

**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	<b>Bible Study</b>
Tuesday, 10am December 12	<b>Trinity Council @ Trinity Hall</b>
Tuesday, 7pm December 19	<b>Parish Council @ Trinity Hall</b>

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**.

**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.

**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 Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come and let your people free.**

**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 17-December-2017****Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY** for Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church)**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: PRAY** for Northumberland, NS**December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent - Festival of Lessons and Carols**

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 61:10-62:3; 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 Morning Prayer ( <i>spoken service</i> )

**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, Mary, Bette, Eileen, Fred and John. And all those who need our prayers.

**First Reading: Is 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
 because the LORD has anointed me;  
 he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
 to bind up the brokenhearted,  
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
 and release to the prisoners;  
 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
 and the day of vengeance of our God;  
 to comfort all who mourn;  
 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
 They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
 the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
 They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
 they shall raise up the former devastations;  
 they shall repair the ruined cities,  
 the devastations of many generations.  
 For I the LORD love justice,  
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
 and their offspring among the peoples;  
 all who see them shall acknowledge  
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
 my whole being shall exult in my God;  
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
 to spring up before all the nations.

**Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the  
 Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold  
 fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.  
 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit  
 and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our  
 Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**Psalm 126**

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
 then were we like those who dream.  
**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.**  
 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
 "The Lord has done great things for them."  
**4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
 and we are glad indeed.**  
 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
 like the watercourses of the Negev.  
**6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
 will reap with songs of joy.**  
 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Psalm Prayer (said together)**

Praise to you, God of our salvation. Your generous gifts surpass  
 all that we can ask or imagine. You have delivered us from  
 the exile of sin and restored us to new life in Jesus Christ our  
 Saviour. Glory and honour and praise to you for ever and ever.

**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**