

The Loop Anglican Newsletter

Christmas One December 31, 2017

Services: 9:30 am at St. Paul and St. John, 11 am at St. James

LESSONS: GALATIANS 4:4-7; PSALM 148; LUKE 2:22-40

An easier way. Several members recently commented on how much easier it is to support the church these days with pre-authorized giving. "Sometimes my church envelopes would be left on my bureau at home, for weeks! Or I'd leave them in my purse and forget I had them. It's so much easier to go on the monthly debit program, so the church receives my givings regularly," one member said. Each month at the church we'll make it easy for people to sign up and use this method. 2017 is our last year of ordering church envelopes as it is so costly and many of them go to waste. We will offer easy alternatives for your offerings. Please speak to your church treasurers if you have questions.

What can I give Him? One of our Christmas hymns asks the question about what we can offer the Lord. Of course the answer is our hearts, in love and obedient, grateful service. This coming year, we're hoping to find more people to serve him in our churches. We are in need of a new treasurer in training for St. John Prescott. We'd love to see new helpers in the kitchen with the youth, giving a hand with food prep and clean up on Tuesdays at supper. We will need a secretary at each church to help with some minimal but important filing, and we would love a co-ordinator for the parish food pantry, taking calls and making food available. Lastly we hope to welcome new board members in training in the new year. Would you be in prayer about these needs and please speak to your clergy if you can help.

<u>It's report time:</u> For our wardens, treasurers, and leaders of all Bible studies and outreach groups, altar guilds and so on, Rev. Tracey asks you to prepare a brief report and submit it to her email: dsmith195@cogeco.ca by Jan. 10. This will be in time for our annual meetings which begin at the end of January. Thank you.

At St. John:

Note: no Choir practice Jan. 2. Choir will resume Jan. 9, 2018.

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At St. James:

Donations for Chernobyl: Donations for Chernobyl seniors deadline is Sunday, Dec. 31. There is a box at back of church for donations of toiletries, etc.

A couple of important phone numbers: Contact for Revs. Tracey and David is **613.925.0043**. Illana Dobson is **parish nurse** and her phone number is **613.246.2986**. Feel free to phone Illana with health questions or to request a visit.