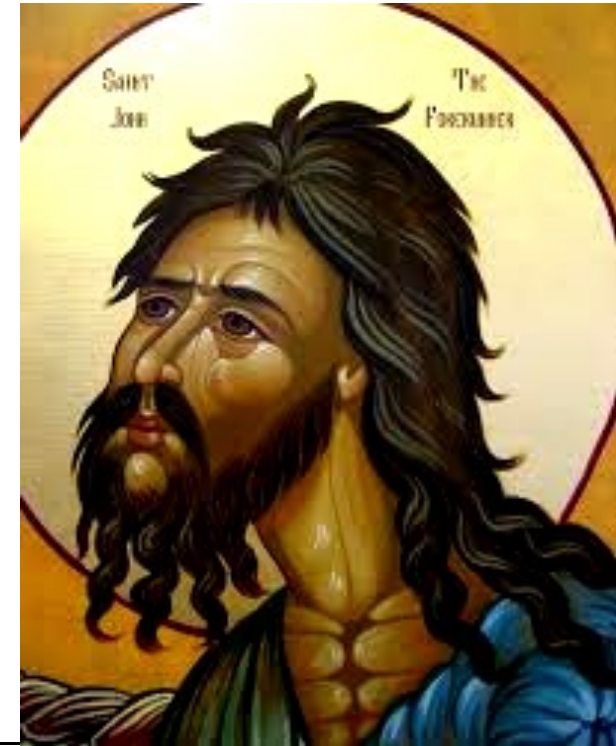


THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Sunday	4:30 p.m.	Carolling in the Churchyard
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Management Board
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Pickleball
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

# The Church of St. Martin-in- the-Fields

The Third  
Sunday  
of Advent

December 17,  
2017



## 8:30 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

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Kyrie, page 186

The Collect (*see leaflet inside*)

First Reading: Isaiah 64.1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 (*see leaflet inside*)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

The Holy Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Homily: the Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

The Nicene Creed, page 188

Prayers of the People 12, page 119

Confession and Absolution, page 191

Prayer over the Gifts (*see leaflet inside*)

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198

The Breaking of the Bread 5, page 212

Communion

Prayer after Communion, page 214

Blessing

Dismissal.



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**Area Chaplain:** The Rev'd Canon David Luxton  
**Honorary Assistants:** The Rev'd James Decker  
The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian  
The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

## 11:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: the Rev'd Canon Susan Bell

Nursery Care (for infants & children up to 4 years old)  
and Church School classes are available downstairs.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit Hymn 88

Stuttgart

Kyrie/Trisagion page 186/7

The Collect *see leaflet (standing)*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64.1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 (*see leaflet*)

Tone 7.7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

**Maranatha Alleluia** *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.* **Maranatha . . .**

The Holy Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Sermon: the Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

The Nicene Creed, page 188

Merbecke

Prayers of the People 12, page 119

Confession and Absolution, page 191 (*please kneel*)

The Peace, page 192

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 111

Neander

Prayer over the Gifts (*see leaflet*)

Music of the Mass: Missa Emmanuel

Proulx

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198

The Lord's Prayer, page 211 (music, page 918)

The Breaking of the Bread 5, page 212

The Communion, page 213

Communion Hymn 95

Venez, divin Messie

Carol: Riu, Riu, Chiu

Spanish carol

Prayer after Communion, page 214—bottom

The Blessing

Hymn 109

Tempus Adest Floridum

The Dismissal

*Please join us downstairs for refreshments after the service.*

## Carolling in the Churchyard

Join us today at 4:30 p.m. as we sing your favourite carols,  
toast marshmallows, and sip a cup of hot chocolate.

All welcome.

Please bring your own flashlight.

### Altar Guild needs your help

Would you have an extra hour or two this Thursday morning, Dec. 21st or Friday morning, Dec, 22nd that you could come and help the Altar Guild as they clean and prepare the church for Christmas? Please contact Roberta ([rslaking@gmail.com](mailto:rslaking@gmail.com)) or Adrienne ([abeecker@gmail.com](mailto:abeecker@gmail.com)) if you could help

### Tax Receipts

The Envelope Secretary reminds parishioners that in order for donations to be receipted for the year 2017, they must be received at the church no later than Sunday, December 31st.

### 2018 Flower Chart

A new flower chart has been posted in the narthex. Please put your name by the Sunday(s) that you would like to sponsor the flowers in the church in 2018.

