

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for Southwark (Canterbury, England): The Rt. Revd. Thomas Frederick Butler; Southwark – Croydon: The Rt. Revd. Nicholas Baines; Southwark – Kingston-upon-Thames: The Rt. Revd. Richard Ian Cheetham; Southwark – Woolwich: The Rt. Revd. Christopher Thomas Chessun.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm; St. Michael Canouan, Mustique; St. Matthias, Union Island: The Ven. Charles Adams; The Rev. Frank Garraway.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember the parish of St. Hilda, Arthurvale; St. Columba, Delburne; St. David, Elnora; Holy Trinity, Pine Lake; St. Barnabas, Three Hills: The Rev. James Enns; The Rev. Monica King.

Parish: Today we especially pray for Nathan, Joy, Ruth, Peggy, Anne, Ken and his family, and any others on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents.
Love Ed and Lillian Tickles*

CALENDAR

WEEKLY Sept. 20 – Sept. 26

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15AM	Choir Practice	Music Rm.
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
MON.	7:30PM	Contemporary Music Practice	(resumes in fall)
	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Rm.
TUES.	9:30AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Rm
WED.	7:15PM	Bible Study	Music Rm
WED.	7:30 PM	Crafts and Fellowship	Friendship Rm
THURS.	10:00AM	Morning Prayer/Holy Communion	Chapel
	10:30AM	Bible Study	Music Room

If you wish to use the church for a meeting, gathering or any other use, please call the office to determine availability of, and to book space. It is very limited during the week.

MONTHLY

1st Sunday	Food Bank – The Food Bank values donations at \$2/lb. YTD donations \$500. Next collection date October 4th.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday – Sept 27th
2nd Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM – Oct 13th
4th Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM – Sept 22nd

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
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Sunday September 20, 2009



Holy Nativity Anglican Church

*Our mission - To be God's people,
demonstrating God's love*

Prayer of the Community

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

TODAY AT HOLY NATIVITY

* 8AM	HOLY COMMUNION BCP p.67
10AM	HOLY COMMUNION BAS p.185

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP 8AM

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BCP p.67

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome
The Collect p.67
The Commandments
The Prayer of the Community (on front of bulletin)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm: Psalm 1
Epistle: James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37
The Creed p.71
Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
(A moment for silent reflection)

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution p.77

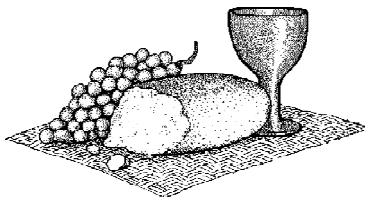
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
Communion
The Lord's Prayer p.85

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing
Announcements
Dismissal

AGAPE: Please join us for refreshments following worship. All are welcome!



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS contrast the true wisdom that comes from God with the wisdom of this world that arises out of our sinful self-centredness. These readings continue the Sunday course readings from Proverbs, James, and Mark.

The First Reading (Proverbs 31: 10-31) is a poem that describes the perfect wife, exalting the dignity of both womanhood and motherhood in terms of upper class Israelite society. The good wife is a person who can be trusted. She is hard-working and capable, generous and kind. She is a careful organizer, a shrewd business manager, a counsellor to her neighbours, a diligent teacher of her children. The secret of her success is that she relies not on her beauty or charm, but rather on the Lord (v. 30), for God is the source of her wisdom and strength. We should know that Proverbs also has something to say about the shrew (27: 15) and the adulteress (7: 6-27).

The Second Reading (James 3: 13 - 4: 3,7-8a) is directed towards teachers and those who profess to have knowledge and understanding. True wisdom comes from God and produces, therefore, deeds of goodness and gentleness. "Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits" (3: 17). The so-called wisdom of this world, however, leads to "conflicts and disputes" (4: 1). Proverbs (9: 10) tells us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". To obtain true wisdom, therefore, we must "draw near to God", submitting ourselves to him, firmly resisting the influence of the Devil (4: 7 & 8).

The Gospel (Mark 9: 30-37) is the second of the three predictions of Jesus' Passion found in Mark. Here we see how God's Wisdom is expressed in his plan of salvation, in the humility of his Son Jesus who offers himself on our behalf as a Perfect Sacrifice. God's way is the way of loving and giving. The disciples did not understand this, just as we so often do not understand it. They vied with each other as to which of them was the greatest. Jesus had to explain to them that true greatness is to be found, not in power and knowledge, but in humility, and in acts of personal service and sacrifice.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 - Pentecost 17

Proper 26 pp.382-383

James 5: 13-20

Reader: Pat Hopkinson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Mark 9: 38-50

Prayers: Andre Visscher

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! HAVE A LOOK!!!
www.holynativity.ca

THANK YOU – to Bob who kept the grass cut all summer, and to the families who each took a week to water the flowerbeds, pot and planters to keep them blooming. Much appreciated!

BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on September 30th at 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm there will be a bible Study on the "**Parables of Jesus**". This study is for 6 weeks and each week is a separate study. Join us for coffee at 7:15 and study to begin at 7:30 pm. There is a video and discussion based on a study guide. Everyone is welcome. The co-ordinator for this evening is Alan Scott.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR LADIES CRAFTS AND FELLOWSHIP:
Would you like to spend time relaxing with your craft, learn a new one or just have time to socialize with other like minded ladies? Beginning Wednesday evening September 23rd at 7:30 pm in the Friendship Room there will be an opportunity. The co-ordinator for this evening is Marylyn Bradshaw.

NEIGHBOURLINK Calgary will be with us on Sunday October 4th to share the story of one of their programs, "**All Roads Lead Home**". Our guest that day will be Sharon Evans and she will share how the work they do helps members of our community. We have the chance to bring some consistency into the lives of families who need a hand up.

NEIGHBOURLINK SUNDAY has become a continuing outreach here at Holy Nativity. As we celebrate God's blessings, we will collect baby items for those less fortunate on Sunday, October 11th at our Thanksgiving Day services. Baby needs would include diapers, baby wash, wipes, face cloths and all other items related to newborns or very young children. In addition to Neighbourlink items, we will also collect gently used non-motorized soft toys that are sent to Eastern Europe with the **Heartbeat** program.

PRIMATE'S FUND CD – Our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has produced a wonderful CD. We have ordered 20 of these CD's for sale at \$20. If you wish to purchase one speak to Dorothy Kaethler or drop by the church office. We will play it on the sound system for you if you wish to hear a bit before purchase. All funds go to the 50th. Anniversary Celebrations.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT – On Sunday, Sept. 27 at 2:30 pm we will have a Bowling Tournament. Teams of 5 will be formed from those who sign up or sign up a whole team. Cost \$15 / person includes shoes, lane, pizza and drinks for all. Sign up sheets will be posted. Don't miss it!! (Holy Rollers?)