, will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at St. Margaret's Church.

**Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields** who will be celebrating 45yrs of marriage on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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

**Carol Service** will be held **today** December 9, at 6:00 p.m.

**A Congregational meeting** to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held **today** Sunday, December 9, 2018.

**St. Clement's** is requesting donations for their annual children's treat.

**Kingston College Chapel Choir** in Concert, December 16, at UWI chapel at 5:00 p.m.. Contribution \$2,000. Tickets are available at the Church Office.

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

**The Tuesday Charity Committee** wishes to express their gratitude to all those who contributed in making this Christmas luncheon a success.

**Painting of the Church** -The labour cost is approximately \$800,000, and the cost of material including the quantity of paint is being assessed.

**Jamaica Youth Chorale** presents their concert on January 6, at The Church of St. Margaret's Liguanea at 5:00 p.m. Contribution \$1,500. 7.

## ADVENT II

December 9, 2018 Year C

**Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith**

### **6:30 a.m.**

### **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Old Testament	Malachi 3: 1 - 4 Trevor Blake
Psalm	Benedictus
BCP page	40
Epistle	Philippians 1: 3 - 11 Hilary Phillips
Gospel	Luke 3: 1 - 6
Prayer of Intercession	page 4

### **8:00 a.m.**

### **SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON**

Processional	42
Old Testament	Malachi 3: 1 - 4 Alwyn Smith
Psalm	Benedictus
BCP page	40
Epistle	Philippians 1: 3 - 11 Sophia Goode
Gradual (Sequence)	34
Gospel	Luke 3: 1 - 6
Sermon	
Prayer of Intercession	Page 4
Offertory Hymn	54
During Communion	599, 585, 514
Sunday School	466
Recessional	50

### **10:30 a.m.**

### **NO SERVICE**

### **11:00 a.m.**

**Regional Service St. George's Church, East Street**

### **6:00 p.m.**

### **CAROL SERVICE**