

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Ludlow Bowie 27/12, John McGarry, Everard Dixon and Kaylor Scott 28/12, Revd. Leroy Johnson and Ena-Mae Miller 29/12, Revd. Barrington Jones 30/12, Dana Harris and Beverly Robinson-Muir 31/12, Rochema Blake and Pauline Christie 01/01 and David Francis 02/01.

Congratulations to Brian and Jackie James who will celebrate their 29th W/A on the 28th. Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate 42nd W/A 30th. To Robert and Sheila Martin who will celebrate 43rd W/A on January 2.

Condolence is extended to Archdeacon Patrick Cunningham and family on the passing of his mother Olga Livingstone. Also to Ena Dallen and Pauline Davis on the passing of their uncle, William Henry.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 31, 2021, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020 - 21

Dec. 29	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Thomas Becket (Martyr)
Dec. 30	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m.	The Naming of Jesus (Holy Name)
Jan. 3	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Feast of the Epiphany)
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon

IMPORTANT DATES 2021

Feast of the Epiphany	Wednesday January 6, 2021
The Baptism of our Lord	Sunday January 10, 2021
Congregational Meeting	Sunday January 24, 2021

Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service
<https://www.facebook.com/sapejamaica>.

1. Click on the link above
2. On the page that says St. Andrew Parish Church, scroll down until you see Live video.
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Celebrating the Incarnation

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is one of many a hymns that connects Advent with the celebration of the Incarnation. In this transition from the prophecies foretelling the coming of the Messiah to the events describing His birth we have the unfolding of the purposes of God. This indicates the nature of God who acts at the right time within human history. “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children” (Gal.4:4-5)

At Christmas, the Christian community celebrates the nature of God who before the creation of the world decided to take on human flesh out of His love and to be incarnate in person of Jesus Christ. God, the eternal Lover, tabernacle with us in the person of Jesus Christ, for us to experience His unconditional and authentic love. This is the reason for the season and it demands a response from us which can only come from our hearts.

The celebration of the Incarnation, marks the capacity of the heart of God to embrace all aspects of our human nature, including those areas that resist his unconditional and eternal love. There is nothing in us or that we can do to repel this desire of God, who through the Incarnate One, Jesus Christ, has taken our self-centered human nature and transformed it through His selfless life and sacrificial death, in order for us to experience the abundance of His life. This means that we must not be distracted by the ‘bling and glitter’ and the commercialization, which is intended to make us feel, that it is in the material things and what is in our purse and pockets that makes Christmas real. For this reason many in the Christian community protest with the slogan, ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’ or ‘Put Christ back into Christmas.’ During these challenging times of a pandemic, the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord will help us to see the Christ born of Bethlehem.

Whatever maybe our situation during this Yuletide Season, may we be receptive to the message of the carols and our hearts be warmed by their meaning, so that we can be sensitive and responsive to those less fortunate than ourselves. As it is through such actions of compassion and kindness, that our hearts are able to express the true meaning of Christmas.

Special welcome to all persons worshipping with us here and those on-line.

Sirrano +

3. Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. **R**

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you Know?

There is no evidence for the observance of Christmas Day on December 25 before 300 AD. In fact, the earliest record of December 25 as a church festival is in the Philocalian Calendar (which was copied in 354 AD, but represents the practice of the Church of Rome in 336 AD). One reason given for this day being chosen is that heathens would have their festival of the sun on December 25, and so in an effort to contradict this festival, Christians decide that they would gather on this day to celebrate the birth of the Son of Righteousness.

(C.F. Pfeiffer, H.F. Vos, & J. Rea, *Whicliffe Bible Dictionary*, 2008).

Quote for Reflection

It's funny how we 'do' Christmas. Christmas is not something that we do, it is something that was done. It celebrates the long awaited arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We had nothing to do with it, but what we can do is praise God for the coming of the Lord, who washed away the sins of the world by dying on the cross. (Monica Johnson, n.d.)

Question for reflection

- How have you prepared your heart to receive the Christ born of Bethlehem.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Nancy Baugh	Pauline Fraser
Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Heather Anglin	Fred Robertson
Charles Manderson (Priest)	Neville Dallen Sr	Frederick Green
Heron Wright	Jean King	Denton Robinson

Readings for Jan. 3, 2021 Year B: Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 84: or 1-8, Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, or Luke 2:41-52 or Matthew 2: 1-12.

3. 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.

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on Him fall.

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious o'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;
angels behold Him on His throne;
worthy our Savior of all our praises;
happy forever are His own.

Anthem Alleluia, Gloria in Excelsis Deo - Terre McPheeters **Choir**

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.

Recessional Hymn: 68 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **R**

Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 27, 2020

Processional Hymn: 60 Angels from the realms of Glory!

