

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Sis. Molly Walton and Annette Clarke 22/10, Dudley McLean II, Paige Fraser and Nicole Thomas 23/10, Maydene Ritchie-Campbell, Evelyn Roach, Clive Tapper, Barbara Johnson and Akilah Baillie 24/10, Cassandra Blythe, Cardia Rigg and Audley Davidson 25/10, Rev. Vivette Jennings, Rev. Paul Sharpe, Rev. Richard Tucker and Josh Pratt 26/10, Rev. Prince Taylor Younge, Sharon Northover, Jodi Jackson and Margaret McPherson 27/10, Rev. Paul Bogle, Dwane Anderson, Minion Wright, Melanie Tapper and Denise Kitson 28/10.

Condolence is extended to Hyacinth and Rhonda Adams on the passing of their relative, Clive Adams. Also to Dave Wilson the family on the passing of his mother Joyce Wilson.

The Parish Planning Retreat will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The Harvest Take-Out lunch will be on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Monday Bible Study - 5:30 p.m, Meeting ID 854 9239 9132
Passcode 367264.

Ministry & Leadership – If you are interested in deepening your faith and training for leadership or Lay Ministry kindly visit the Diocesan website.

We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.

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For the Vocations and Ministry of the Church

Almighty God, look with compassion on the world you have redeemed by the death of Your son Jesus Christ. Move the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church, strengthen us to bear witness to Christ, using the gifts received, so that by our lives and labours your light may shine in the darkness and the coming of Your Kingdom be advanced; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour *Amen.* ©

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The Harvest is Plenty but the Labourers are Few

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

There has been months of drought, with no threat of hurricane, which in the past would provide some rainfall despite their destructive effects. The drought has affected agriculture and the vegetation of our Jamaican landscape. With these challenges our farmers have continued to plant and reap with innovation for us to have fruits and vegetables that are necessary for our nutrition. The spiritual principle of planting and reaping is directly related to Harvest as we are summoned by God to give the first fruits of the land to the Lord. It is the benevolent God, who has germinated the seed, provided water for the earth, swollen the grain and increased the produce of the earth. We give the first fruits of the land as we recognize that, by ourselves, we are not able to achieve and realize a fruitful reaping, for we are dependent on the generous, caring and faithful God. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it..." (Ps. 24:1)

The first fruits and the best fruit are *directly related to our intentional giving*. As we offer the first and best before distributing and consuming it is in recognition of the God who provides and remains faithful. The first of our income and money that we offer demonstrates *intentional giving* as an indication of our commitment and trust in the Lord. In other words, whatever amount we have committed ourselves to give each week or month must be consistent, as we face the various challenges of life. This is a sign of our trust and faith in God's presence and purpose in our lives and who continues to bless us with the breath of life and health, talent and abilities and opportunities for their development and expression.

Harvest is a feast for celebration that demands our response to the God who remains faithful, loving, patient and generous. To feast in the Hebrew context means "to keep an appointment". The Feast of Harvest is the appointed time for us to give of the first and best fruits of our time, abilities, resources and give thanks to God with grateful hearts.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today, especially our celebrant and preacher Rev. Fr. Dwane Blackwood and his family.

Sirrano +

Did you know?

In his book "A Ray of Darkness," Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury critiques the common view of vocation as a "theatrical casting" event. Williams argues that the "God finding us a part to play" perspective of vocation is inherently problematic and leads to resentment when we do not feel we are being "used." Rather, Williams defines vocation as "the call to be" and to exist as oneself.

Quote for reflection

"The vocation of creatures is to exist as *themselves*, to be bearers of their names, answering to the Word that gives each its distinctive identity. The act of creation can be seen as quite simply this – the revelation of things to be themselves, distinctive, spare, and strange. God does not first create and then differentiate a great multitude of roles within creation: in one act he creates a multiple, noisy, jostling, and diverse reality...To talk about God as your creator means to recognise at each moment that it is his desire for you to be, and to be the person you are. It means he is calling you by your name, at each and every moment, wanting you to be you."

~ Archbishop Rowan Williams

Question for reflection

- Reflect on the idea that God creates a diverse and noisy reality in a single act. How does this diversity shape your understanding of creation and your place within it?

