

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: 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, Rev. Robert Green, Rev. Justin Nembhard, Rocheke Blake, Norma Allen and Pauline Christie 01/01, David Francis 02/01, Christene Johnson-Kelly and Khristian McKenzie-Marley 03/01.

Condolence is extended to Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith on the passing of her sister, Avis Taylor. To the family of John Greaves. To Carolyn Taylor-Bennett on the passing of her father, Raymond Taylor. To Gaye Campbell and Lisa Allen on the passing of their brother, Patrick Allen. The funeral Service will be in New York.

Wedding Anniversary -Congratulations to Brian and Jackie James who will celebrate their 34th W/A on the 28th. To Rohan and Kareen Scott who will celebrate their 20th on the 28th, Christopher and Carolyn Bennett on the 28th and Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate 47th W/A 30th.

The Inurnment for Nuklyn Cornwall will be on Tuesday 30th at 9:00am.

We express our thanks for your contribution for Gift Day.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2025

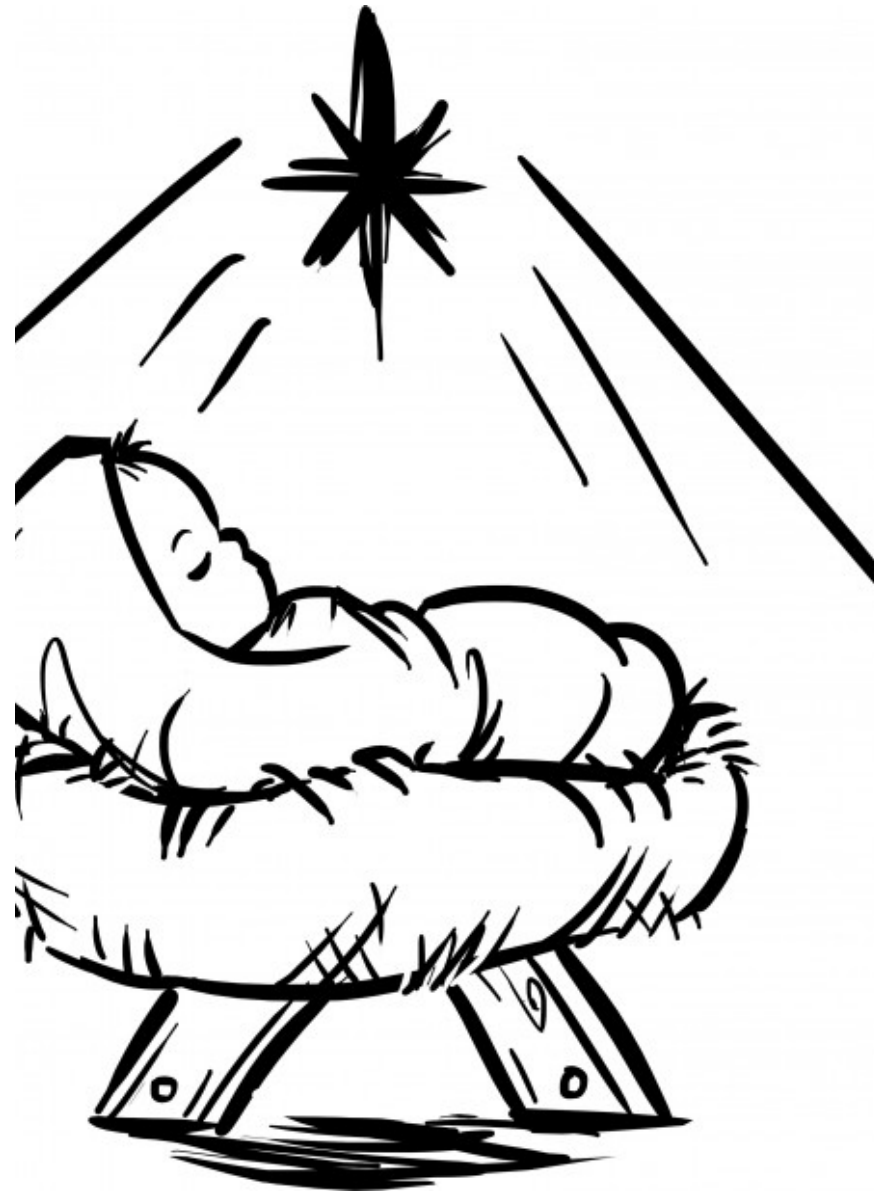
Dec. 28	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist -Christmas Sunday
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist –Christmas Sunday
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m.	Watch Night Service
Jan. 4	6:30 a.m.	New Year Sunday - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	New Year Sunday - Solemn Eucharist Bp Golding
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	The Epiphany - Holy Eucharist
Jan. 11	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
Jan. 25	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist - Congregational Meeting
Feb. 8		Provincial Sunday

