

## Today's Service

### Liturgy

Holy Eucharist  
Book of Common Prayer

### Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-46  
Psalm 25.1-10  
1 Thess 3.9-13  
Luke 21.25-36

### Music

Joyful Noise

### Greeters

Daisy Mesher & Gloria Hynes

### Readers

Tolson & Ruby Chapman

### Eucharistic Ministers

Herman & Rita Russell

### Christmas Services:

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3 pm – Presentation of the  
Christmas Story

December 24<sup>th</sup> 3 pm – Holy Eucharist  
The Nativity of the Lord

December 30<sup>th</sup> – 3 pm – First Sunday after  
Christmas Day

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*The Most Rev'd Foley Beach*

### Diocesan Bishop

*The Rt. Rev'd Charles Masters*

### Rector

*The Rev'd Howard Hynes*  
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### Parish Secretary-Treasurer

*Lois Drover*

### Website Coordinator

*Phyllis Keats*

### Rector's Warden

*Herman Russell*

### Peoples' Warden

*Hayward Keats*

### Synod Delegate

*Gilbert Pritchett*

### Parish Council

*Nina Brown*  
*Loretta Goodyear*  
*Daisy Combden Mesher*  
*Ruth Stanley*

### ARDFC Ambassador

*Eleanor Muise*

### Greeter Coordinator

*Gloria Hynes*

### Pre Worship Prayer Coordinator

*Hilda Lambert*

### Outreach Ministry

*St. Barnabas Harvest Ministries*

### Altar Care / Eucharistic Assistant Coordinators

*Rita & Herman Russell*

### Band "Joyful Noise"

*Robert Batten*  
*Nina Brown O'Brien*  
*Ruth Stanley*  
*Selby Mesher*

### Musicians

*Maurice & Marion Victory*

## THE MARTYR'S CROWN

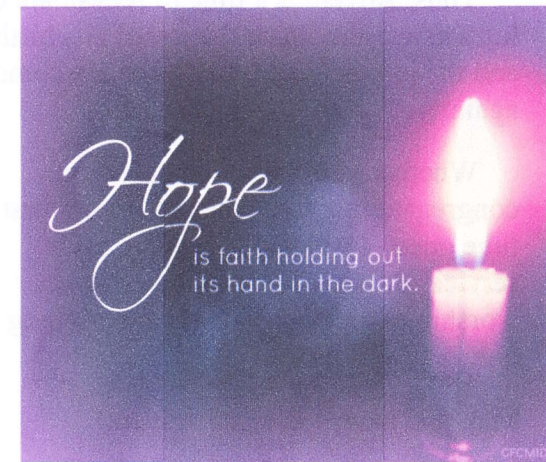


## ADVENT I

## PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

The Anglican Network in Canada

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Peoples' worship is disrupted when cell phones ring. As a gift to each other, we turn off our cell phone ringers during worship



Dear Friends,

Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The four weeks of Advent are a time of great anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. An underlying theme of Advent is our Lord's second coming, so the Scriptural readings, particularly in the first part of Advent, will speak of the end of the age. As Christians, we live with the possibility that Christ can return at any moment.

Thus, Advent is a time to reevaluate our lives as we anticipate the joy of His birth and the joy that awaits us when He comes again.

Whether you are a member of our congregation, a frequent visitor or a first time guest, I welcome you to today's service. It is my fervent hope that your worship experience will be an enriching one.

May you have a Blessed Advent!

Howard+



**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS** will be accepted until December 19<sup>th</sup> for publishing in the Christmas Bulletin. Please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name and who you want to remember, the fund you want to donate to, and either give to Lois or place in the collection plate.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY:** Last year we provided gifts for a little boy and we have been asked to provide for this again. These are the items needed: *Clothing* Size 6-6x -Sweat pants and hoodies *Toys:* Legos, Transformers, Paw Patrol Let Lois know what you are going to provide and give to her by the 16<sup>th</sup> of December

**TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GATHERING:** at the office this Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

**CRAFT SALE AND GOSPEL SING:** Join us on December 7 at Victory Christian Centre. The doors open at 7 PM for a Craft and Bake Sale, followed at 8PM with a Gospel/Carol sing. There is no admission but a freewill offering will be taken. Proceeds from the evening will go to the Parish of All Saints in Bonavista .

**RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:** This time of year, Howard+ usually gets requests for help with Christmas from those less fortunate. If you are able, Howard+ is asking you to kindly consider making a donation of money to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Donations can be made through the collection plate using a regular envelope. Please indicate your name and envelope number.

#### DONATION BASKET

A basket has been placed at the entrance of the church in case you want to make a donation toward the weekly cost of renting this worship space. We pay Victory Christian Centre \$100.00 each time we meet here.

We suggest a donation of \$5.00 from each individual. Envelopes are provided should you wish to receive a receipt for income tax purposes.



**Our Parish:** For our Rector and all who give leadership in the congregation, especially the Wardens and Parish Council. We give thanks today for Rev. Howard's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

**Our Sister Congregation of the Good Samaritan:** For Rector, The Venerable Dr. Darrell Critch; Honourary Assistants, The Right Rev'd Don Harvey and The Rev'd Marilyn Flower.

**Our Ecclesiastical Province (Canada / USA):** For our Archbishop- The Most Rev'd Dr. Foley Beach.

**Our Diocese (ANiC):** For our bishop, The Right Rev'd Charles Masters, the clergy and people across our vast diocese.

**The Sick:** For members of our parish- Jessie Barnes, Don Nippard and Renee Noseworthy. Pray also for *Linda*, the sister of Ruby Chapman.

**The Bereaved:** For *Robin Nippard & family*, as well as *Daphne and Ed Noseworthy & Family*.

**The World:** Pray for nations where people are dying of hunger and disease. Pray for those who are fleeing the tyranny of their own countries seeking a better life. Pray that God will give us a vision of our shared humanity, that we are all God's children created in His image.