



St. Ambrose Anglican Church



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Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Ambrose exists to be servants of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build up the community of faith so that all may become whole persons in Christ.

Archbishop of The Province of The West Indies

The Most Rev'd Howard Gregory, *B.A., S.T.M., S.T.D., D.D.*

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Laish Boyd, *B.A., D.D.*

Assistant Bishops

The Most Rev'd Drexel W. Gomez, *B.A., D.D., C.M.G.*

The Rt. Rev'd Gilbert A. Thompson, *C.M.G., S.Th., M.A., J.P.*

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The Venerable Dwight H. L. Rolle, *B.A., S.T.M., J.P.*

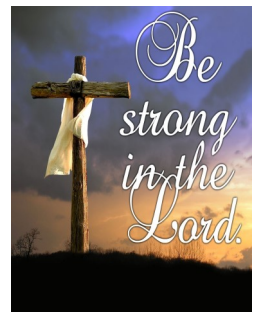


SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 am Said Mass



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PENTECOST XIV

Sunday, August 25th, 2024

Introit	Fight the good fight	CPWI 431
Opening Sentence	Pentecost	BCP 99
The Kyries / The Gloria		BCP 102
Collects	Proper 16	BCP 177

COLLECTS

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Diocesan Theme Collect 2024

Almighty and generous God, You are the Creator and Giver of all that is good. We thank You and praise You for the beauty of the earth, for our work, our families, our loved ones and all the gifts which we have been given By Your grace may we show gratitude by sharing what we have received, always mindful that in serving others we are serving You. Guided by that same grace help us to be good stewards, who care for Your earth, and who work to preserve it for future generations. We remain grateful for Your constant love, for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, and the presence of Your Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 34: 15-22

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Be strong in The Lord

CPWI 841

(The following chorus is sung before the Gospel)

**Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, They resound with
God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart. Ancient words ever
true changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts, Oh
let the ancient words impart.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 6:56-69

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.ch 6, beginning at the 56th verse

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

(The following chorus is sung after the Gospel)

**Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope In this world,
where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words
ever true, changing me, and changing you. We have come with open
hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.**

Sermon

Fr. Richard A. Wood

Apostles' Creed

BCP 106

Intercessions

Form B

BCP 107

Parish Prayer. God, who has brought us into the fellowship of your dear Son, lead us all in St. Ambrose ever closer day by day to You and to one another, that we may become of one heart and mind in love toward You; and grant that our common life and work in sacrificial service may help to extend Your kingdom here where we are and in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen`

Greeting of the Peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer: O Lord, watch over those persons who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when they are discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding abide with them on the anniversary of their birth and marriages, and all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

Stand up, Stand up

CPWI 439

The following is sung during the Presentation of the Offerings

**All things are Yours, no gifts have we; Lord of all gifts to offer Thee.
And then with grateful hearts today, Your own before Your feet we lay.
Amen.**

Censing Hymn

Be not dismayed

CPWI 462

The Proper Preface

God the Father

BCP 130

Eucharistic Prayer

Form B

BCP 137

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

The Proper Preface

Trinity Sunday

BCP 129

Eucharistic Prayer

Form B

BCP 135

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

Communion Hymns

Thy way not mine O Lord

CPWI 480

What a friend we have in Jesus

CPWI 491

Here I am Lord

CPWI 416

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148

Recessional Hymn

I'm pressing on

CPWI 418

NOTICES

VISITORS, we are delighted that you have come to share with us in this worship experience. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

MEMBERS, if you were away, or have returned after an absence, it is good to have you back home, and we give thanks to God for your presence.



Our nation & community, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick and shut-in, the disabled, members who are abroad, those who are travelling, fishermen, farmers, teachers, students, pilots, legal and medical professionals, law-enforcement officers, the lapsed and indifferent members of our church, and all who have requested our prayers.

THE SICK

Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Aura Maycock, Rebecca Moxey, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Gina Ross, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart., Phillip Styles, Louise Marshall.

Relatives & Friends: Rowena Albury (James Albury's mother), Almond Weech

& Willimena Allen (Kenva Mullings' brother & aunt), Layla Bain (Melinda McKenzie's niece); Ken Bethel, Peter Bowe, LaShay Brown (Lenora Brown's daughter), Fr. Ranfurly Brown, Marvin Cooper (Bradley Cooper's brother), Natalia Cowderoy (Natalie Duncombe's daughter), Clara Cox (Robert Cox's mother), Trevor Sands & Jeffery Cox (Sherry Walkine's son & cousin), Patrick Ferguson (Patrice Murell's father), Walter Ferguson (Ophelia Cooper's brother), Brenda Heastie, Samuel Hunter (Father of Kenva Roxbury, Samantha Hunter, Shantia Goodwin-Davies), Branae Kelly, Sandra Kemp, Alexander Knowles, Vanria Lightbourne (Cheyvonne & Cheryl Bethel's sister), Petrona Major (Katherine Cartwright's mother), Logan McCaulsky, Benjamin Miller (Anya Miller's husband), Oswald (Sr.) & Betty Nixon (Brian Nixon's parents), Sylvia Pinder, Roger Ritchie (Gwen Ritchie's husband), Innis Robinson, Steven & Helen Rolle, Zyhaire Rolle (Alma Albury's nephew), Ollie Sands (Cleo Hepburn's sister), Maryann Sokal, Livingston Stuart (Ann Major's step-father), Catechist Gabriel Styles (Phillip Styles's Father) Mazel Turnquest (Rochelle Turnquest's mother).

