

This Week in the Parish

Monday to Friday, **Morning Prayer** will be prayed and live streamed at **St. George's Chapel at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays at 8:15 a.m.**

Starting October 5, Evensong 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Sunday Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Monday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Spencer's Home

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study(Loanna Whitmore home,

14 Oxley street, Hillsborough, E4H 3A3)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study (St. George's)

1:00 p.m. Bible Study (St. James)

Thursday 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

DAILY BIBLE READING

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	II Chronicles 15	I Thessalonians 1
Monday	II Chronicles 16	I Thessalonians 2:1-16
Tuesday	I kings 16:15-End	I Thessalonians 2:17-3 End
Wednesday	I kings 17	I Thessalonians 4:1-12
Thursday	I Kings 18:1-16	I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
Friday	I Kings 18:17-end	I Thessalonians 5:12-End
Saturday	I Kings 19	II Thessalonians 1

 **Parking Notice for St George's church** Kindly note that the parking area across the Queen Street entrance is no longer available.

Donations have been made to Memorial fund in memory of Vernon Mann by Mary Mann.

Please keep Ruth Mackintosh and her family in your prayers as they mark the first anniversary of her passing. May God comfort and strengthen her family and all those who remember her.

CEC meeting for **St. George's** has been **scheduled today** and will be held in the **Ladies' Parlour**.

If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please kindly call the parish visit. (506)-855-5209   

The Parish of the Six Saints

Jesus Christ the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever



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The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 20, 2026

He went to the town
and saw a widow there
who had been weeping.
He took pity on her and said,
'Do not weep.'

LUKE 7:11-17



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Prayer Requests:

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The Rev. Barb Haire 506-203-0188
The Rev. David Alston 506-866-5986
The Rev. Norman Dupuis 506-386-1324

Welcome to the Parish of the Six Saints

Services for this Sunday are being offered at

❖ 8:00 am	Holy Communion	📍 St. George's
❖ 9:00 am	Holy Communion	📍 St. Mary's
❖ 9:00 am	Morning Prayer	📍 St Andrews
❖ 10:00 am	Holy Communion	📍 St. George's
❖ 11:00 am	Holy Communion	📍 St James'
❖ 5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	📍 St. George's



☒ After the Service ☒ ☕ Coffee • 🍵 Tea • 🍪 Light Snacks ☒

Served with love ✨ Enjoy fellowship and meaningful conversation as we gather, share, and connect together.

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY IS:

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE INTROIT PSALM

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: **for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving kindness toward all them that call upon thee.** Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: **for I am poor and in misery.** Glory be.. and to the Holy Ghost. **As it was .. and ever shall be: world without end. Amen**

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Today's Readings (Trinity 16)

BCP- Book Of Common Prayer and BAS- Book of Alternate Service

Psalms 90	BCP p 446/BAS p 826
The Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9	
The Gradual: Psalm: 146:7-10	BCP p 518/BAS p 905
The Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21	BCP p 242
The Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17	BCP p 243

Next Sunday's Readings, Trinity 17

Psalms 119 pts 15,16
The Lesson: Ezekiel 37:21-28
The Gradual: Psalm: 131
The Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-6
The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-11



Announcements

Farewell for Father Rob Please join us on **Sunday, September 27(Parish service), at St. Andrew's** for a special Farewell Parish Service for Father Rob and his family. A potluck meal and presentation of gifts will follow the service. Let us gather as a parish family to give thanks for Father Rob's ministry and wish him God's blessings in the next chapter of his journey. Parishioners who would like to give a card to Father Rob are welcome to place it in the **basket provided in the reception hall.**

✨ **Celebration of New Ministry** ✨ We joyfully invite you to join us on **October 11** as we give thanks to God for Father Christopher's ministry among us and welcome him into his new ministry with the Parish of Six Saints. 📅 **3:00 p.m.** – Induction Service at **St. James' Church** 📅 **5:00 p.m.** – Evensong at **St. Andrew's Church and Reception at St Georges church at 6 p.m.** . Everyone is warmly invited to this special celebration!



📅 **Deanery Lessons and Carols** will be held at **St. George's Church on November 29 at 4:00 p.m.** All are warmly invited to join us for this beautiful celebration of Scripture and music.

Dive into Camp Medley. If you, your children or grandchildren have ever attended Camp Medley you will know what a fun time it is. Right now there is a campaign to replace the aging swimming pool and have an accessible modern pool in its place. For the month of October we are going to put on a drive as a parish to contribute to this effort. Donations can be placed on the offering plate or through e transfer marked Camp Medley Pool drive. Donations are being generously matched by the J T Clark Family Foundation. You can read more about this project at <https://nb.anglican.ca/>.

