



The Good Newsletter

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The Parishes of Kemptville, Merrickville and Oxford

Christmas 2016

*Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids; St. Andrew's, Garretton; St. James, Kemptville,
Holy Trinity, Merrickville; St. Peter's, North Augusta; St. Anne's, Oxford Station.*

And the Word became flesh and lived among us

Dear Friends,

Christmas is the most festive time of the year in our society. It is a time when family and friends come together to feast and to share gifts. Most of us have fond memories of Christmas traditions; decorating our homes, singing carols.

But, what are we celebrating? I often do wonder as I observe (and myself have been caught up in) the gluttony and consumer excesses. Yes, there is much giving to the poor and needy at this time of year – but do we dare ask why there are poor and needy in a society as rich as ours?

As followers of Jesus the Christ, this is the season to celebrate and reflect upon God becoming one of us. Think about that! God chose to live among us, within us! It is not simply that God became human in the baby Jesus. God enters into every one of us at Christmas. Do you see God in yourself? In others? In the poor? In the stranger?

This Christmas, I invite you to reflect and pray about Jesus within you, and in others. Take time each day to nurture the baby that grows within and shares your life. The Word becomes flesh and lives among you!

I hope too that you will share in our events and worship as we celebrate God's gift this season. Please take note of the calendar of events further along in this letter. I look forward to seeing you!

May you and those whom you love be exceedingly blessed this season, and in the new year.

In God's love,

The Rev.'d Andrew Wilson



Advent / Christmas Schedule

- Sun Dec 4** Lessons & Carols – St. Peter's, North Augusta at 7:00pm
- Sun Dec 11** Merrickville Sharing Table, Merrickville and District Community Health Centre, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Lessons & Carols**
Holy Trinity, 10:30am
St. James, 7pm
- Sun Dec 18** Holy Eucharist at *St. James*, 8am and 10:00am
- Holy Eucharist at *Christ Church*, 9:00am
- Morning Prayer at *St. Anne's*, 9:00am
- Children's Service at *Holy Trinity*, 10:30am.
- Wed Dec 21** Christmas Service at *St. Peter's*, 6:00pm
- Wed Dec 22** Christmas Eucharist at Hilltop Manor, 10:30am
- Sun Dec 25** **Christmas Day**
Regional Service at Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids, 9:00am
- Sun Jan 1** **Regional Service of Holy Eucharist** at *St. James, Kemptville*, at 10:30am.

Annual Vestry Meetings

Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids

Sun March 5 Annual Meeting and Service at 8am in the hall.

St. James, Kemptville

Sun Feb 26 10:30am in Leslie Hall with a pot-luck luncheon following the meeting.

Holy Trinity, Merrickville

Sun March 5 After the 10:30am Sunday service

Parish of Oxford - TBA

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday DEC 24

- 4:00pm Children's Service and Holy Eucharist at St. James, Kemptville
- 4:00pm Children's Service and Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Merrickville
- 6:00pm Family Eucharist at St. Andrew's, Garretton
- 7:30pm Eucharist at Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids
- 8:00pm Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's, Oxford Station
- 10:00pm Candle Light Eucharist at St. James, Kemptville
- 11:00pm Candlelight Midnight Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Merrickville



Cursillo Corner

During the winter/spring 2017 period Regional Ultreyas will be held as follows:

- 22 Jan – St. James
- Feb 19 – Holy Trinity
- Mar 19 – St. James
- April – Easter- nil
- May 21 – Holy Trinity

All are welcome and if you any questions please contact Dan Callaghan (258-2641) or David Piercey (269-2907)

Anglican Churches of Grenville North NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

First and Third Sundays of the Month

8:00am	St. James, Kemptville
9:00am	Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids
9:00am	St. Anne`s, Oxford Station
10:30am	St. James, Kemptville
10:30am	Holy Trinity, Merrickville

Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month

8:00am	St. James, Kemptville
9:00am	Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids
9:00am	St. Andrew's, Garretton
10:30m	St. James, Kemptville
10:30am	Holy Trinity, Merrickville

Fifth Sunday of the Month

8:00am	St. James, Kemptville
9:00am	Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids
9:00am	St. Peter's, North Augusta
10:30am	St. James, Kemptville
10:30am	Holy Trinity, Merrickville

Wednesdays

10:00 St.
James,
Kemptville

Want to keep Christ in Christmas?

Feed the hungry, clothe the
naked, forgive the guilty,
welcome the unwanted, care
for the ill, love your enemies,
and do unto others as you
would have done unto you.

- Steve Maraboli

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Holy Trinity 2017 Envelopes

Our Giving's Secretary – Rebecca Campbell – now has the 2017 envelopes ready for distribution. They will be at the back of Holy Trinity during the weeks of December, so that you may have them for the new year.

Merrickville Model Railroad Club

The Merrickville Model Railway club will be having an open meeting and ice cream social on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7 pm in the guild room at Holy Trinity church.

There will be a short presentation on local railway history and the meeting will include a discussion of



2017 schedule of activities, presentations and workshops. The club is open to youth and adults with opportunities for all to participate in building and operating model trains. You don't have to be a train nut but it helps.

We are planning to conduct the very popular Saturday morning breakfast and kit building sessions each month in 2017. If you have any interest in model railroading or model building in general please join us for some fun and excitement.

Robert Peck
President MMRC

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FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
WONDERFUL,
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
The everlasting Father,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
Isaiah 9:6

Beef Dinner and Auction Update

On October 22, Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids and Holy Trinity, Merrickville together as the Parish of Merrickville offered the 20th installment of its well-loved Beef Dinner and Auction. Thanks to the considerable support from these two churches and the wider community, the Parish of Merrickville managed to raise \$9,731. As a result, it was possible to make donations of \$470 to both Refugees in North Grenville, who is already working with the Alyousefs, a young Syrian family of five with 3 small children, and Bridge to Merrickville, who is hoping to sponsor a refugee family shortly. Thank you to those who planned, organized, bought tickets, donated items, decorated the hall, baked a dessert, purchased items, made a donation or cleaned up... – it takes many people to run such a successful event and every contribution is appreciated.

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SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ...
GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE
TONIGHT

Pre-Authorized Giving

How do you support the work of Christ through your church? Are you away this winter? How will you give to the life of our parishes during this time? Please give prayerful consideration to signing up for the Pre-Authorized Giving's program. It offers a simple, convenient means to support the life of our churches throughout the year. If you are interested, please speak to one of our Wardens.

The Messiah

The **North Grenville Concert Choir** is very proud to present Handel's *Messiah* accompanied by members of Ottawa's **Divertimento Orchestra**! It has been several years since this was performed in our community and for many, it has become a Christmas tradition. Three performances, including a matinee will be on Friday, December 9th at 7:30 PM at Merrickville United Church and two performances on Saturday, December 10th at St. James Anglican Church in Kemptville at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM. Tickets \$20 at Hairdooz or call [613-258 1348](tel:613-258-1348); or at Brewed Awakenings or call [613-258-6878](tel:613-258-6878). www.ngcc.net A number of our own church family sing with the choir, so be sure to attend!

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