

Regular Events:**Parish Office Hours:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-noon**Contact Us:** Tel: 902-245-6744 / **Email:** ang-pdw@ns.aliantzinc.ca**Web:** anglicanpdw.ca / **Facebook:** Anglican Parish of Digby-Weymouth

Thursdays, 10am	Bible Study
Tuesday, 10am December 12	Trinity Council @ Trinity Hall
Tuesday, 7pm December 19	Parish Council @ Trinity Hall

TODAY: The **Lawrencetown Male Choir**, accompanied and conducted by Carole Baltzer, annual Christmas Concert of special Christmas music and carols in Lawrencetown United Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. Refreshments in the church hall will follow the concert.

Friday December 22 Home for the Holidays 2, featuring John Montgomerie (piano, organ), Wynne Macaskill Delaney (soprano) and Debbie Rice (piano, organ), is a noon-hour concert of familiar Christmas melodies and Carol Sing to be held in the Dawn Oman Art Gallery, Bridgetown. A freewill offering will be taken for the Bridgetown and Area Food Bank and the family of Mike Foley.

Sunday, **December 17** at 7pm – **Joyful Celebration** concert at Digby Baptist Church

ACW will be held at the home of Susan Puxley on Tuesday, **December 19**. The members will be filling Christmas Cheer boxes that day and will distribute them in the week following the meeting. The Bible word for December is **BABY**.

Prayer while lighting the Advent Candle:

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come to us, warming our hearts, and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

All: O king of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.

**The Leaflet****Anglican Parish of Digby/Weymouth**

Church of the Nativity—Sandy Cove

St. Peter and St. Thomas—Weymouth North

St. Matthew—Weymouth Falls

Trinity—Digby

Sunday 10-December-2017**Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY** for Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church)**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: PRAY** for Maitland, Stewiacke and Shubenacadie, NS**December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

9:30am	St. Peter & St. Thomas, Weymouth N – BAS Holy Eucharist
11:15am	Trinity, Digby – BAS Holy Eucharist

December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

9:30am	St. Peter & St. Thomas, Weymouth N – BAS Holy Eucharist
11:15am	Trinity – BAS Holy Eucharist - Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Ps 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

4:00pm	Trinity, Digby – BAS Holy Eucharist
6:00pm	St. Peter & St. Thomas, Weymouth N – BAS Holy Eucharist

December 25 – Christmas Day – The Birth of the Lord

10:00am	Trinity, Digby – BAS Holy Eucharist (<i>spoken service</i>)
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December 31 – First Sunday After Christmas

Is 610-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:22-40

9:30am	St. Peter & St. Thomas, Weymouth N – BAS Holy Eucharist
11:15am	Trinity, Digby – BCP Holy Eucharist

Please pray for: All those in sorrow, trouble, need, sickness or any other adversity. Please pray for those who are sick, including Hugh, Ken, Lorna, Andrea, Rev. Don, Alston, Janet, Mary, Bette, Eileen, Fred and John. And all those who need our prayers.

First Reading: Is 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Psalm Prayer (said together)

God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake.

**TODAY: "The Little Road to Bethlehem" Trinity Choir
Christmas Concert: Dec. 10 @ 4pm**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

Trinity, Digby – Sunday, January 21 following the service
Weymouth – Sunday, January 28, following the service
Parish – Sunday, February 11, following the service

**ALL REPORTS ARE DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
FINAL DEADLINE: January 5, 2018**