

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Victor Elliott 26/12, 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 31/12, Rocheke Blake and Pauline Christie 01/01.

Wedding Anniversary -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.

Condolence is extended to Calvin Murray and family on the passing of his uncle, Roy Tyrell. To Mignonette Reynolds and family on the passing of her sister Norma Donaldson-Green. To Kathy Booth on the passing of her brother, Gordon Glave.

We express our thanks for your contribution for Gift Day.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021 - 22

Dec. 26	6:30 a.m.	1st Sunday after Christmas Day-Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Sunday -Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 29	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist -Thomas Becket (Martyr)
Dec. 31	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 p.m.	Watch Night Service –New Year’s Eve
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist - Holy Name
Jan. 2	6:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist
Jan. 6	9.00 a.m.	The Epiphany
Jan. 9	6:00 a.m	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m	Solemn Eucharist - The Baptism of our Lord

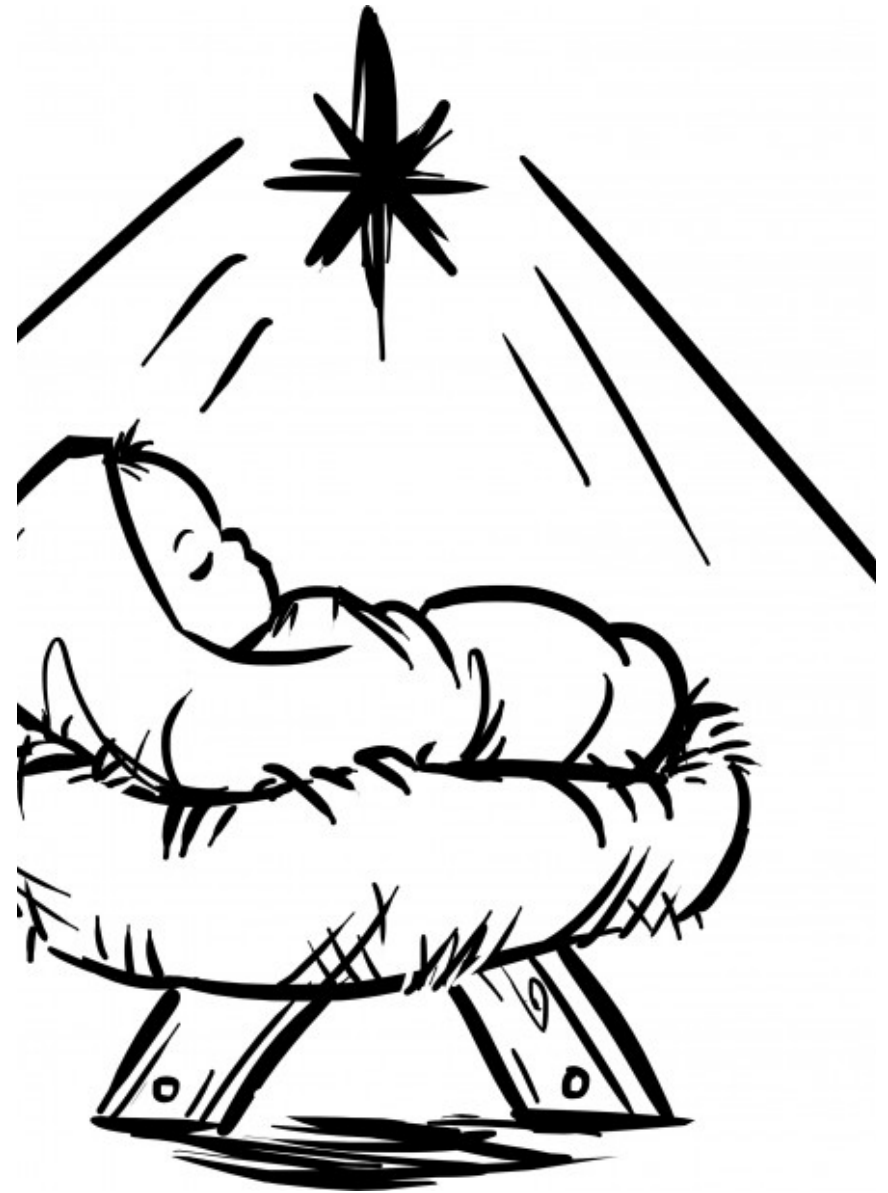
Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service

<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>.

The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.

Youth Fellowship is on Christmas break and resumes on January 15, 2022.

Diocese of Jamaica & the Cayman Islands
St. Andrew Parish Church



Excerpts from Archbishop’s Christmas Message:

The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has made us deeply aware of our connection as a common humanity across the world in a way in which, perhaps, no other experience has done. It has made us aware of the fact that if the people of every nation do not have access to vaccines, then no nation is safe, and in so doing, has cut across many of the commercial principles which have governed global relations through patents and other regulations which have placed small and developing nations at risk and in a state of underdevelopment and vulnerability. Another significant development which the pandemic has exposed is the way in which governance across nations determine the movement of people. It is a reality which has been used with impunity by rulers and nations with devastating consequences for millions of people, leading today to massive populations of displaced persons, refugees, and migrants. The introduction of travel bans against certain nations and their peoples, and the closure of national borders have left some citizens stranded outside of their native land, and others, within their own nation, confined to their homes by curfews and lockdowns. It is in a context in which there is a decree regarding the movement of a colonized people that we see the birth of Jesus as recorded by St. Luke in his second chapter being played out.