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen his natal star **R**

Refrain:

*Come and worship, Come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King*

4. Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear **R**

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light **R**

5. Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down **R**

SEASONAL SENTENCE

The people who walked in darkness ... *Luke 2:10*

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

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the Nativity of our Lord. Alleluia

All: Through whose life salvation shines. Alleluia

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Refrain:

Glory to God on High (rpt.)
And peace to God's people,
God's people pon di earth
Glory to God on high

1. Lord God heav'nly king
Mighty God and Father
We worship you
Praise and thanks to you. **R**

3.

2. Lord Jesus Christ
Son and Lamb of God
All sin you remove,
Have mercy and hear wi cry. **R**

3. You are the Holy One
You are Lord, most High
With the Holy Spirit,
Glory be to you. **R**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect For The First Sunday After Christmas Day BCP page 159

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*All Sit*)

First Reading Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Jacqueline Mighty

Psalms 147: 13 - 21 Chanted (**All stand**)

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23 - 25; 4: 4 - 7 Denise Kitson

Gradual Hymn: 76 Cum dung to all a we

1. Christ Jesus Lord from heaven above,
Cum dung to all a we
O fill us with your mighty love,
Cum dung to all a we
we be not worthy of your grace,
Cum dung to all a we
but help us, Lord, to see your face.
Cum dung to all a we

Refrain

*Cum dung, Jesus, cum dung, cum dung,
cum dung to all a we;
O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we,
O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we.*

2. You died on Calvary for our sake,
Cum dung to all a we
amendments for our sins you make,
Cum dung to all a we
shine down on us your radiant light,
Cum dung to all a we
enlighten our sins' darkest night.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

And lead us not O lord, into temptation
Hallowed, be thy name

Deliver us O Lord, from every evil
Hallowed, be thy name

For thine the kingdom, the power glory
Hallowed, be thy name

Amen, amen, amen; amen it shall be so
Hallowed, be thy name

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread page 145

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

O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God	O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world	You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy pon wi soul (Repeat)	Give us peace.

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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 the Lord.

Hymns During Communion:

642 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, a sleep on the hay.

2. The Cattle are lowing the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is night.

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.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord	Blesses is He who comes
Lord God of pow'r, pow'r and might	in the precious name of the Lord
Heav'n and earth are full,	Hosanna upon high,
Oh, of your glory	Oh Hosanna upon high
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord.	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.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Jamaican)

Our father, who art in Zion
Hallowed, be thy name

Thy Kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth
Hallowed, be thy name

Give us this day O Lord, Our daily Bread.
Hallowed, be thy name

Forgive our sins we pray, as we forgive others
Hallowed, be thy name

3. O rid us of all care and woe,
Cum dung to all a we
and put in place your heavenly glow,
Cum dung to all a we
come in all power and majesty,
Cum dung to all a we
Cum dung to all a we
bring us salvation, make us free.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

4. Cum dung, Lord, an' go no more,
Cum dung to all a we
cum dung an' stay upon dis shore,
Cum dung to all a we
yes, cum dung, Lord, please go no more,
Cum dung to all a we
O cum dung, Lord, for evermore.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 18

Sermon: Revd. Canon Dr. Sirrano Kitson

The Nicene Creed BCP page 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for Christ Catholic and Apostolic Church ... Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the Creator of the universe,
saying.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the
angel, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, King of Glory, come to
earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, King of
Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of Glory to the shepherds and
Magi, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and
Joseph of Nazareth, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: We pray for peace among nations and within our communities
and for goodwill throughout the world, King of Glory, come
to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: We remember families, relatives and friends and also those who
would be alone this Christmas time, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: At this time of joy and rejoicing, we pray for all who are sad, and the
despondent all whose lives are full of sorrow, fear or anxiety. We re-
member those in need of care and love ones who are ill.
King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the incarnation of the Son of God, grant us true repentance. Hear
us O, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

**All : We confess our transgressions, for grace to be cleansed of our sins,
to amend our lives and to further the reign of God.**

Celebrant: Almighty God...

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles...

THE GREETING OF PEACE *(All stand)*

Celebrant: "Glory to God in the highest heaven,

People: And peace to all persons who enjoy God's favour."

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

People: And also with you.

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory Hymn: 245 Jesus come today /All for Jesus.

1. Jesus come today, for a poor, poor man like me.

Salvation come my way, my soul set free.

Jesus come for all, and we must hear His call.

Open up your heart today, and let it be.

Refrain:

Nuh matter if you t'ief, or if you dread,

Of if yuh have a crown pan yuh head.

Nuh matter if you have no heart at all,

Jesus bring love for one and all.

Sing it children.

I for Jesus, you for Jesus,

All for Jesus, fall for Jesus, Come to Jesus.

Jesus come for one, he come for all.

2. Jesus come for I, see manger where He lie.

See cross where He must die, for a wretch like me.

For God so loved the world,

Man, woman, boy and girl.

He gave His Son for you, His Son for me. **R**

3. Jesus Christ today, the same as yesterday.

The one, the only way, the King for me

Let it come to pass, mankind find love at last.

Just as it was time past, so let it be. **R**

**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.