



## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

8 am and 10.15 am Eucharist

Celebrate love!

#### CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

##### A Christmas Bedtime Story – 7 pm

For the young and young-at-heart! Bring the kids (pjs welcome) and their favourite soft toy.

##### Casual Carols & Hot Drinks – 9.30 pm

Enjoy hot apple cider and singing carols around the piano.

##### A Christmas Eve Celebration – 10.30 pm

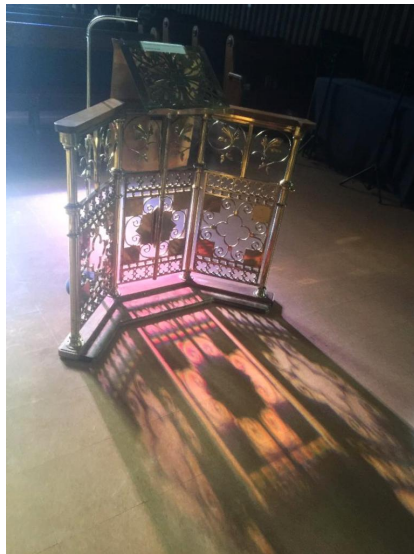
A beautiful candlelit communion service.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

##### Christmas Day Communion – 10.15 am

A quiet and relaxed morning celebration of Jesus' birth.

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### READINGS THIS WEEK

#### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-51; Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrew s

10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

#### Christmas Eve

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrew s 1:1-4;

John 1:1-14

#### Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7;

Luke 2:1-20

### TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK IN PRAYER

#### Our Clergy

Beth, Caroline, John, Gary, Michael

#### Our Diocese

The Well, Rachel Robinson Executive Director, the staff and the participants.

**The Diocese of Jerusalem**  
Redeemer Church, Amman, Jordan.

**The Anglican Church of Canada (ACC)**  
The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon.

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada (ELCIC)**  
The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Conference of the British Columbia Synod.

### **Sunday's Flowers**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday December 23rd are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Marcus and Sylvia Cloete by their children and grandchildren.

### **Parish Prayer Group**

If you wish to have someone prayed for please email [prayer-request@stjohnsottawa.ca](mailto:prayer-request@stjohnsottawa.ca)  
or call (613) 232-4500 ext 21.



## **PWRDF World of Gifts!**

Looking for a unique, meaningful Christmas gift for a friend or family member? Why not shop at PWRDF's World of Gifts. You can make a world of difference by making a gift at ([www.pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts](http://www.pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts))

### **PWRDF Christmas Cards – Sold out!**

The PWRDF Committee at St John's extends a big "thank you" to all those who bought PWRDF Christmas cards this year. We sold out within a few weeks of sale. Thank you for supporting PWRDF programs around the world and here in Canada through your purchase of cards and your support all year.

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## **QUILTS PLEASE**

A Christmas Bedtime Story, the service for children and the young at heart on Christmas Eve at 7 pm, features quilts on the floor for the children to sit upon. If you are able to lend a colourful quilt or blanket, please drop them off on Sunday morning (December 23rd)

## **CROCK POTS**

Beth needs to borrow some crock pots for the mulled apple cider on Christmas Eve. If you would please drop them off at the office - last chance is on Sunday morning 23rd December.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2nd 2019. The next edition of ***This Week At St John's*** will be published on January 4th.



## COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Shop will be closed for the Christmas/New Year's holiday from Saturday, December 22nd, 2018 to Tuesday, January 1st, 2019. The Shop will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 30th

Regular Services – 8 & 10.15 am  
Come end the year with us!

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**The Right Reverend John H. Chapman**  
Bishop of Ottawa  
and **Ms. Catherine Chapman**  
together with

**The Very Reverend Shane Parker**  
Dean of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa  
and **Ms. Katherine Shadbolt Parker**  
wish to invite you to a

**New Year's Levee**  
on Tuesday, January 1st, 2019  
from two to four pm at  
**Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa.**

The Levee will be preceded by Holy Eucharist  
at 12 noon with

**The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz**  
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada  
who will preach at the Eucharist.  
The Primate and his wife  
**Ms. Lynn Samways-Hiltz**  
will also be in attendance at the Levee.

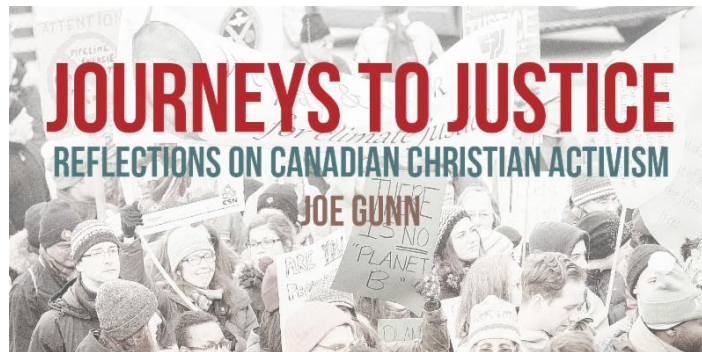
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## ELGIN STREET CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Heads-up! effective January 7th 2019  
Elgin Street will be closed from Catherine  
to Somerset. Status and parking tips for  
the New Year are available on the Elgin  
Street Renewal website:

([www.ottawa.ca/elgin-street](http://www.ottawa.ca/elgin-street))



## JOURNEYS TO JUSTICE REFLECTIONS ON CANADIAN CHRISTIAN ACTIVISM

**Weekly, January 7th to March 18th**

Joe Gunn will be teaching a 10-week course at the Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality. The course will examine 10 stories of justice efforts among faith communities. Details on this course and more at ([www.osts.ca/courses](http://www.osts.ca/courses))



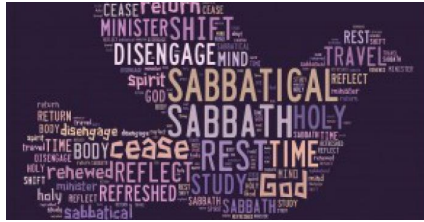
## PASTORAL CARE IN THE PARISH

**Monday,  
January 14th 7 pm**

Come and learn about formal and informal  
pastoral care in the parish, as we move to



having a new Pastoral Care Team at St John's. Verna Nuttel, of the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Course, will be our speaker and guide.



## BETH'S SABBATICAL ADVENTURES

Wednesday,  
January 23rd – 7 pm

Beth will show slides and share stories from her time in England and Scotland, and reflect on reconciliation, connection, soul-time and pilgrimage.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS \*next\* week

#### The First Sunday After Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



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The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch, Honourary Assistant  
The Reverend Michael Hicks, Honourary Assistant  
Dr Gordon Johnston, FRCCO, Organist and Choirmaster  
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