

## Upcoming Events:

**New Years Eve Celebration:** There will be a pot luck supper followed by a service this evening. The pot luck supper will be at 6:00pm, the service at 7:00pm.

**Jan. 1, 11 a.m.:** New Year's Day Holy Eucharist with the Bishop at Christ Church Cathedral. Refreshments will follow.

**Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Levee:** All are invited to attend at Government House, 51 Woodstock Road, Fredericton on Jan. 1, 2-4 p.m. Donations of food items for the Greener Village Community Food Centre will be accepted.

**Monthly Breakfast Fundraiser:** The next breakfast fundraiser will be held this Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00am. Please fill out the volunteer sheet on the back table for setting up on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, kitchen help, Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:45-10am and clean up, Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm.

**Annual Reports for AGM:** All annual reports are to be sent by January 14, 2018. Email address to follow at a later date.

**Greater Chapter Meeting in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton:** Will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7pm at Christ Church (Parish) Church (snow date: Feb. 8). Clergy, church wardens, synod delegates and substitutes: Plan to attend your meeting.

## Special Ministries Next Sunday January 7, 2018

8:30 AM  
Layreader: Faith Cormier  
10:30 AM  
First Lesson: Cathy Lutes  
Second Lesson: Jeffrey Mills  
Layreaders: Nancy Wiggins  
Carolyn Pellow  
Prayer Desk: Peggy Boucher  
Sidespersons: Wendy Chase  
Volunteer  
Counters: Jeffrey Mills  
Nancy Wiggins  
Chancel Guild: Wendy Smith  
Sunday School: Maria Thomas

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Honorary Assistant: Reverend John Harvey  
Parish Health Ministry Coordinator: Faith Cormier  
Music Ministry: Deborah Smith  
Parish Wardens: Ken Brien, Bob Boucher  
Parish Treasurer: Jeffrey Mills

### Services and Readings for Next Sunday: January 7, 2018

#### The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)

8:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist  
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Genesis 1: 1-5 OT Page 1  
Psalm 29 BAS Page 738  
Acts 19: 1-7 NT Page 139  
Mark 1: 4-11 NT Pages 34-35

## First Sunday After Christmas



Sunday, December 31, 2017

### St. Margaret's Anglican Church Welcomes You

*Let peace surround you as you sit or kneel quietly. Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away from you. You are God's child. He loves and cares for you. He is here with you –and always. Give yourself time for Him. Have a happy day and may God bless you*

### SUNDAY SERVICE

8:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist: BAS Page 230  
10:30am: Holy Eucharist: BAS Page 185

### Special Ministries Today December 31, 2017

8:30 AM  
Layreader: Nancy Robinson  
10:30 AM  
First Lesson: Cathy Lutes  
Second Lesson: Volunteer  
Layreaders: Ken Brien  
Jim Sparks  
Prayer Desk: Volunteer  
Sidespersons: Volunteer  
Volunteer  
Counters: Ken Brien  
Volunteer  
Chancel Guild: Cathy Lutes  
Sunday School: No class til Jan, 7,'18

### The Holy Eucharist

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

♪♪ Hymn HB 415  
"O Come All Ye Faithful" Page 185  
Greeting Page 185  
♪♪ "As We Are Gathered"  
Collect for Purity (All) Page 185

Glory To God (sung) Page 186  
Kyrie Eleison Page 186

Collect: All together, please

**Almighty God,  
you have shed upon us the new light  
of your incarnate Word.  
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,  
shine forth in our lives:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

📖 **1st Lesson:** Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3  
OT Page 692

Following the reading of each lesson:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 BAS Pages 907-908

📖 **2nd Lesson:** Galatians 4: 4-7  
NT Page 189

♪♪ **Gradual Hymn** MP 114  
"Ding, Dong Merrily on High"

**📖 Holy Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-23  
NT Page 2

Reader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.  
All stand for the reading of the Gospel  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says: The Gospel of Christ.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Children's Story – Peggy Boucher

♪♪ **Children's Hymn** HB 420  
“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Sermon  
The Creed Page 188

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pause, and be quiet as we worship in this sacred space.  
Between the hectic pace of Christmas and the anticipation of the New Year.  
between gifts unwrapping and cleaning up,  
between longing and thanksgiving,  
between endings and beginnings,  
between the wonder of that sacred birth and the joy of the season,  
between the sacred and the ordinary...  
**We praise you our God for the wonder of the season.**

Let us pause and remember all of your mercies of yesterday and tomorrow.  
Between the joys and challenges of this life and the glorious life to come.  
You hold us in the palm of your hand. You embrace us in eternal love.  
**We praise you our God for the faith that gives us hope.**

We pause and pray for the holy innocents who are afflicted with harm and injustice.  
We remember the children who live in poverty and abuse. We pray that they may come to see the world with the eyes of wonder of the newborn Christ, and the loving heart of God's act of self giving.  
**We praise you our God that you hear our prayer of petition for the holy innocents of our world.**

Let us pause and pray for the sick, bereaved and infirm..  
**We praise you our God that you heal in mind, spirit and body.**

Let us pause and meditate on how with honour and adoration Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wise ones, angels and all the heavenly choir showed homage to the tiny child.  
**We praise you our God that we too honour and adore the infant Jesus.**

In the name of Christ, we pray for every person, living now, gone before, or yet to come,  
in every nation on earth: We remember those who have died, especially.. Amen

In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen**

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**Those who prefer to not drink from the chalice (common cup) are asked to indicate that to the administrator of the host. The host will be intincted (dipped) for you**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Sentence**  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
*Colossians 3:15,16*

♪♪ **Offertory Hymn** MP 425

“Look to the Skies”

The Prayer over the Gifts:  
**God of light,  
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.  
May we who share in this mystery  
grow daily in your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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♪♪ **Communion Hymn** MP 182

### Congregation

“God has Spoken to His People”

The Prayer after Communion:  
**Source of truth and joy,  
may we who have received the gift of divine life  
always follow the way of your Son.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen**

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### The Blessing

♪♪ **Final Hymn** MP 266  
“I cannot Tell”

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today**  
√ We welcome all visiting with us today, and invite you to stay for coffee and conversation.  
6:00 p.m. – **Pot Luck Supper**  
7:00p.m. – **Evening Service**  
This Week  
√ **Tuesday**  
9:00 a.m. – **Coffee Club:** Cards, crafts and conversation. Come and bring friends. All welcome.  
1:30p.m. – **Bible Study:** postponed until next week.  
√ **Wednesday**  
9:30-11:30a.m. – **Parents & Tots-** closed for the Christmas Break. Resuming January 10<sup>th</sup>.  
√ **Friday**  
6-8p.m. – **Setting up for Breakfast**  
√ **Saturday**  
8:30-10:00a.m. – **Breakfast Fundraiser**



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