

# 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

West Central Archdeaconry 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PENTECOST XVI Sunday, September 08, 2024

Introit	O Worship The King	Сру 378
Opening Sentence	General	BCP 100
The Kyries / The Gloria		BCP 102
Collects	Proper 18	Bcp 178

## **COLLECTS**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always confound the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

# PSALM 146

## THE EPISTLE

## Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in James 2: 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## Gradual Hymn How sweet the name of Jesus Sounds CPWI 253

(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 MARK 7: 24-37

## Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark ch.7 beginning to read at the 24th verse

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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. Scott Brennen
The Nicene' Creed		BCP 104
Intercessions	Form C	BCP 108

**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 Lord, accept the alms we offer CPWI 606

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	Angel-voices, ever singing	CPWI 363
The Proper Preface	God the Son	BCP 131
Eucharistic Prayer	Form C	BCP 137
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
Communion Hymns	Let all mortal flesh keep silence	CPWI 602
Lo	CPWI 596	
Post-Communion Prav	BCP 148	

Recessional Hymn

O Jesus I have promised CPWI 672

## **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. May God richly bless you!

**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.

**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 Mil-

ler'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), 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.



We thank God for the ministries of **Frs. Lynden Douglas** & **Richard A. Wood** during their time here at St. Ambrose. Let us continue God's work with **Fr. Scott Brennen** 

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY	The <b>Pastoral Care Health Meeting</b> invites you to join us TODAY Sunday September 08th at 6pm via a Zoom Meeting 959-6342-5715 Passcode: 242242 SPEAKER: <b>Beverley Wallace-Whitfield</b> , "Living a Full Lifer After Retriement"
CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT	<b>CYM</b> resumes on Friday, September 20th at 7 pm at the church

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

**St. Mary The Virgin Patronal Festival** will take place TODAY at 3:30pm on Virginia Street. All members, especially altar servers, are urged to attend.



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.

\*Happy \* Birthday **Birthdays: Sep. 08.**— .Maeroni Black, **Sep. 10**– Keison Deleveaux, Inger White, Ololungi Badmus, **Sep. 11**– Sucrell McSweeny-Johnson, Laisha & Lakeisha Taylor, Terrance Thompson, Edrica Toote **Sep. 12**– Raquel Carroll, Rhiana Gardiner, NiQuander Jennings, D'Angelo Ambrister **Sep. 13**-Jayiyah Albury, Renee Burrows, Adriene Hanna, Payton Rolle, Melinda McKenzie **Sep. 14**-Barbra Chong.



Anniversaries of Marriage: – Sep. 14 Granville & Veta Brown



7:00am - Sheresa Kemp, Kentinon Coleby, Kenra Roxbury

9:30am - Latice Knowles, Erison Brennen, Zenon Seymour

**7:00am** - Nicarra Sands, Hazel Caroll, Monique Rolle, Suzanne Simmons

**9:30am** - Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper



(Items will be distributed during December Outreach) Please visit **St. Ambrose Church website,** for information, weekly bulletins, service live streams, and news, log on to: http://stambrosebahamas.com **St. Ambrose Media** email: stambrose41@hotmail.com.

## Weekly Attendance (Sept. 1st, 2024)

7:00am - 65 9:30am - 95 Sunday School—Closed Midweek Mass - 19 Bible Study—Closed



# DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps. 41, 52; Job 32:1- 10, 19-33:1; Acts 13:44- 52	Ps. 45; Job 29:1-20; ; Acts 14:1- 18	Ps. 119:49- 72; Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16- 31; Acts 14:19-28	Ps. 50; Job 29:1, 32:24- 40; Acts 15:1-11	Ps. 40, 54; Job 32:1- 22; Acts 15:12-21	Ps. 66; Num, 21:4- 9; 1 Peter 3:17-22
E P	Ps. 44; 1 Kings 13:1- 10; John 10:19-30	Ps. 47, 48; 1 Kings 16:23-34; John 10:31- 42	Ps. 49 (53); 1 Kings 17::1 -24; John 11:1-16	Ps. (59, 60) or 93, 96; 1 Kings 18:1- 19; John 11:17-29	Ps. 46, 48 1 Kings 8:22- 30;Eph. 2:11-22	Ps. 118; Genesis 3:1 -15; John 3:1-17; Col- lect: Proper 19pg. 178

#### PARISH VESTRY



Fr. Scott Brennen - 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)