

# The Good Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of the Anglican Churches of Grenville North  
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The Parishes of Kemptville, Merrickville and Oxford

Christmas 2017

*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.*

**“they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”** *Matthew 1:23*

Dear Friends,

“Joy to the world” indeed, for “God is with us”. To be ‘with’ someone can be the most intimate and supportive act of love. It is to carry them emotionally and spiritually through the crossroads of life. It is to accompany them into darkness, and back out into the light.

We celebrate Christmas at the darkest time of the year. And yet, in Christ, it is also the most joyful time. Through stories and music we are reminded that God is with us, breaking into the darkness with new light and new life. God cares about us. God loves us. God remembers us and seeks us out – wherever, whenever, and whoever *you* might be.

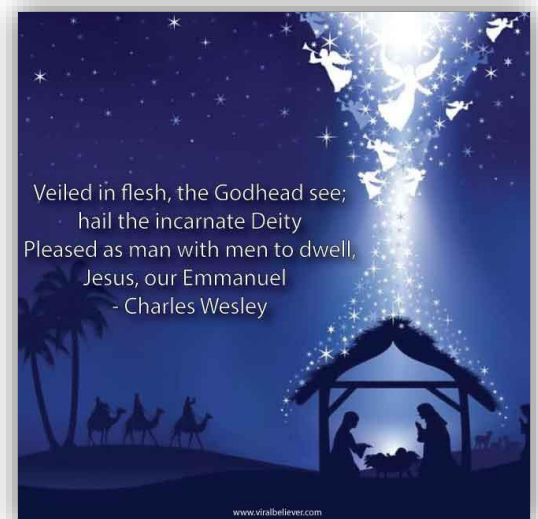
How are you preparing for this grand season? What welcome will you have as God seeks to be with you? I hope through feasting and rejoicing with family and friends. I hope too that you will take time to sit with our God – in prayer, in reflection, in song, and in worship together.

And I hope that you will join us in the many opportunities to celebrate together as a Christian community. Sunday by Sunday we gather to sing the great songs, to pray, and to share the sacraments. And we will feast!! Please check out our schedule below, and bring your family or friends.

May this season truly be one of Emmanuel – God with us – for you and those whom you love.

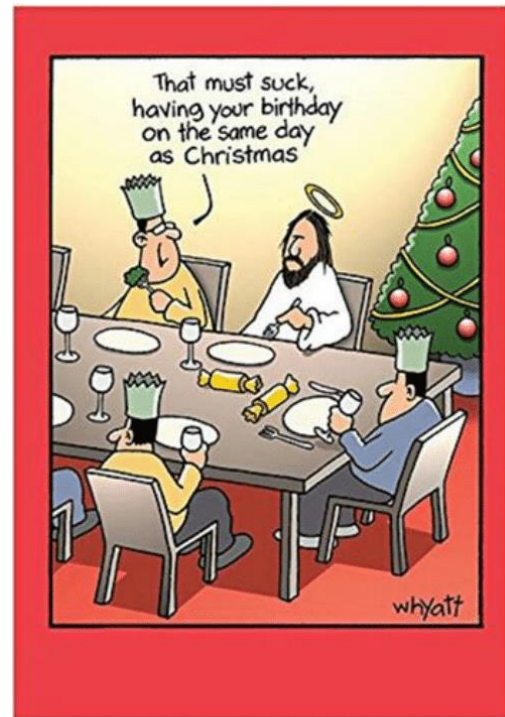
Yours in Christ,

Andrew+



## Advent / Christmas Schedule

- Sun Dec 17** Merrickville Sharing Table Christmas Dinner, Merrickville and District Community Health Centre, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Sun Dec 17** Holy Eucharist at *St. James*, 8am and 10:30am
- Holy Eucharist at *Christ Church*, 9:00am
- Morning Prayer at *St. Anne's*, 9:00am
- Children's Service at *Holy Trinity*, 10:30am.
- Thurs Dec 21** Christmas Eucharist at Hilltop Manor, 10:30am
- Sat Dec 23** Christmas Service at *St. Peter's*, 6:30pm
- Sun Dec 24** Advent 4 at Christ Church, 9:00am
- Sun Dec 31** Regional Service of Holy Eucharist at *Holy Trinity, Merrickville*, at 10:30am.



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth

### CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday Dec. 24

- 4:00pm** Children's Service and Holy Eucharist at St. James, Kemptville
- 4:00pm** Family Service and Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Merrickville
- 6:00pm** Family Eucharist at St. Andrew's, Garretton
- 8:00pm** Candlelight 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

### 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.

### Cursillo Corner



Our next prayer and praise service (Ultreya) will be January 21 at Holy Trinity, Merrickville, at 7:00pm. 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
10:30am	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

**Parish Retreat** - We are offering a retreat for members of our parishes, from *May 1 to May 4*. This will be a time to spend with God, in the midst of quiet, rest, and good food. Our retreat will be held with the brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist ([www.ssje.org](http://www.ssje.org)), at their Emery House location in West Newbury, Massachusetts. The retreat will include spiritual direction from one of the brothers, a cabin/room for each person, and all meals. The suggested cost is \$135 per night, per person. For more information, please talk to Andrew.

FOR **GOD**  
has not given us  
a *Spirit* of fear  
but of  
**POWER**  
**LOVE**  
& self-discipline.  
2 Timothy 1:7

### Holy Trinity 2018 Envelopes

Our Giving's Secretary – Rebecca Campbell – now has the 2018 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.

### Christmas at St. James

Donations may be made for **Advent Memorial flowers**. Please leave your donation in the offertory plate, with a note stating who the donation is made in memory of and who has made the donation. Donations will be accepted until December 17.

**Christmas Congregation Lunch:** On December 17th we will be having a Christmas Lunch directly after the 10:30 Service. It will be held at the Kemptville Legion. Tickets will be available starting on Dec. 2nd at \$10 each. We will be serving traditional Tortiere, Chicken Pot Pie and Gluten-Free Chicken Stew along with Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Please come, socialize and celebrate. Contact Lynda Sharpe with any questions at [613 404-6701](tel:6134046701).

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