Recovering Members: Cheryl Bethel, Tanisha Brathwaite, Shanae Forbes, Hazel Hunt, Alice Hunter, Delores Johnson, Garnell Johnson, Isabella Jones, Joan Neymour, Frankie Smith, Beverly Wallace-Whitfield.

Recovering Friends & Relatives: Louise Blyden (Veta Brown's sister), Lorelda Burrows, Coralee Butler, Andree Campbell (Canon Campbell's daughter), Theron Hepburn (Carol Roach's brother-in-law), Cora Johnson, Errol Johnson, Archdeacon Dwight Rolle, Errol Rolle, Canon Peter Scott, Ismae Smith, Aaron Spencer.

As a parish family, we extend **Prayers and Condolences** to those who have buried loved ones recently, such as the King/Rolle, Dean/Cooper and the Brown Families. Let us also pray for the soul of Donnell Rolle who passed away this week.



Fr. Douglas conveys thanks to all for your support, encouragement, and gestures of kindness expressed on his last Sunday and during his time at St. Ambrose.



Fr. Richard A. Wood will be leaving us this week the 31st as our Interim Rector to return to All Saints as Associate Priest.



Let us also pray for our incoming Rector, Fr. Scott Brennen and his family as he officially comes in Office on the 1st September



Altar Flowers are often given as memorials, in thanksgiving or in celebration of special events, such as, anniversaries or birthdays. We welcome donations for flowers at all times when our lectionary permits them on the altar.



Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165.



Birthdays: Aug. 16– Taysha Guerrier, **Aug. 25**— Walles-tine Simmons, **Aug.26**– Katherine Coleby, **Aug 27**– Aalyia Styles, **Aug 28**– Erica Symonette.



Anniversaries of Marriage: Aug. 29— Dr. Reginald & Sarah Carey



7:00am - Tara Duvalier, Sheryl Moxey
9:30am - Leja Burrows, Jennifer Pratt



7:00am - Alma Albury, Phillipa Robinson, Melonie Badmus, Gina Ross.
9:30am - Cleo Hepburn, Alinda Bowe, Norma Dean, Nickeva Eve Benjamin.

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St. Ambrose Media email: stambrose41@hotmail.com

Weekly Attendance

7:00am - 72 9:30am– 45 Sunday School—Closed
Midweek Mass - 8 Bible Study—Closed

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M	Ps. 1, 2, 3; Job 4:1; 5:1	Ps. 5, 6; Job 6:1-4, 8	: Ps. 119:1- 24; Job 6:1; 7:1-21; Acts	Ps. 102; Jeremiah	: Ps. 16, 17; Job 9:1-15, 32-35; Acts	Ps. 20, 21:1 -7 (8-14); Job 9:1,
P	26-27; Acts 9:19b-31	Acts 9:32- 43	10:1-16; John 7:1-13	38:1-6; Rev- elation 7:13- 17	10:34-48	10:1-9, 16- 22; Acts 11:1-18 ,
E	Ps. 4, 7; 1 Kings 1:5- 31; John	Ps. 10, 11; 1 Kings 1:38-2:4; John 6:60- 71	Ps. 13, 16; Ecclesiasti- cus 51:1-12; O.H. 462 A & M; Mat- thew 14:1- 12;	Ps. 86; Judges 16:28-32; O.H. 462 A & M; 1 Peter	Ps. 22; 1 Kings 5:1- 6:1, 7; John 7:37-52	: Ps. 110:1- 5 (6-7), 116, 117; 1 Kings 7:51-8:21; John 8:12- 20

PARISH VESTRY



Fr. Richard A Wood - **Pro-Tem Rector**

Dr. Ricardo Crawford - **Priest's Warden** (327-2678)

Mrs. Cleo Hepburn - **People's Warden 2023-2025 / Asst. Secretary** (361-3989)

Miss Tanisha Brathwaite - **Elected 2023-2025 (Secretary)** (426-0457)

Ms. Pamela Miller - **Elected 2024-2026 (Treasurer)** (357-5738)

Mr. Robert Cox - **Elected 2024-2026 (Assistant Treasurer)** (424-3155)

Mrs. Leja Burrows - **Sunday School Supt.** (676-2341)

Miss Anatchas Hart - **A.C.W. President**

Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - **A.C.M. President** (808-5750)

Mr. Brian Nixon - **Audio Visual** (341-6040)

Mrs. Terri Bellot - **Legal Advisor** (361-7589)

Ms. Diane Stewart - **Music Ministry** (327-7559)

Mrs. Norma Dean - **Pastoral Care & Counselling** (364-8635)

Ms. Frances Dean - **Social Outreach** (327-4031)

Mrs. Gale Sheryl Forbes - **Ushers** (455-0120)

Mr. Reno Major - **Elected 2024-2026** (376-6211)

Mr. Humphrey Simmons - **Elected 2024-2026** (357-8360)

Mr. James Albury - **Elected 2023-2025** (424-9042)

Mr. Joel Cunningham - **Elected 2023-2025** (421-2589)

Mr. Philip Styles - **Elected 2023-2025** (362-1378)

Mr. John Michael Clarke - **Appointed** (601-5777)