

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

*Patron Saint Andrew The Apostle*

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## Chapel of Ease:

**St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:  
A Call to Intentional Discipleship,  
Sustained by the Holy Spirit**

## **CLERGY**

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rector               | Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min. |
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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year. Advent directs our attention to the "last things" (eschatology), that is, the Second Coming of Christ and the consummation of God's purposes in creation and the lives of human persons.

Salvation is central to eschatology (last things) and is the foundation on which the church proclaims God's action in the past, His activity in the present and His Sovereignty over the affairs of men and women in the future. Repentance is necessary for the forgiveness of sins and to obtain Salvation. This is the constant proclamation of the Church to disobedient sinners who need to acknowledge their disobedience to God's voice and unwillingness to act with compassion, to speak in love and to walk with humility.

Andrew was a missionary disciple who having met the Messiah went to share the Good News with his brother. "One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus" (John 1:40-42a NRSV). This action of Andrew is a model of disciplining for us to pattern as we focus on our theme for this year. We have a duty to share the good news of our experience of Jesus Christ who died for our sins, and was raised by the power of God and now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Holy Spirit to all who believe and repent. This is our commitment as disciples of Jesus.

Advent connects us in different ways to a fundamental element of the Christian life; the **in between time**. The **in between time** is that period between Christ's First Coming and His Second Coming at the end of the age. This is the time for us to witness to the Christ-event, which is all that God has done for us in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the importance for us to be **prepared** for we do not know the day or the hour.

The final Advent of the Lord may be nearer now with the passing of time, than it was at the time of Saint Andrew. This in between time requires us to live a life of holiness, and to share the faith and to be awake and ready for the unexpected coming of the Son of God. "Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore..." (Matthew 24:40-42a NSRV).

A warm welcome to all those who are visiting with us, especially the Venerable Patrick Cunningham, Archdeacon of our Region. Special greetings are also extended to the St. Andrew Scout Troop who are worshipping with us this morning.

*Serrano* †

## 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    Comfort O my people    - Geneva

Celebrant: *Let us go forth in peace*

**People: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending**

*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.**

#### **The Procession Continues**

#### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

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

**All:**            **Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Celebrant:** (+) 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: O come, Emmanuel (first stanza only)**

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.

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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,  
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)

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Old Testament</b> | Isaiah 2:1 - 5                                 |
| <b>Psalm 122:</b>    | Choral Speaking <b>Sunday School</b> (All sit) |
| <b>Epistle</b>       | Romans:13: 11 - 14                             |
| <b>Gradual</b>       | When Christ our Lord to Andrew cried           |
| <b>Gospel</b>        | Matthew 24: 36 - 44                            |
| <b>Homily</b>        | Ven. Patrick Cunningham                        |

**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 of discipleship and ministry.

**Leader:** Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

### **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 Protector. 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 Choir:** I Will Give Thanks

**The Service Continues with the Offertory Hymn ...** We are called to be disciples (on the insert).

### **Intentional Discipleship Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your Church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say “Yes” to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

### **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**

Egbert Robertson (Priest)  
Ernie Gordon (Priest)  
Myrtle White  
Merriel O'Brian

Alilean Davidson  
Heron Wright  
Fay Jenkinson  
Rema Samuels

Elaine Baker  
Merton Wright  
Allune Mullings  
Clio Whittingham

*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?

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" Advent begins the church year, starting four Sundays before Christmas. Advent is a time for self-examination and repentance, as the church continues to prepare for Christ's Second Coming; even as it prepares for Christmas. Advent wreaths have their origins in the folk traditions of northern Europe, where in the deep of winter people lit candles on wheel-shaped bundles of evergreen. Both the evergreen and the circular shape symbolized ongoing life. The candlelight gave comfort at this *darkest time of the year*, as people looked forward to the longer days of spring.