Emperor Augustus has decreed that a census is to be taken and citizens must move at his dictate. It is against that background that the light shines on a young peasant woman and her carpenter husband who have no standing or claim to fame. They encounter a world in which there is no space for them that would allow them the opportunity to affirm their dignity and that of the child to be born. Today, that there are countless children being born without citizenship as their parents are among the displaced or refugees of the world. How much more dehumanizing could the circumstance be when one is relegated to the space among the animals? And even as we may squirm at the thought, we must with shame acknowledge the number of occasions on which our own news media have carried stories of Jamaican citizens who have been relegated to life in a chicken coop, and only at which point there is some outpouring of concern across the society and something is done about the situation. God’s Life-transforming Power And yet, in the midst of those whose power negatively impacts persons of lowly estate, there is another power at work creating a different kind of life transforming experience. So it was with the shepherds tending their sheep at night and sleeping with them in the fields.

**The Most Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory, Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands
Archbishop of The West Indies, Primate and Metropolitan**

Did you Know?

It is appropriate to keep our Christmas trees and other Christmassy decorations up until the 2nd of February when we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is true because Christmastide lasts for a period of forty days. This means, Christmas, like Lent and Easter, has the same number of days. In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Roman Catholic traditions, Advent also lasts for forty days. The days from the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas Day) to the Epiphany (6th January) are known as “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

Quote for reflection

“What is significant about Christmas? It is the recognition of God, dwelling among us, in the person of Jesus – the Emanuel. Such a proclamation by us, the people of faith, appears outrageous to the unbeliever... ‘The action of the incarnation is the revelation of God’s divine love for all people, a love which is self-giving, all-embracing and which enables us to be truly human, as we realize in our lives the divine imperative to b god-like in our relating to each other.”

Sirrano Kitson in “Heart of the Soul: Reflections for the Church Year”

Question for reflection.

In what ways can I share with others the true meaning of Christmas?

The Church’s Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 23, 2022, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Jean King	Melba Lazarus
Peter Mullings	(Priest)	Allune Mullings	Leonard Green
Egbert Robertson	(Priest)	Myrtle White	Myrtle Gordon
Laurence “Billy” Perkins		Fay Jenkinson	Rema Samuels

Readings for Jan. 2, 2022 Year C: 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. The foxes found rest,
and the birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod,
O Thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

4. Thou camest, O Lord,
with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn,
and with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

5. When the heavens shall ring,
and the angels sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home,
saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for thee."
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

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!**

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**

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First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 26, 2021

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

**People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who was with God in the beginning. Alleluia

All: **The Word is revealed in creation. Alleluia**

Celebrant: Behold, the Grace of God has appeared to all people. Alleluia

All: **The Word was made flesh and lived among us. Alleluia**

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

All: **Through whose life salvation shines. Alleluia, alleluia**

ALL: O God, your glory fills the heavens and your Incarnate presence pervades the earth, we approach you with reverence and awe, illuminate our hearts through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, that we may praise you with gratitude and magnify your holy named. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Evans, Clarke Revival Mass*)

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 Owen Streete

Psalms 147 Chanted (**All stand**)

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23 - 25; 4:4 - 7 Donna Evelyn

Gradual Hymn: 85 Sing de chorus

Refrain:

Sing de chorus, clap your hand

Beat de Congo, play de pan

Spread de news to all the land

That Jesus is born

Jesus de Saviour is born

1. Do you know de story
How de King of glory
Came to earth a Baby born in a manger
But de worl' then did not know
That 'twas God on earth below
And treat the Son of God on earth like a stranger. **R**

2. O great God above us
Truly, you do love us
Your cords of love around us no one can sever
May we always do your loving heart
Sing your praise and glorify you forever. **R**

2. Do you know de story
How de King of Glory
Came to earth a Baby born in a manger
But de worl' then did not know
That 'twas God on earth below
And treat the Son of God on earth like a stranger.

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread BCP 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 (*Evans, Clarke Revival Mass*)

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 (<i>Repeat</i>)	Grant us peace.

The Invitation Form B BCP page 146

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: 62, 507,

62: Let me tell about the story

1. Let me tell about the story Of the blessed virgin Mary She had a baby boy name of Jesus Born in Bethlehem of Judea On the straw that was in the manger And she rock the baby to sleep	3. Come me pretty little baby Mek me rock you now to sleep For the little Saviour baby Looking down upon your from heaven On this Mother and her baby And she rock the baby to sleep
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2. Cow an horse an donkey and sheep see the pretty little boy sleep Make no sound nor do not a thing For they know that it is the king King and Saviour of the whole world And she rock the baby to sleep	4. So she rock the little King baby Sleeping soundly and so serenely She say nothing, she only sigh For she know that soon he must die For him come to save the whole world And she rock the baby to sleep
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507: Thou didst leave Thy throne

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown, When Thou camest to earth for me; But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room For Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee.	2. Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, Proclaiming Thy royal degree; But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth, And in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee.
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SANCTUS (*Gibson*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

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 ever lasting 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 Revival*)

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
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

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 18

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

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

All: Hear our prayer

Priest: We shall pray for the world, the nation and our leaders ..
Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for the world, the nation and our leaders. 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, the despondent and all whose lives are full of sorrow, fear or anxiety. We remember 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: 73 Joy to the world.

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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.