The Church Army is accepting applications for the 4th cohort of Associate Evangelists. If interested, please speak to the clergy staff.

Birthday Groups - Rally of the Twelve Prophets. Coordinators to make contact with persons in their group.

Faith formation Training for Christian Discipleship - Contact the Church Office. 968-9366, 926-6692.

Readings for Oct. 29, 2023: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1 - 8, Matthew 22: 34 - 46.

Recessional Hymn 714: In this our beauteous island

1. In this our beauteous island
God smiles his sweetest smile
Form ferny dell and covert
wild flowers our eyes beguile
among the leafy branches
the ripened mangoes sway
and green pimento berries
make fragrant God bright day.

Refrain
*Praise him, ye bright people,
With harvest hymn of joy
O give to God a hymn of praise
And love without alloy*

2. The creamy breadfruit blossoms
point upward to the sky
to tell that God's rich blessings
fall on us from on high
The canefields wave in greeting
clad in their verdant dress
and citrus fruits swing slowly
in golden loveliness. **R**

3. We thank thee for the sunlight
on each day newly born,
that blends with rain in blessing
the tender ears of corn
that ripens into beauty
fair fruits of every kind
bananas, pears, star-apples
and cherries purple-lined. **R**

4. Young coconuts encircle
the warm hearts of the trees
beneath the green boughs hiding
and rustle in the breeze.
Nature her many voices
each day with joy uplifts
Shall we not thank our Father
for all his wondrous gifts. **R**

Order of Service

Introit Hymn: 708 Come, ye thankful people, come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise we yield;
wheat and tares therein are sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour;
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.

3. For we know that thou wilt come,
and wilt take thy people home;
from thy field wilt purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
and thine angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in thy garner evermore.

4. Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest home;
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels come,
bid us sing thy harvest home.

The Celebrant says at the Altar:

May this incense, blessed by You, ascend to You, O Lord. May your
mercy descend upon us through the intercession of Andrew your
Apostle. **Amen.**

Hymn: 707 *Is sung as the Altar is incensed and the children process*

Refrain:
*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures big and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

2. The mangoes in the summer,
the sea grapes growing wild,
guinep and plums and guavas
are gifts for every child. **R**

1. The bright and sunny weather,
our sparkling waters pure
are gifts from God as well as
the white sand on our shore. **R**

3. The waters round our islands
are brimming full with food;
grouper and crab and lobster
that do our bodies good. **R**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Oct. 22 - Oct. 28

Oct. 24	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. James
Oct. 25	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist -
Oct. 27	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Abner Powell	(Priest)	Nick Vassell	Elesia Blackburn
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Myrtle White	Margaret Green
Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Jean King	Calvin Murray
Hazel Bell		Rema Samuels	Vernon Miranda

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.

Seasonal Sentence

President: Blessed be God, Creator of heaven and earth

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

President: Blessed be Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

President: Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, the sustaining grace of redemption.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

President: This is the day to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest

All: To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.

President: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil, sow seeds, and care for the environment.

All: To remember that others share the toil that brings forth Harvest.

President: And to give thanks to God for the fruits of trees, the produce of the earth, the flowers of the field, the fishes of the sea, minds to think and hearts to love.

All: Bless us, O Lord, as we come together to worship you and offer thanks. Amen.

All: O Lord God, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of the good earth, we marvel at the trust you place in us. Despite the depths to which we sometimes descend, we know that we are meant for the heights of creation. Be with us, O Lord; help us to reclaim the image in which you made us and to renew the earth on which you have placed us and purify us through your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily love you, and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle: Canticle: Benedicite (Song of Creation)

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :
praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord :

Hymn: 723 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

1. To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
in hymns of adoration,
to thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
the valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing.

We bear the burden of the day,
and often toil seems dreary;
but labour ends with sunset ray,
and rest comes for the weary.
May we, the angel-reaping over,
stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves, for evermore
to garner bright elected.

2. And now, on this our festal day,
thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
the first fruits of thy blessing.
By thee the souls of men are fed
with gifts of grace supernal;
thou, who dost give us earthly bread,
give us the bread eternal.

