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This coming week's birthday: **Sharon Lutwick, Lisa Cummings, Shirley Trail, Ernest Clarke**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Wednesday 24 December: **Christmas Communion** at Holy Trinity (11:00 AM), St Mark's (4:00 PM), St John's (5:30 PM), and St Luke's (7:00 PM)
- Thursday 25 December: **Christmas Communion** at St John's (9:30 AM) and St Luke's (11:00 AM)
- Saturday 7 March: Richmond **annual meeting** at the Parish Centre, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday 10 March: **general meeting** of Woodstock Archdeaconry Anglicans in preparation for Special session of the Diocesan Synod, at St Luke's hall, 6:00 PM
- Saturday 18 April: Special Diocesan Synod on **the future of Christ Church Cathedral** at Christ Church Cathedral



**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 28, 2025 - First Sunday After Christmas**

- Communion Service at **Holy Trinity** (9:00 AM)
- Communion Service at **St Luke's** (11:00 AM)

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Welcome to  
**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**  
Parish of Richmond  
Diocese of Fredericton  
67 Orser Street, Hartland, NB



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 21, 2025 9:00 AM

**Holy Communion Service**

**Book of Alternative Services (BAS - Green Book)**

**Collect Of The Day**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,  
now fill us with your grace,  
that we in all things may embrace your will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded and unsundered territory of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqey peoples.

**Holy Communion Service**  
**Book of Alternative Services (BAS - Green Book)**  
**Order of Service for December 21, 2025**

♪ **Processional Hymn**

**Gathering of the Community**

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**Proclamation of the Word**

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 Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 [BAS Pages 812-814] .....Bulletin Page 4  
 Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 .....Bulletin Page 5

♪ **Gradual Hymn**

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 .....Bulletin Page 6  
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♪ **Offertory Hymn**

The Celebration of the Eucharist .....BAS Page 192  
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 Blessing

♪ **Recessional Hymn**

Dismissal



**Holy Communion Service**  
**Book of Alternative Services (BAS - Green Book)**  
**Prayers for December 21, 2025**

**Prayer List**

Among those we uphold in prayer: **Allen, Cole, Connie, Doris, Ivan, Joyce, Lynn, Melba, Michelle, Peggy, Phyllis, Shirley, Sonja, Steven ~ and those on our hearts and minds.**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God,  
 by the power of the Spirit  
 who sanctified the mother of your Son,  
 make holy all we offer you this day.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer After Communion**

Faithful God,  
 in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.  
 May we, like the Virgin Mary,  
 be obedient to your will.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



**Holy Communion Service**  
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**Gospel Reading for December 21, 2025**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Birth of Jesus the Messiah**

18. Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.  
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
19. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.
20. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
21. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'
22. All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
23. 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',  
which means, 'God is with us.'
24. When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,
25. but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Holy Communion Service**  
**Book of Alternative Services (BAS - Green Book)**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**Psalm 80:1-7,16-18**  
**found on Pages 812-814 in the BAS**

We will read responsively, breaking at the half verse.

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
**\*shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
**\*stir up your strength and come to help us.**
3. Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**\*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
4. O Lord God of hosts,  
**\*how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
**\*you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
6. You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
**\*and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
7. Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**\*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
16. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
**\*the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
17. And so will we never turn away from you;  
**\*give us life, that we may call upon your name.**
18. Restore us, O lord God of hosts;  
**\*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

We pray together: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name. Amen.**



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**Book of Alternative Services (BAS - Green Book)**  
**First Reading for December 21, 2025**

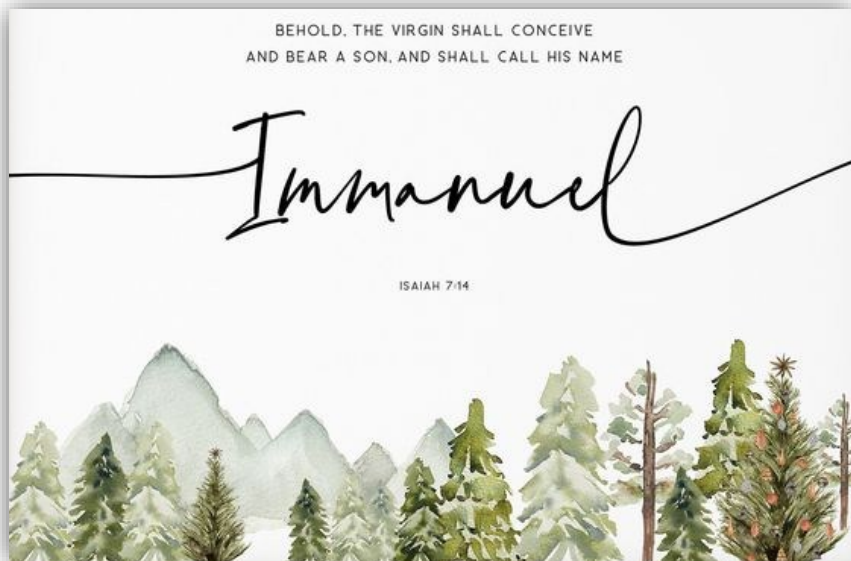
**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**

Isaiah 7:10-16 NRSV

10. Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,
11. Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.
12. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.
13. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?
14. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.
15. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.
16. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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**Book of Alternative Services (BAS - Green Book)**  
**Second Reading for December 21, 2025**

**A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS**

Romans 1:1-7 NRSV

1. Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
2. which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,
3. the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh
4. and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,
5. through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,
6. including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
7. To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ChatGPT:** Message ChatGPT

**Me:** Show images of how Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem

