Annapolis Parish Almanack

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"Whenever · the · sweet · church · bell
Peals · over · hill · and · dell ·
May · Jesus · Christ · be · praised."

Parish Request

The Parish of Annapolis is seeking to hire a full time rector passionate to preach the Love of God to His people. Our rector will minister to us through Worship, Word, and Sacrament, raising our eyes to the Grace of the Gospel, and calling us to a life of holiness and righteousness.

We seek a priest who will lead us to a life of discipleship to the edifying of God's church and to the glory of His holy Name. Our new rector will be rooted in the Love of God and grounded in the Anglican tradition.

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Parish Mission Statement:

Together we worship,
we care, and we serve
our communities.

"Father, let me dedicate
All this year to Thee."

Previous Incumbents:

The Reverend Juanita Barteaux
Term: Full Time
Years: 2017 to 2023

The Reverend Canon Kenneth Vaughan
Term: Full Time
Years: 2005 to 2016

The Reverend Edwin Ebsary
Term: Full Time
Years: 1990 to 2003

Parish Overview

The Parish consists of 5 historic churches, each with their own council or committee of care, plus 4 additional cemeteries.
We have a very diverse parish in age (see demographic chart in bottom left corner), financial status, and ties to the community (see "three greates parish successes")
Our Music Ministry is thriving. (See "music ministry below)
Facilities are available to develop a Sunday School. (See "Youth Ministries" below)
The Parish has recently installed a 'blessing box' on the front lawn, which offers food and household goods to those in need, and the opportunity to give for those who are so moved. The Parish is eager to address the significant food insecurity that exists within our communities.

Parish Of Annapolis Parochial Committee has deemed two Monthly Scheduling dates as important for incumbant consideration.
1: Reguar, not manditory, attendance of Parish Council meetings, 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30PM
2: Senior's Home Service: Holy Eucharist, 2nd Tuesday morning of each month.

Parish of Annapolis (Saint Luke's):
340 Saint George Sreet
Annapolis Royal, NS

Saint Mark's Church: 2553 Perotte Road,
Annapolis County, NS

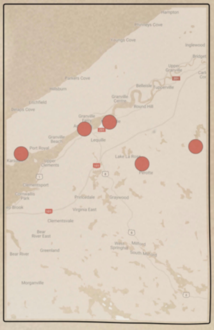
Christ Church: 3065 Granville Road,
Annapolis County, NS

St. John's Columbarium: 694 Highway 201
Annapolis County, NS

All Saints (Gibson Lake): 3335 West Dalhousie Rd
Annapolis County, NS

Parish Location Description:

The Parish church, Saint Luke's, is located on the main street running through the small town of Annapolis Royal. Saint Mark's and All Saints Gibson Lake are located in the South Mountain, with Saint John's Columbarium , in Mochelle, at the foot of the South Mountain. Church Church, in Karsdale, is located across the baisn from the town at the foot of North Mountain.



Priests involved in the Parish:
The Reverend Ruby Carter: Retired
Rev. Ruby assists in administering the Eucharist and leads the occational Sunday Service on an "as needed" basis.
The Reverend John Saynor: Retired
Father John assists in administering the Eucharist and leads the occational Sunday Service on an "as needed basis.
The Reverend Julia Ford: Retired
Rev. Julia is presently serving the Parish of Annapolis as Priest in Charge.

Christian Initiation Customs:
Baptism:
Baptisms are usually part of the Sunday morning Eucharist which enables the family to be welcomed into the Church. There is a social gathering after the Sunday service and the family are invited to attend. Baptisms in recent years have been done at St Luke's and St Mark's.

Confirmation:
It has been a few years since the last Confirmation service.
There was a period of instruction before the candidates were confirmed. The Bishop attended the service and a full congregation was present.

Matrimonial Customs:
There have been no recent marriages.
We would follow the Diocesan guidelines.

Funeral Customs:
The Rector and family discuss the choice and order of service and wishes the departed may have made. The order of Service is either the Book of Common Prayer or BAS and often with Communion. The Church choir is often present.
Cremations usually are several days before the funeral service; the local funeral home brings the casket to the Church. The casket may be interred directly following the service or at a later date. The ashes are interred in one of the cemeteries or a niche in St John's Columbarium.
Family and Pallbearers usually accompany the coffin directly following the service for a graveside committal at the cemetery.
The Church Guild offers refreshments following the service if the family wishes.

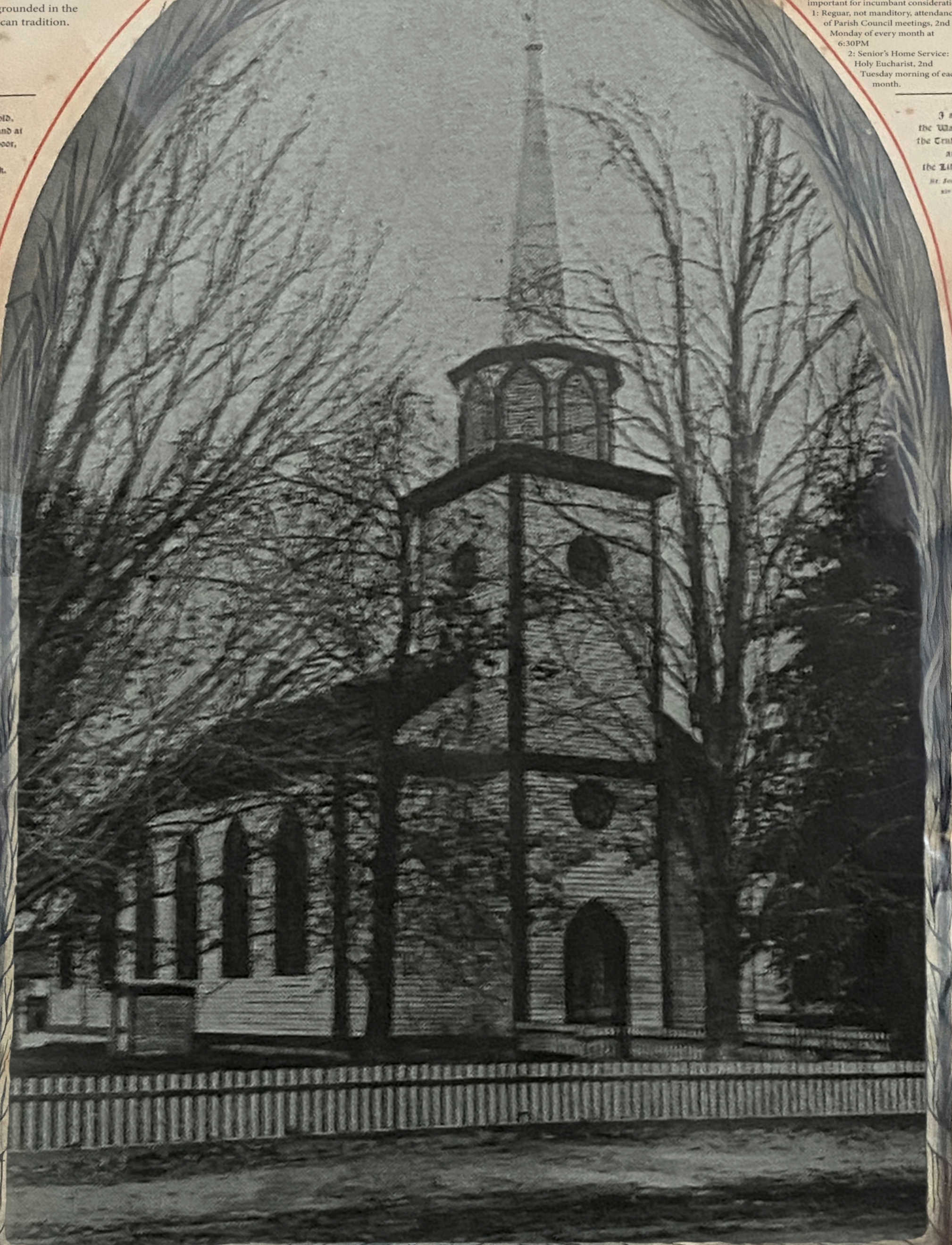
Hospital/Seniors' Homes Customs:
There is a Eucharistic Ministry within the Nursing home.
Communion can also be received at home for those not able to attend Church.
Fruit and cards are always sent to the Anglican residents of the Nursing home and also to members of the congregation unable to attend services.
Cards are regularly sent to those who are either in hospital or ill at home. The Rector visits the hospital and home visits especially Palliative care.

Parish Demographics:
0-11 years: 13
12-20 years: 1
21-35 years: 1
36-50 years: 14
51-64 years: 10
65 & Older: 40

Census Information:
Last census: 2023
Mailing list updated: 2023
Geographical information:
-Rural
-Small Town
-Residential
-Growing Population

	2024	2023	2022
Families on Parish List	52	47	40
Weekly Attendance	48	40	26/P 10/I
Easter Communicants	73	37	33
Baptism	1	2	2
Burials	6	9	17
Choirs	2 (10, 11)	2 (10,8)	1
Alster Servers	2	0	0
Eucharistic Ministers	1	1	0
Layreader	2	1	1
Alter Guilds	1	1	1
Womens Groups	1	1	1
Unit & Church Councils	1	1	1
Council Committees	4	3	3

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. Rev. iii 20.



I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. St. John xiv 6.

Community Impact:
St Luke's Church is over 220 years old and in order to be stewards of that history the Church is open for guided tours 3-5 days in the Summer months. This also provides the opportunity for private prayer and reflection .
The Music Ministry is strong within the parish with many community events including monthly concerts by guest musicians from many parts of the country are performed. Recently a "Sing along Messiah" with both Church and community choirs and people from the surrounding area participating.
Outreach is also part of our parish with a Blessing Box recently installed by St Luke's Church entrance. It is regularly filled with food, clothing and other essential items by members of the congregation and the wider community.
Two consecutive concerts were held before Christmas with the full proceeds donated and used for boxes of food and essentials to local families in need through the local schools.

Ecumenical /inter-faith relations:
The clergy of the local Churches hold regular ecumenical meetings but also keep informal communication. There is regular sharing of notices concerning events held in the Churches.
Ecumenical services are held such as Blessing of the animals.

Bible Studies and Adult Learning Opportunities:
There are a series of Bible studies in Lent and also additional study at other times of the year.

A member of the congregation or choir offers the Prayers of the People during communion. At present we have no formal prayer chain though there is an informal process.

Youth Ministries:
In the past there was a Sunday School and a youth study group.
At present families have chosen for their children to join the congregation in worship at regular services.
A junior choir is being established; they sang at the Christmas Eve Eucharistic service. Youth are being called for training as Acolytes, Servers and Crucifers.

Parish Motto or Vision Statement:
Together we worship, we care, we serve our community.

Three Greatest Parish Successes:
1. A parish full of life and a people dedicated to serving God ,the Spirit moving within the parish reinvigorating our efforts. The 're-imagine' project which helped the parish to look at Worship Fellowship Service and Teaching demonstrated how many were committed to moving forward and facing new challenges.

2. Music Ministry.
Our organist and music director Dr Heidi Fewster has enhanced the music tradition of both the Church choir and formed the Choral Evensong choir. Also, musicians join some of our services but especially at Christmas and Easter.

3. Outreach
As previously mentioned this has become an integral part of our church.

Three Greatest Parish Challenges:
1. The Sunday Eucharistic service, while remaining primarily at St Lukes, is also a means of unifying diversity. There is diversity of experience, tradition and desires within our parish and a broad desire to capture this in our liturgy.

2. The previous parish amalgamation has left a desire to use the parishes other churches. Christ Church has been holding a regular weekly evensong during the Summer months. There are annual services in Christ Church, St Marks and St John's Columbarium.