O blessèd is that land of God
where saints abide for ever,
where golden fields spread far and broad,
where flows the crystal river;
the strains of all its holy throng
with ours today are blending;
thrice blessèd is that harvest song
which never hath an ending.

Anthem: Thou visitest the earth ... Greene

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All:

*Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body, live His risen life;
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines, give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Choral Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation

During Communion

Hymn: 712 For the fruit of all creation

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
for these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

praise him and magnify him forever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

(Change)

O let the Earth bless the Lord:

yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

(Change)

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord :

praise him and magnify him forever. Amen

PRESIDENT: Let us pray...

COLLECT FOR HARVEST: (BCP pg 191)

Priest:

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the
fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of
those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful
stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our
necessities and relief of all who are in need, to the glory of
Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Collect for the day (proper 24)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your
glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your
Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the
confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:7 - 18 Joyce James

Psalm 65: 9 - 14 (All sit)

Refrain: Some seeds fell into rich soil, produced its harvest hundred fold

9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;* the river of God is full of water.

10. You prepare the grain,* for so you provide for the earth. **R**

11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;* with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12. You crown the year with your goodness,* and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,* and the hills be clothed with joy.

14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;* let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

Epistle 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15 Vivienne Jones

The Gospel Acclamation is sung before and after the Gospel

Before

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

After

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Luke 17: 11 - 19

Sermon: Rev. Fr. Dwane Blackwood

THE NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through Him all things were

Refrain:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;*

*Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;*

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

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

PRESIDENT In songs of everlasting praise:

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional Revival*)

Our father, who art in Zion

Hallowed, be thy name

Thy Kingdom come on earth, they 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 pow'r and glory

Hallowed, be thy name

Amen, amen, amen; amen it shall be so

Hallowed, be thy name

2. We bring you bread O Lord, Wheat the grain of earth;
We bring our selves O Lord, chosen from our birth. **R**

3. We bring you wine, O Lord, work of human hands;
Fruit of the vine O Lord, taken from all lands. **R**

4. We bring our pray'r, O Lord, from our hearts sincere
All of our service Lord, to your people hear. **R**

5. We dance for you, O Lord may we praises you long;
Receive these gifts O Lord life and love and song.

Refrain:

*And so we give thanks and praises to the Father,
Give thanks and praises to the Son
Give thanks and praises to the Spirit, all three in one,
all three in one, all three in one.*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

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 ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and arch-
angels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing
this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name. 10.

**made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day He
rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the
Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

*Gifts- Light, Water and Soil, representing the three principal elements of
creation will be presented.*

Congregational Response: **That the earth may be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea.**

First Presenter: The Gift of Light.

Leader: We present before your altar O God, this gift of light. In the be-
ginning your Word commanded, "let there be light" and there was light.

Celebrant: O Sovereign Lord in whom there is no darkness and from
whom is the Light of Life; we thank you for the gift of light. From her
you made the Sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to rule the
night. The lights of the heavens have become for us "signs and seasons
for days and years".

**R. That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**

Second Presenter: The Gift of Water.

Leader: We present before your altar, O God, water. In the beginning your Word commanded “let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth”.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you for water, the symbol of life. From it you created the ‘great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind’.

*R. That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.*

Third Presenter: The Gift of Soil.

Leader: We present before your altar, O God, the soil of the earth. In the beginning your Word commanded that she bring “forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit with the seed in it”.

Celebrant: O God who made the heavens and the earth; we thank you for the gift of Mother Earth. From her, humanity was created and from her, we receive “plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. From the earth came all living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind”.

All:

*All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be.
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves...

Let us therefore confess of our sins.

Silence.

All:

*Most merciful God;
We confess that we have sinned against you In thought, word and deed
By what we have done and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as our selves
We have not loved ourselves as we ought.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
And forgive us, that we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways, to glory of your Name. Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and accept the peace that God gives.

All: Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.

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

All: And also with you.

All sit:

ANTHEM: Look at the world - John Rutter

THE MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Life is your gift

1. Life is your gift, O Lord let us give you praise;
Love is your way O Lord now our hearts we raise

Refrain:

*And so we give thanks and praises to the Father,
Give thanks and praises to the Son
Give thanks and praises to the Spirit, all three in one. all three in one.*