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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Keep the Faith & Bear the Fruit of the Spirit**

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As we begin a New Year, we take with us the experiences and lessons of the past, and with renewed faith in God, we will have hope for the future. The number one concern that has created fear and anxiety is crime and violence committed by evil men and women. Our collective experience has informed us that, it takes more than the government and the security forces to detain and deter the criminal enterprise that is presently stalking our communities. A critical factor in the armour of crime fighting of any country is intelligence gathering. This requires the participation of all who are committed to the development of our country, to be the place to do business and raise a family.

A new social order has emerged in our country over the decades creating an environment of new and old values and norms. The socializing agents of the family, church, school and community have been and are still being challenged by the influence of a certain type of North American culture through Cable Television, the deejay music culture and the Information Technology of cell phones, tablet and computers. These have given access to face book, the social media and Yutetube. Where is the need for the family, church and school as the cradle for the formation of relationship, character education and training in, how to relate as basic and necessary to human, social interaction. At the start of this New Year, there must be a new resolve for us as a church to re-examine our mandate for Mission and Ministry in light of these realities.

In this New Year, we will continue to face the worldwide phenomenon of religion in which, there is an increasing emphasis on “**spirituality**” without any participation in the church worship of organized Christianity which is due in some part to, “the rise of individualism, de-institutionalization, migration and globalization.” (Religion and Ethics Newsweekly) Also, according the recent census, there has emerged over the past three decades a growing number of persons with no religious/church affiliation. The questions that we face are: what strategies can we utilize to engage more of our youth and young people in Christian Formation? What opportunities can be organised and made available, for those who are searching for meaning, to experience the gospel of faith in Jesus Christ?

Whatever maybe the challenges that we face, be they economic or social, let us remember that God's Mission is our goal and purpose: healing and forgiveness, justice and equity, love and mercy, joy and peace. This will demand our renewed **commitment** and the **participation** of all of us, for the renewal of our congregational life for the growth of the church, to express the presence of the **Kingdom of God** among us.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION Organ Voluntary

Station in All Soul's Chapel at the Manger
(during which the following carol is sung)

642 Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Celebrant: Do I not fill heaven and earth? Says the Lord.

All: Now He is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

Celebrant: *Let us pray,*

We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts
That they may be worthy to become your dwelling place.
Let us never fail to find room for you.
But come and abide in us that we may also abide in you.
For as at this time you were born into the world for us,
And live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords
Now and forever .

All: Amen

The Manger is incensed as the carol continues:

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Celebrant: From eternity to eternity you are God,

All: And we behold you incarnate in the Christ of Bethlehem.

INTROIT HYMN: 103 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

1.O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him; the Lord is His name.

2. Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3.Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

4.These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5.O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name

SEASONAL SENTENCE

President: For the God who said, “Out of darkness light shall shine...”

All: The light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: (+) Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by

the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise: Give Glory to
God tune Vangelis

1. Give glory to God church
Give glory to God
Give glory to God church
Give glory to God
Sing praise to His name Emmanuel
Sing praise to His name
Sing praise to His name Emmanuel
Sing praise to His name

2. Give glory to God, man
Give glory to God.
Repeat
Sing praises to Him hallelujah
Sing praises to Him.
Repeat

3. Give glory to God world
Give glory to God

Repeat
Proclaim Him the King, hosanna
Proclaim Him the King
Repeat

4. Give glory and honour
to Jesus our King

Repeat
We hail You our King, hallelujah
We hail You our King.
Repeat

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Sit)

Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, Nigel Elliott

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14, BCP– 558 Chanted (All stand)

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 Donna Evelyn

Sequence Hymn 100 Hail, Thou Source of every blessing

1. Hail, Thou Source of every blessing,
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, Thy grace possessing,
In Thy courts admission find.

2. Once far off, but now invited,
We approach Thy sacred throne;
In Thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.

3. Now revealed to Eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine;
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love divine.

4. Hail, Thou all-inviting Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings bring;
In Thy temple seek Thy favour,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Sermon: Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D.Min.

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
Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*All Standing*)

All: Grant, Lord that we who have been baptized into union with Christ, may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight valiantly under His banner against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants to the end of our lives. 6.

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 God

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. Alleluia, Alleluia

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:

Wonderful Grace

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| 1. Wonderful grace
That gives what I don't deserve,
Pays me what Christ has earned,
Then lets 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. |
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Refrain:

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

Covenant Renewal

Leader: Lord our Savior and Redeemer you are the source of the New Life that comes through Baptism. As the Body of Christ we now renew our covenant and promise to serve God faithfully in His Holy Catholic Church.

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 the Church and use more of my time and abilities to further its work and witness. I will also, as an expression of my gratitude to you, support the work of the 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, whose Holy Spirit equips the Church with a rich variety of gifts, grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love. Make us ready to live His gospel and eager to do His will, that we may share with all your Church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

All: 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 His call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the 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.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts O God and renew us with your Holy Spirit. In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence may be kept

All: Merciful God, our maker and our Redeemer we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as our selves; We have not loved ourselves as we ought, we repent, 9.

and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you...

THE GREETING OF PEACE *(All stand)*

President: The light of Christ scatter the darkness from before you.

All: The light of Christ guide us into the ways of peace.