3. The financial upkeep of a historically significant Church building whilst ensuring a ministry that can be supported.

2024 Holy Week	Held at Saint Luke's Church
Palm Sunday	10AM Holy Eucharist; BAS-Church Choir
Holy Monday	7PM Choral Evensong; Book of Common - Evensong Choir
Holy Tuesday	7PM Stations of the Cross - Holy Week Choir
Holy Wednesday	7PM Tenebrae - Holy Week Choir
Mundy Thursday	10AM Maundy Thursday, BAS pg 308 - Church Choir
Good Friday	10AM BAS pg 308 - Holy Week Choir, A capella
Holy Saturday	8PM Easter Vigil BAS pg 321, Holy Week Choir
Easter Day	10AM BAS pg 185 - Church Choir

Special Services Annually:
Saint John's Columbarium:
Anniversary Service; 2nd Sunday in September, 10AM
Saint Mark's Perotte:
Anniversary Service; 3rd Sunday in August 3PM
Feast of Saint Mark the Apostle; 10AM
Lessons and Carols, Dec 7th 3PM
All Saint's, Gibson Lake:
Anniversary Service; 2nd Sunday in September, 3PM
Christ Church Karsdale:
Anniversary Service; Feast of the Transfiguration (Transferred to Sunday) 10AM

Biblical Knowledge
The Parish is eager to introduce rigorous bible and theological study become a regular fixture of parish life. We feel called to a richer knowledge of 'the faith once delivered', that through regular and careful study we may be 'transformed by the renewing of our minds'.
We look forward to deepening our familiarity with the rich theological tradition that classical Anglicanism has to offer; the teaching of the Anglican divines and the Church Fathers, that our understanding of *Holy Scripture* may not be bereft of the wisdom of the *past, until,* as Saint Paul says, "we all come in the unity *of the faith, and of the* knowledge of the Son of God, unto a *perfect* man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of *Christ*"

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO:

"Abide with Us."

DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,—
Standing on the threshold of a New Year, can we offer a better prayer for ourselves than the words of the two disciples on the eve of that wonderful walk to Emmaus with their Lord—"Abide with us"?
Such a prayer Christ will never refuse. "Behold," He says, "I stand at the door and knock." Do you desire "a peace that passeth understanding"? Would you have this New Year the best, the holiest, the happiest of all the years you have had? Then welcome the Lord Jesus to your home and to your heart.
From the first day of January to the last day of December

LIVE ON CHRIST.

Make Him your all. Trust in His precious Blood for the forgiveness of sins. Depend upon Him day by day to fill you out of His fulness and to aid you by His quickening Spirit. In pain and suffering look to Him to sustain you. In temptation look to Him to uphold you. In sorrow and loss, look to Him to cheer you by His abiding Presence.

SEEK TO LIVE FOR CHRIST.

Let Him be your great end and object in life. Let His love constrain you to live not to yourself but for Him who died for you. Remember all that He suffered for your sake. Then hear His voice ever pleading with you—
"*I did this for thee, What hast thou done for Me?*"

AIM TO LIVE LIKE CHRIST.

Put your feet in the footprints He has left behind in the world; be constant in prayer; love the courts of God's House, and let the observance of His dying command, "This do in remembrance of Me" be your happiest privilege. Go where Christ would go; act as He would act; speak as He would speak. Let others see that He is your Friend and Master; that He indeed "abides" with you "all the days."

ANNAPOLIS PARISH.

SERVICES.

2025.	SERVICE TIME, BOOK & CHUCH	SERVICE TIME, BOOK & CHUCH	MID-WEEK SERVICES & CHURCH
1st Sunday	HC...10AM - BAS St. Luke's		
2nd Sunday	HC...10AM - BAS St. Luke's		
3rd Sunday	Mattins...10AM NZBP. St. Luke's.	Choral ES...4PM BCP. St. Luke's	EP...6:30PM Wedensdays - BCP Christ Church. Seasonally.
4th Sunday	HC...10AM - BAS St. Luke's		
5th Sunday	HC...10AM-BAS/ BCP. St. Luke's		

The above is the general order of Services. If any change is made, notice will be given in Church.