### 2018 Church Calendars

If you ordered in November a 2018 Anglican Church Calendar, please speak to Fr. Philip who now has the calendars available at \$5 each.

### Christmas Crèches

Why not have a look at the collection of crèches (some owned by the parish, others loaned by parishioners) on display in the glass case in the narthex?

### The Christmas Story

A Toronto tradition since 1938. Professional musicians and a volunteer cast present this charming hour-long Nativity pageant at Holy Trinity Church, Eaton Centre. Matinee and evening performances continue on the weekends of December 15-17, 22-24. For further information and to reserve tickets see the Christmas Story at [www.holytrinitytoronto.org](http://www.holytrinitytoronto.org)

### Bishop's Town Hall

Bishop Anderson invites parishioners from the York Credit Valley Area to a Town Hall at St. John's, Dixie from 9 a.m. –12p.m. on Saturday, January 13th to focus on long term priorities for mission in our episcopal Area.

### Christmas Communion

If you know of anyone either in hospital or at home who would like to receive Christmas Communion, please speak to Fr. Philip.

#### THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 SAMUEL 7:1–11, 16; CANTICLE 18 (LUKE 1:47–55)

ROMANS 16:25–27; LUKE 1:26–38

## **Announcements**

### **Advent Carol Service**

Thank you to all those involved in last Sunday's Advent Carol Service, especially the readers, the choir, Jack, the instrumentalists, the sidespeople and servers, and all those who hosted, and provided food for the reception afterwards. It was a wonderful evening. We are grateful for the collection of \$1,670.30 which will go to support the Pikangikum Water Project.

### **Christmas Day Lunch**

This is the fifth year that the parish will be serving lunch (turkey and all the fixings) after the 11 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist. If you would like to attend, please see Lindsey Storey and sign the list at the Coffee Hour today. No tickets are required. A donation on the day would be appreciated.

### **Redwood Shelter Advent Tree**

The Outreach Committee is raising money to help the residents of the Redwood Shelter for abused women and children this Christmas. Today is the last day to help by buying a \$2 or \$5 ornament to put on the narthex Advent Tree.

### **Christmas Cheer**

Envelopes are available at the rear of the church for those who wish to contribute to *Christmas Cheer*. This money is used to purchase small Christmas gifts for parishioners in nursing homes and shut-in at home and also to assist those in need in our community. We will also be providing Christmas gifts for six refugees from Romero House.

### **Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers in the church at Christmas, please use one of the special envelopes available at the rear of the church. Please also put on the envelope the name or names of those in whose memory the donation is made to be included in the bulletin. Today is the last day to submit these names.

### **New Year's Day Bishop's Levee**

The bishops of the Diocese invite you to the New Year's Day Levee at St. James' Cathedral on Monday, January 1st. The receiving line and refreshments go from 1:30—2:45 p.m. followed by festive music and a 3:30 p.m. Choral Evensong.

### **Large Print**

Large print editions of the leaflet and hymn book, and hearing enhancing ear pieces are available from the sidespeople at the back of the church.

### **Toiletries for Out of the Cold**

The Out of the Cold programme at St. Matthew's, Islington that is supported by our parish is looking for toiletries to give to those who come to the weekly dinner. Do you have small toiletries (toothbrushes, small toothpastes, disposable razors, shaving soap, shampoos, soaps etc.) that you could donate? Please place your donations in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Allen Hobson  
from his wife, Sylvia, and family, Philip, Lindsey & Glen.*

*The flowers at the Madonna are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of Gayle's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
from her husband, Michael Covey.*

### ***The Collect***

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***A Reading from the Book of Isaiah***

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

**Psalm 126**

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***A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians***

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John***

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from

Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*John 1:6-8,19-28*

***Prayer after Communion***

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Christmas at St. Martin's**

- Christmas Eve *Sunday, December 24*  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant & Sung Eucharist  
11:00 p.m. Procession and Blessing of the Crib  
with Sung Eucharist
- Christmas Day *Monday, December 25*  
11:00 a.m. Eucharist with Carols  
followed by the Christmas Lunch
- First Sunday after Christmas *Sunday, December 31*  
8:30 a.m. Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist
- The Feast of the Epiphany *Sunday, January 7*  
8:30 a.m. Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Procession & Sung Eucharist