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.

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



Excerpts from bishop's Christmas Message:**The Christmas Spirit**

Leading up to Christmas 2025, many people have stated that they do not feel the Christmas spirit. This is because of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa which has left an atmosphere of gloom over our country.

It is and will continue to be a difficult time for those who suffered from the passing of the Hurricane. People are still traumatized and trying to make sense of what happened as they continue to grieve the loss of all that has given meaning to their life – a sense of stability, and of rootedness. Some of them are still without the basic amenities of running water, electricity, internet services, and a place they can call home. The surroundings where many families reside look like a wasteland, and roofs covered with blue tarpaulin dominate the landscape. As a result of the extensive damage, many people will be sheltered this Christmas season in makeshift accommodations.

Christmas is a time of reconnection. Families come together to enjoy food, fellowship, and merriment. There will be an emptiness in the lives of families who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, especially those who died in or because of the aftereffects of the hurricane. We continue to offer our sympathies to those who suffered greatly, and pledge our continued support physically, materially, mentally, and spiritually.

In solidarity with those who have been hit hard by the Hurricane, individuals, companies, and organizations have scaled back on their end-of-year celebrations. Some have cancelled their usual activities, and they have channeled the funds they would have spent on festivities to assist in relief work in the west, and to bring cheer to those who have lost home and income.

Some people see the absence of the usual festivities as a block to the Christmas spirit. However, on the contrary, the Christmas spirit is very evident in various ways. The coming together of people from all levels of society is bringing comfort and relief to others. It is active through the great generosity, outpouring of love and concern for people who are suffering... as well as through the volunteerism and the tremendous relief efforts. Companies have been generous, both here and abroad, to assist those in need. All this has given hope to many of our people. This is, indeed, the true spirit of Christmas.

+The Rt. Rev. Leon Paul Golding
Bishop of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands

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 be 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 25, 2026, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

Thanks to Dudley McLean for printing the Carol Service program.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Cynthia Small	Lloyd Bryan
Paul Sharpe	(Priest)	John Lopez	Pauline Bryan
Raymond Shaw		Dana Harris	Rema Watt
Ermine Williams		Kingsley Goodison	Gwen Waugh

Readings for Jan. 4, 2026 Year A: 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: 65 Go tell it on the mountain

Refrain

***Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!***

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. **R**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth. **R**

3. Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **R**

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 28, 2025

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*)

(6:30pm Mass BCP 102)

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**

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 Sterling Soares/Dylan Codner

Psalms 147 Chanted (**All stand**)

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23 - 25; 4:4 - 7 Carolyn Bennett/Samantha Brown

Gradual Hymn: 63 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they said that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

*He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer, oh yes, believer.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.*

2. The angels sang when the babe was born,
The angels sang when the babe was born,
The angels sang when the babe was born,
And proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus. **R**

3. The wise men saw where the babe was born,
The wise men saw where the babe was born,
The wise men saw where the babe was born,
And they saw that his name was Jesus. **R**

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 (*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

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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:

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

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

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.

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 archan-
gels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name.