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Offertory Hymn: 97 As with gladness men of old

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, let us offer our work and worship to our Heavenly Father, asking for His grace to transform the world and our lives for His Kingdom.

All: Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

All:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r, pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full, oh
Of your glory
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord**

**Blessed is He who comes
In the precious name of the Lord
Hosanna upon high,
oh Hosanna upon high
Blessed is He who comes**

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died Alleluia,
Christ is risen Alleluia
Christ will come again, Alleluia
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

PRESIDENT.... In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour Alleluia!
glory and power Alleluia!
be yours for ever and ever. Alleluia
Amen, Amen, Amen., Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Arr. Fr. Richard HoLung)

Our Father who art in heaven,
holy, holy, holy be Thy Name,
Our Father who art in heaven,
holy be Thy name Thy kingdom come on earth,
Thy will be done on earth,
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread (Rept.x3)
And forgive us our trespasses (Rept)
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
Forgive us our trespasses.

Do not lead us into temptation (Rept)
But deliver us from all evil, (Rept)

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours
now and forever and forever more. Amen !

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread

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President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy pon wi soul (**Repeat**)

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Give us peace.

President: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs of praise to him.

Hymns During Communion: 406,456, 847, 507

Post Communion Prayer

All : Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart. Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Collection: 253 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Welcome and Notices

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 94 Father, let me dedicate

1. Father, let me dedicate,
all this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state
Thou wilt have me be:
Not from sorrow, pain or care,
freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer,
glorify Thy Name.

2. Can a child presume to choose
where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse
all the best to give?
More Thou givest every day
than the best can claim
Nor withholdest aught that may
glorify Thy Name.

3. If in mercy Thou wilt spare
joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair,
brighter rays may shine;
Let my glad heart, while it sings,
Thee in all proclaim,
And, whate'er the future brings,
glorify Thy Name.

4. If Thou callest to the cross,
and its shadow come,
Turning all my gain to loss,
shrouding heart and home;
Let me think how Thy dear Son
to His glory came,
And in deepest woe pray on,

Did you Know?

In 253AD, St. Cyprian of Carthage wrote a letter to Fidus (an African Bishop) to challenge the then tradition of waiting eight days to baptize children. This letter, therefore, shows that "...there is no doubt that the Early Church practiced infant baptism; and no Christian objections to this practice were ever voiced until the Reformation," which occurred in the sixteenth century. Infant baptism therefore is a part of our tradition as Christians, as it is a means of demonstrating that "...the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Robert Brom, 2004, *Early Teachings on Infant Baptism*).

Quote for reflection

"God sometimes takes us into troubled waters not to drown us but to cleanse us. Baptism is an outward testimony of an inward transformation. It's the first step of obedience for a disciple of Christ. You are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever."
(Author unknown, 2016)

Question for Reflection

In what ways does your baptismal vows enable and empower you to live and walk as children of Christ?

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Heron Wright	Deloris Hutchinson
Ernle Gordon (Priest)	Ina Robinson	Leonard Green
Richard Frater	Flavia Dickson	Stephanie Green
Ellonia Gordon	Albertha Graham	Myrtle Gordon

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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Jan. 6 - Jan. 11

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.	Moreton Park
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
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
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal

Intentional Discipleship:

KEEP THE FAITH & BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The intention is to promote and encourage members to bring others to Christ.

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

Feast of the Epiphany	Sunday January 5, 2020
The Baptism of our Lord	Sunday January 12, 2020
Marian Service	Wednesday January 22, 2020
Congregational Meeting	Sunday January 26, 2020
Deanery Day	Sunday February 9, 2020

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Kaylor Scott 28/12 Paulette Thompson 06/01, Pauline Bryan 7/01, Chris Gordon 8/01, Allan Kirton 9/01, Desda Kerr 10/01, Jacinth Wright, Hope Hinds, Malik Thompson and Yolande Whitely-Guthrie 11/1 and Anthony Grodger 12/01.

Congratulations to Rohan & Karen Scott who celebrated another wedding anniversary on December 28th.

Sunday School resumes on the 12th January.

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

The Cathedral Choir of Ontario, Canada in a series of concerts as follows:
Sunday January 5th at 4:00 p.m. Organ recital& Evensong (Free)
Wednesday January 8th at 12:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Cathedral Cost: \$1,000
Sunday January 12th at 4:00p.m. Kingston Parish Church cost: \$4,000.

SAPC Legal Advisory will be held on a date to be advised

The envelopes are now available for collection in the conference room.

Readings for Jan. 12, 2020 Year A: Isaiah 42: 1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 3:13-17.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

January 5, 2020- Year A

6::30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, Deryke Smith

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 BCP, page 558 (*All sit*)

Refrain: *“All kings shall bow down before him; all the nations shall do Him service. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”*

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 Gail Lue Lim

Gospel Matthew 2: 1 - 12

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8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for Church Committee)

10:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness

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Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 BCP, page 558 (*All sit*)

Refrain: *“All kings shall bow down before him; all the nations shall do Him service. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”*

First Lesson Isaiah 60: 1 - 6,

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Second Lesson Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Hymn 100 Hail thou source of every blessing

Sermon

Hymn 97 As with gladness men of old

Recessional 94 Father let me dedicate

5:30 p.m. HOLY EUCHARIST