### Quote for Reflection

The season of Advent encourages us to practice setting aside "quiet times" for reading, reflection and prayer. It is by practicing these disciplines that we grow in the knowledge and awareness of God and by extension, experience personal growth and a strengthening of our faith. We encourage this discipline for all Christians, for it is as important as eating our daily meals.

*(The St. Jude's Writers, 2019).*

### Question for Reflection

How are you involved within the Church for the growth of the Kingdom of God?

**Baptism, Wedding and Funeral arrangements as well as Spiritual Direction are made by appointment with the Rector 876-926-6692**

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK Dec. 1 - 7

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

|           |            |  |
|-----------|------------|--|
| Monday    | 5:30 p.m.  | Bible Study                                  |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist                               |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Moreton Park                                 |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist                               |
|           | 9:30 a.m.  | Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy) |
|           | 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.  | A.Y.F (Church Hall)                          |

**Readings for December 8, 2019, Isaiah 11: 1 - 10, Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19, Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1 - 12.** 10.

# 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.

**Congratulations** to Asquith & Roni Miller -Brown who are celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 7th.

**Condolence** is extended to Scenona Minott and family on the passing of her brother David Lawrence. The funeral service for Leila Parker Robinson will be on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

**Catechism Classes** for seniors and juniors continues on Wed. at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Our Annual Gift Days** will be from December 15 - 22, 2019

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

**This year's Carol Service** will be held on December 8, at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Clement's Mission/Homework Program** needs teachers to help with the children.

There will be **NO LEGAL** advisory service on Saturday December 14.

**A Congregational Meeting** to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

**The Annual Congregational meeting** will be held on January 26, 2020, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019 - Year A

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Keep the faith & bear the fruit of the Spirit**

**8:00 a.m.**

## SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

|                           |                     |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Processional              | 46                  | Lo he comes with clouds descending                   |
| Old Testament             | Isaiah 2:1 - 5      | Rohan Scott  |
| Psalms 122                |                     | Chorale Speaking - <b>Sunday School</b> : (All sit)  |
| Epistle                   | Romans 13: 11 - 14  | Marilyn Lawrence-Wright                              |
| Gradual                   |                     | When Christ our Lord to Andrew Cried - Richmond      |
| Gospel                    | Matthew 24: 36 - 44 |  |
| Sermon                    |                     | Ven. Patrick Cunningham                              |
| Renewal of Baptismal vows |                     |  |
| Anthem Choir              |                     | I will give thanks                                   |
| Offertory Hymn            |                     | We are called to be disciples                        |
| During Communion          |                     | Come just as you are, 754, 603, Take my life my Lord |
| Sunday School             |                     |  |
| 2nd Collection            |                     | As I travel through this pilgrim land                |
| Recessional               | 35                  | Blest be the King whose coming                       |

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2019 - 20

|              |            |  |
|--------------|------------|--|
| Dec. 8       | 8:00 a.m.  | Birthday Ingathering                           |
|              | 6:00 p.m.  | Carol Service                                  |
| Dec. 15 - 22 |            | <b>Gift Days</b>                               |
| Dec. 21      | 9:00 a.m.  | Feast Day - St. Thomas the Apostle             |
| Dec. 22      | 6:30 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist                                 |
|              | 8:00 a.m.  | Sung Eucharist and Sermon                      |
|              | 11:00 a.m. | Mass for the homebound and elderly             |
| Dec. 24      | 11:00 p.m. | Carols   |
|              | 11:30 p.m. | Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas |
| Dec. 25      | 8:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist & Sermon                        |
| Dec. 26      | 9:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist - St. Stephen's Day             |
| Dec. 27      | 9:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist - St. John the Apostle's Day    |
| Dec. 28      | 9:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents                |
| Dec. 29      | 6:30 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist                                 |
|              | 8:00 a.m.  | Solemn Eucharist and Sermon                    |
|              | 5:30 p.m.  | Holy Eucharist                                 |
| Dec. 31      | 11:00 p.m. | New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service           |
| Jan. 1       | 6:30 a.m.  | The Naming of Jesus (Holy Name)                |