Donations are appreciated to help keep our community warm this season. We are collecting Hand warmers and foot warmers, Socks, Hats and mittens Footwear, Warm clothing, **Drop-off location: 473 St. George Street** Your generous donations can make a meaningful difference this season.

The Community Meal at St Mary's is today at Legion building 31 Legion St, Hillsborough, NB E4H 2W7. All are welcome



December Combined Parish service & Lessons and Carols Please note that the **December Parish Service has been moved to Sunday, December 20.** On the Parish service, we will also celebrate our **Parish Lessons and Carols at St. James' Church.** We look forward to gathering as a parish family

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SABBATH VERSUS SUNDAY

Reading about how many restrictions and rules became customary for Sundays has led me to try to condense a subject that has been written about for many pages and widely misunderstood.

Look at the 4th of the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:8-11): 'Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.' (The word 'sabbath' means 'to stop working').

When we hear or say the simple summary (Matthew 22:37-40) Jesus made of the Ten Commandments – basically 'God first, then your neighbour' it is difficult to believe how the words of the full 4th commandment could lead to so many burdens for those who tried to live in God's way.

When Jesus gave the disciples his 'new commandment' (John 13:34), he simplified it further to virtually one word: LOVE.

His frequent condemnation of 'the scribes and the Pharisees' is familiar to us all. The Scribes were the ones who elaborated on what constituted 'work' and made a mockery of it. Here is an example. There were no less than thirty-nine classifications called 'fathers of work', each of which was capable of infinite sub-division. It would be tedious to describe all their triviality, so here is just one example: it was forbidden to carry a burden. But what is a burden? A man may lift his child, but if the child has a stone in its hand, the stone is a burden even if the child is not. Did the scribes really believe such a 'rule' would please God? Jesus always got to the heart of the matter and revealed the central principle through his parables.

The true meaning of the Sabbath was at heart a day of rest and recreation. Sacred to God, yes, but no rule was given as to how it should be spent. However, with the connivance of the scribes, it became (as my Bible dictionary puts it) 'hedged about with conventions, regulations, artificialities, and restrictions.'

Sadly, the Christian Sunday became warped in a similar manner. I found the following common examples in a children's book – 'food was served cold because nothing could be cooked on a Sunday

– children were not allowed to run, shout or play noisily – they had to be taken to church but sit perfectly still, with their eyes on the preacher during a 2-hour sermon –back at home, they spent the afternoons studying the catechism' – and I should imagine, longing for bedtime and an end to the boring day. What, in all this, would bring children to love God?

After the Resurrection, the first day of the week, Sunday, became the special day for Christians because it was the day Jesus rose from the dead. So the Sabbath, just like the importance of the Temple, or the Tabernacle, or the forbidden foods, and even the unconverted – all became like the 'old wineskins' that could not hold the new wine. (Mark 2:22)

To conclude: here are the legitimate and positive Sunday observances. There is no mention of actual Worship in the 4th commandment – keeping it 'holy' means that we keep it as a special day – set apart. The underlying injunction is that we need refreshment and recreation. For a sedentary worker, this would mean brisk physical exercise!

Christians need to meet for worship and to pay attention to and learn from each other. Still, rest and refreshment are also a sensible, humanitarian necessity we need to acknowledge on Sundays, when we have reason to rejoice in this supremely important day of our belief. -Rev Christopher Tapera

Measure Everything Against Jesus

In 1 John 4, John reminds believers to carefully discern what they hear and to measure everything against Jesus. He says that every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God (1 John 4:2). Our faith is grounded in Jesus, who truly entered our human experience and understands our hunger, grief, pain, and struggles.

John also encourages us with these words: "The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). When we are surrounded by conflicting opinions and uncertainty, we do not need to have every answer. We can place our confidence in God, who dwells within us through the Spirit. John then gives us one of the most powerful truths of the chapter: "God is love" (1 John 4:8). God demonstrated His love by sending His Son so that we might have life through Him. Because God loved us first, we are called to show that same love to others—not merely through words, but through practical acts of kindness, forgiveness, generosity, and care. John further teaches that "perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). God's love gives us courage when fear, rejection, or uncertainty tries to hold us back. Finally, John reminds us that our love for God cannot be separated from our love for others. If we love God, we are called to love our brothers and sisters as well.

Where love is lived out, God's Spirit is at work. Even small acts of love and faithfulness can make God's presence visible in our everyday lives.

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