Hymnals: 1906 The English Hymnal. 938 Book of Common Praise. 1998 Common Praise

It is requested that early notices of sickness will be sent to the Rector.

NOTICE!

TO STRANGERS.

You are invited and will be welcomed to any Services held in this Parish. Not because you are rich, not because you are poor, but because you are a child of God, and your Father's House will be open for you.

TO MEMBERS.

Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service.

The prosperity of this Parish depends, first, upon God's blessing, and therefore you should pray for it; next, upon your activity as Church people, and therefore you should *work* for it. Here is the way:

1st. Attend Church regularly yourself, and especially the Holy Communion and Bible Class, and get, so as to give to others, all the information you can about the teachings of the Apostolic Church.

2nd Give *weekly* a certain sum, according to your means, for the support of the Church, and monthly (on the 1st Sunday) for Bishop's stipend and for Sunday School purposes.

3rd. Persuade children to be regular in their S.S. attendance, also to attend regularly the Confirmation Class meetings. Co-operate heartily with the different societies in their work for their own improvement, and the good of the Church, and strive earnestly to fulfil your Baptismal promise to be Christ's faithful Soldier and Servant. Do not, I pray you, be indifferent to your Christian duty and privileges, but help to make Christ's Bride—the Church—an ever greater reality to the community and the world at large.

To be Remembered.

AND thus at times as Christians talk
Of Jesus and His Word,
He joins two friends amid their walk,
And makes, unseen, a third.
And oh! how sweet their converse flows,
Their holy theme how dear,
How warm with love each bosom glows
If Jesus be but near.—*Grinfield.*

Make a rule—and pray to God to help you to keep it—never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being, at least, a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day."—*Charles Kingsley.*

We toil, and moil, and scrape, and make ourselves anxious about the dust and dross of earth; and all the while God is holding forth to us in vain the crown of immortality and the golden keys of the treasures of heaven.—*F. W. Farrar.*

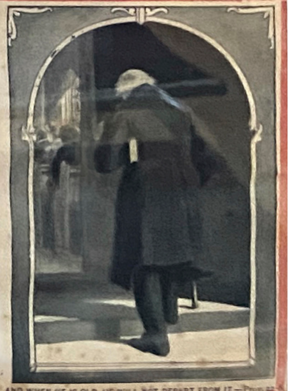
Let me not die before I've done for Thee
My earthly work, whatever it may be;
Call me not hence with mission unfulfilled,
Let me not leave my space of ground untilled;
Impress this truth upon me, that not one
Can do my portion that I leave undone.

Temperance.

NO minister of the Gospel who did his work of bringing souls to the Lord ever felt that he had brought about a full result. We get on slowly, but that is no reason why we should stop doing the work. It is a reason for being more earnest. We believe Temperance work is God's own work, and in God's Name we will persevere in the endeavour to do it.—*The Archbishop of Canterbury.*

How to use this Almanack.

1.—HANG it up where your eye will regularly rest upon it, and where others can see it too.
2.—Read the daily Text regularly and fix it in your mind.
3.—Think over the Text during the day.
4.—Turn the Text if possible, into a daily prayer.



AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.—Prov. 22

POSTAL INFORMATION.
Letters.—4 oz., 1d.; each additional 2 oz., ½d.
Book Post.—2 oz., ½d.; each extra 2 oz., ½d.
Parcel Post.—1 lb., 3d.; 1d. each additional lb. to 9 lbs.; 10 or 11 lbs., 1s.
Inland Telegrams.—½d. per word.

Abide with me;
Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide:

Abide with us.

When other helpers fail,
and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.

ECLIPSES IN 1903.
SUN: March 28-29, invisible; September 21, Total, invisible.
MOON: April 11-12, Partial, visible; October 6, Partial, partly visible.